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## TikTok star using social media to advocate for social change

Orange Park High grad tries to break stigma that follows a felony conviction

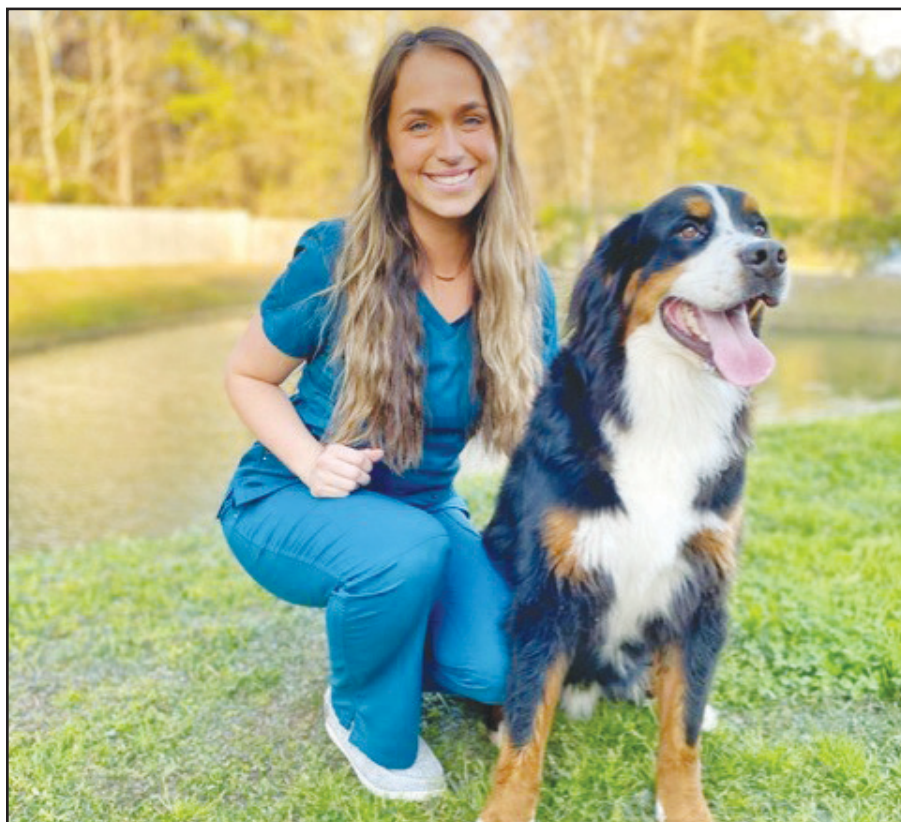
By Wesley LeBlanc  
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CLAY COUNTY – Tayler Harber was a model student at Orange Park High.

Less than a year later after graduating in 2016, though, she committed a felony that would change the rest of her life. Unwilling to let an armed robbery charge take over her life – no matter how hard her past tried to affect her future – Harber turned her story into a platform for advocacy, support and change. Just months after creating it, her TikTok has more than one million followers, and it's there that she makes frequent posts about what she endured behind bars, the kind of change Florida prisons need for women and how one careless decision doesn't have to be the end-all-be-all society can make it out to be.

"I can't complain about my childhood; it was decent," Harber said. "I did sports my entire life and I was a tri-state athlete. Sports are what kept me going and they're what motivated me to do good in schools. I made As and Bs and I graduated in 2016."

A model student and school athlete her entire life, things began to change her senior year. But when she was a senior, she couldn't play anymore. Because sports kept her motivated in the classroom, her scholastic performance began to wane, but she graduated in 2016 despite all of



Tayler Harber was a model student at Orange Park High and a tri-state athlete. But less than a year after graduating, she became a felon following a home-invasion robbery. Now, years removed from the fateful day that changed her life, she's shared her story with her one-million-plus following on TikTok to share her story.

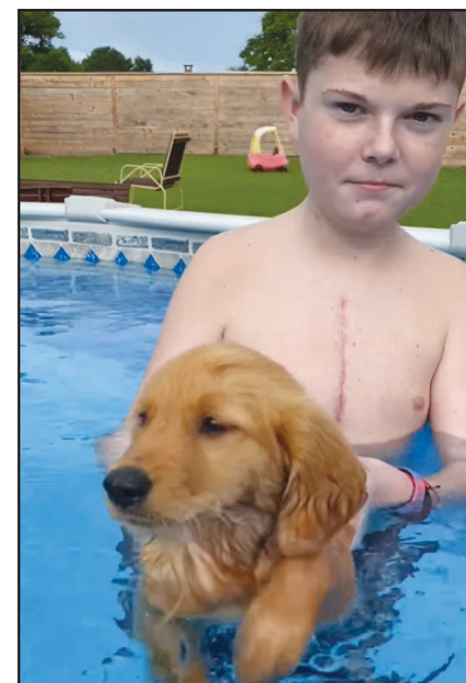
that. She was in her own apartment two months later, working full-time, and "on top of the world," as any 18-year-old fresh out of high school feels.

Less than a couple of months into her

Wells Road apartment, she met people who would later become her co-defendants in an armed robbery that would

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Day-by-day, beat-by-beat, Sage getting stronger following heart transplant



Sage Pridemore took another significant step toward a recovery from heart transplant surgery by being allowed to wade in his pool.

### Keystone Heights teen home following life-saving surgery 7 weeks ago

By Don Coble  
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The sterile smell of antiseptic, the dull florescent lighting and the muffled beeps of monitors have, at long last, been replaced by the smell of swimming pool chlorine, bright sunshine and the playful giggles of a family who are happy to

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## Keystone sets tentative budget for 2021-22; final approval set for Sept. 27

By Don Coble  
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**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS** – The Keystone Heights City council approved a tentative budget of \$847,641 Monday night at its monthly meeting. If it passes on a final vote scheduled for Sept. 27, the new budget will go into effect on Oct. 1.

City set a millage rate of 4.2901 that will result in \$300,823 in property taxes, according to a report submitted by City Manager Lynn Rutkowski. Other revenue sources include \$87,000 in gas taxes, \$34,000 in Clay County Utilities taxes, \$89,000 in Clay Electric taxes, \$80,000 in local communication service taxes and \$6,000 in administrative fees for waste collection.

The city also will earn \$37,769.21 in net income from the Keystone Heights Airport.

In other business, the council unanimously approved a \$300 monthly fee and \$3,000 advertising budget with Brandon Ludwig to create social media advertising

“to showcase the downtown area.”

“People know about Keystone Heights. They know we are a small, quaint little town that has a lot of things that are going on,” Rutkowski told the council. We’ve got a lot of improvements that are happening at our Beach, a lot of things happening downtown with our streets and with our businesses. We just want to make sure everybody understands that we’re here. We’re a nice family. Mayberry does exist.”

The council also passes a proclamation honoring former State Sen. Rob Bradley. As the vice-chairman of the St. Johns Water Management District, Bradley was instrumental in getting \$40 million for the Black Creek Water Resource Project that will funnel filtered water from the creek into the replenished lakes around Keystone Heights.

The proclamation designates Sept. 13 as “Rob Bradley Day” in the city.

The final budget meeting on Sept. 27 will be at 5 p.m. at City Hall.



From left, Keystone Heights City Council members Stephen Hart and Marion Kelly, join for state senator Rob Bradley, Mayor Karen Lake and councilman Bobby Brown after proclaiming “Rob Bradley Day.”

## Sage

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be away from the hospital.

For Sage Pridemore, life continues to be a day-by-day, if not step-by-step, process. But with each day, the pain and ache get a little more manageable; recovery becomes a little more plausible.

The deep scar down the middle of his chest will never disappear. It will be an ugly reminder of the anticipation and fear of waiting for a heart that may not come in time.

Life isn’t supposed to be this difficult for anyone, but for a 14-year-old, the anguish was unspeakable.

Now, seven weeks after a surgeon replaced his degenerative heart with a healthy one, Sage is anxious to return to a simple life he once took for granted.

He longs to be back on the water, swimming and fishing, riding wakeboards and tubing. He misses baseball and football.

But he’s alive. And for now, that’s all that matters.

“I haven’t done much. My chest is still sore,” he said by telephone. “If something were to fall on it, it would hurt. Certain stuff like throwing a baseball, throwing a football, something that I would do normally, I just can’t do yet. The scar’s healed, but I’m still sore and achy with certain things that I do.

“I’m looking forward to going in the lakes and fishing, going to the [Keystone] Beach and going swimming. I just want to



Sage Pridemore is visited by his surgeon Dr. Mark S. Bleiweis shortly after the 14-year-old from Keystone Heights Junior High received a life-saving heart transplant.

get in the water. I’m ready to play sports and get outside. I’m ready to do stuff.”

Doctors told the family all of that will come with time. To decrease the chances of infection, he’s not allowed to have visitors for several more weeks. Last week, he was allowed to take another baby step – getting in the pool and slowly walking laps. No splashing, no swimming, no can-

nonballs.

“It’s been six weeks, so he can go in the pool. He has to be kind of slow,” said his mother, Candice Pridemore. “He can’t go swimming and things like that. He’s still taking it slow and gets out of breath. He’s still getting adjusted to the medicine. Some of the anti-rejection meds make him shake. He’s getting used to doing things with

shaky hands. It makes him have stomach issues, but we’re happy to have him home.

“He has a new puppy and we’re still getting the kinks out. We’re still trying to figure out everyday life. We haven’t gone anywhere; we haven’t done anything. We’re just staying to the house.”

Sage was born with half of a heart. The condition is called hypoplastic left heart syndrome. He’s been through several surgeries to remove bronchial casts since he was 3. The bronchial casts – a formation of plugs that block the airways in his lung – came so often and was so threatening, it prompted surgeons to move him to the top of the transplant list.

Sage originally was supposed to get a new heart on June 21, but that surgery was called off when he developed a fever. Doctors told the family his need for a new heart had become desperate.

That all ended on July 29 when a rescue squad ambulance arrived at the emergency entrance of the UF Health Heart and Vascular Hospital in Gainesville. The heart was quickly transported into the hospital by three technicians – one who muttered: “It’s a good heart” – shortly before he disappeared into one of the busy hallways. From there, Dr. Mark S. Bleiweis performed the operation that was deemed “successful.”

Sage spent 129 days on the transplant list and 71 days in the hospital. The only numbers that matter now is the years

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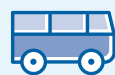
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## Governor wants to stick it to cities that won't mandate vaccinations

By A.G. Gancarski  
For FloridaPolitics.com

Gov. Ron DeSantis and other leaders spoke Monday in Alachua County, making a fervent case against mask and vaccine mandates, with the Governor pledging action against wayward local jurisdictions.

Specifically, DeSantis has imposed a \$5,000 fine for cities and counties requiring vaccines for public employees "for every single violation" in cases like the one currently being proposed in Gainesville.

DeSantis teased action last week. His comments Monday in Newberry both addressed local mandates in the state, and the larger national mandate advanced last week from President Joe Biden, conflating the two as targets.

Regarding local proposals, a fired-up DeSantis vowed he was "not going to let people be fired because of a vaccine mandate."

"While a lot of these politicians were on Zoom, these folks were out there protecting us, day in and day out," DeSantis said about first responders, defending vaccine abstinence as a "personal choice" about one's health.

"It's really about using government power and control to mandate much more than it is the underlying medical issues that are involved," DeSantis said.

The Governor also contended natural immunity offers protections that make vaccines redundant.

"If you're following science, you acknowledge this natural immunity, but instead they ignore it and force somebody who already has protection to take a medical treatment they may not like," DeSantis said.

DeSantis also spotlighted the Biden federal mandates as "even more problematic" and showing the President's "arrogance."

"They go back and find some statute from decades ago, some obscure OSHA rule about toxic substances in the workplace, and act like that would be a pretext to throw people out of work," DeSantis said.

DeSantis also critiqued Biden's listening and empathy skills but vowed to stand up to the President.

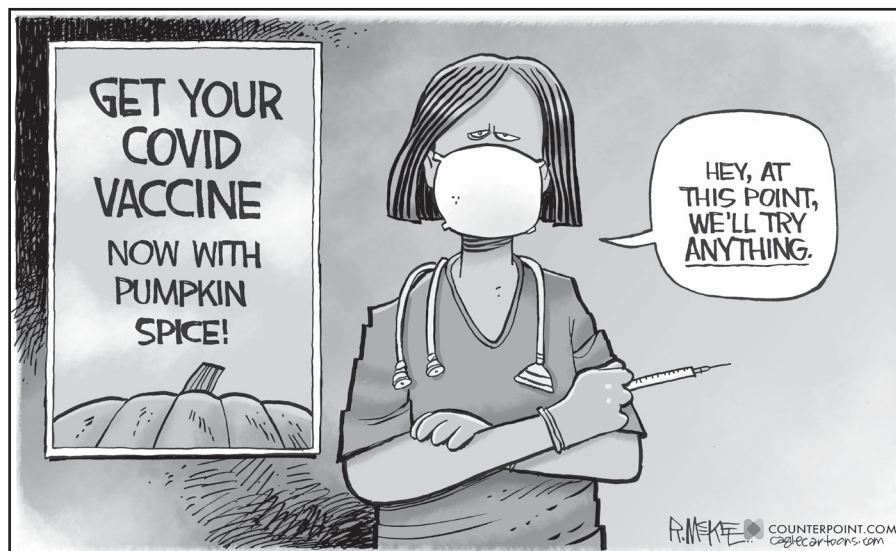
"He is so dismissive of people who disagree with him," DeSantis complained, but said, "governors like me are designed to be on the front lines of pushing back when a President is overreaching."

DeSantis also bashed Biden on booster shots, saying the President's position was an unconstitutional slippery slope.

"Could be a situation where Fauci says

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## Opinions



## Green Cove Springs is worthy of greater long-range growth, imaginative planning

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – This city is at a crossroads. And what leaders and long-time residents fear most is those crossroads are getting clogged with traffic and uncontrolled growth.

Green Cove Springs is a small town that wants to think big. Or is it a town with big plans that manages to keep its smallish identity? Maybe a little of both.

Clay County is growing at an alarming rate. For now, it's manageable, but the real challenge is to think beyond now. Any city or county that's not focused 10 years in advance is already falling behind.

That's where Green Cove Springs currently finds itself.

New communities are sprouting west and south of the city. Thousands of homes are planned, as well as the First Coast Expressway and a shopping center that will make the more than 175 stores at St. Johns Town Center seem like a weekend flea market. That means more shopping, restaurants, jobs and, of course, money. It also means a lot more traffic and challenges to an infrastructure that's already struggling to keep pace.

The city council last week wrestled with the prospect of more traffic entering U.S. Highway 17 near the Cove Plaza when a developer asked for zoning for a 9.4-acre plot behind the shopping center to be changed to accommodate the possible construction of as many as 112



Don Coble

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"high-end" condominiums. The request came weeks after D.R. Horton won tentative approval to continue with plans for as many as 1,200 new homes at its Ayrshire Development on the old Gustafson dairy farm.

Developments already are under construction in Lake Asbury and along County Road 315. New homes are destined for State Road 16 to Starke, along State Road 21 from Middleburg to Keystone Heights and south on U.S. 17 toward Palatka. It's coming whether the city likes it or not because it's the only land that's available.

So instead of fighting it, we should get ahead of it.

There are legitimate concerns. U.S. 17 from S.R. 16 to the Black Creek bridge isn't conducive for widening. For now, the roadway can manage the traffic because there is very little to attract cars to the downtown area, especially at night. Try to find something to eat after 9 p.m. that doesn't include the phrase: "Pull up to the next window, please." In short, there is no nightlife in the downtown area. There are no trendy clubs, bars or restaurants. It's like businesses roll up their sidewalks when the street lights come on. It's so bad, Waffle House stays away.

Councilman Van Royal doesn't like to see so residents and visitors go through

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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.

**Brusque:** (BRUSK) an adjective that means markedly short and abrupt.

*"The politician's brusque manner didn't seem to win him any support among likely voters."*

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2016

- The Orange Park Town Council decides not to use money generated by fines for red-light camera violations to pay for a new officer.
- The Clay County School Board passes a \$379.6 million budget that includes a \$31.2 million increase while reducing the millage rate to .375.
- The College of Missionary Aviation teaches young pilots at the Keystone Heights Airport.

### 10 years ago, 2011

- The Board of County Commissioners raise the millage rate from 7.45 to 7.85 to reduce a possible \$3 million shortfall in funding.
- Haven Hospice breaks ground for a new 18-bed Custead Care Center on a seven-acre plot on Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park.
- Students and faculty stood outside and formed the numeral "50" to honor W.E. Cherry Elementary's 50th anniversary in Orange Park.

### 20 years ago, 2001

- Clay County reacts to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, U.S. Penatagon and in a Pennsylvania field by offering to give blood and money.
- A flood watch is issued for low-lying areas ahead of a tropical depression that formed in the Gulf of Mexico.
- The Clay High football team outlasts Orange Park, 34-29, after the Raiders' rally came up short after they scored 14

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### Opinions ...

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## Cummings appointed to Florida Commission on Ethics

For Clay Today

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed Travis Cummings, Jim Waldman, John Grant and William Meggs to the Florida Commission on Ethics.

Cummings, of Fleming Island, is the Vice President of Benefits at The Bailey Group. He has served his community as Chairman of the Clay County Commission and Mayor of Orange Park. Cummings served eight years in the Florida House of Representatives, the last two as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. He has volunteered his time with the Borland-Groover Clinic Foundation, Orange Park

Medical Center Board of Trustees and the Clay County YMCA. Cummings earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Valdosta State University and his Master of Business Administration from the University of North Florida

Waldman, of Pompano Beach, is an attorney and general counsel at Everglades College, Inc. Previously, he served as Mayor of Coconut Creek and spent eight years in the Florida House of Representatives.

Grant, of Tampa, is an attorney with Tampa Estate Planners, specializing in estate planning, trust and probate administration, mediation and elder law.

Meggs, of Tallahassee, is a retired State Attorney for the State of Florida, 2nd Circuit.

The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

## DeSantis

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six months from now, 'you have to get one,' the Governor mused.

"This is all political, all about using government. And it's wrong," DeSantis warned.

DeSantis invoked 9/11 in his comments also, implying vaccine mandates proposed around 9/11 disrespected first responders.

It's "frustrating to see that not respected more," DeSantis said. "You're threatening to take someone's job away. You're not respecting the people that are working hard to keep us safe."

"I will say that protecting people's jobs, standing up for first responders, that's like page three of the Governor's manual."

DeSantis' voice trailed off. But the point was made.

The Governor had copious support on hand.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "this is about very simply how much power our government officials have when we

have never given them that power to do something like this."

A fired-up Moody blasted "city officials who say they are going to fire city employees if they don't take the vaccine."

"It is unlawful," Moody said. "It is unconscionable that we would trust these folks to throw themselves in front of a bullet for other people, but we don't trust them to make a decision for their own safety. It is unconscionable."

Moody vowed to back locals who are having their jobs threatened over not getting vaccines and speculated that vaccine mandates would only worsen workplace attrition for first responders.

CFO Jimmy Patronis was likewise peeved.

"I got my vaccine. But I ain't going to support no damned mandate," he said.

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gher for misappropriating insurance premiums.

### 40 years ago, 1981

- The Green Cove Springs City Council is concerned Clay County is "stalling" in its bid to purchase the Rosemary Hill Landfill. The county has offered \$1,450 an acre for the facility, but has yet to make an offer on the equipment.

- St. Johns River Community College President Dr. Robert McLendon calls Green Cove Springs "a sleeping giant" for community development.

- The Helm Funeral Home celebrated its 20th year with an open house in its new building west of Green Cove Springs.

## Growth

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Green Cove Springs to enjoy the benefits on nearby Fleming Island. Others risk life and limb on the Shands Bridge for St. Augustine. Royal knows the financial stability of a community is its ability to keep people close to home. He's correct.

It's true: if they build it, they will come. And when they get here, they're going to want more options than a convenience store hot dog for dinner.

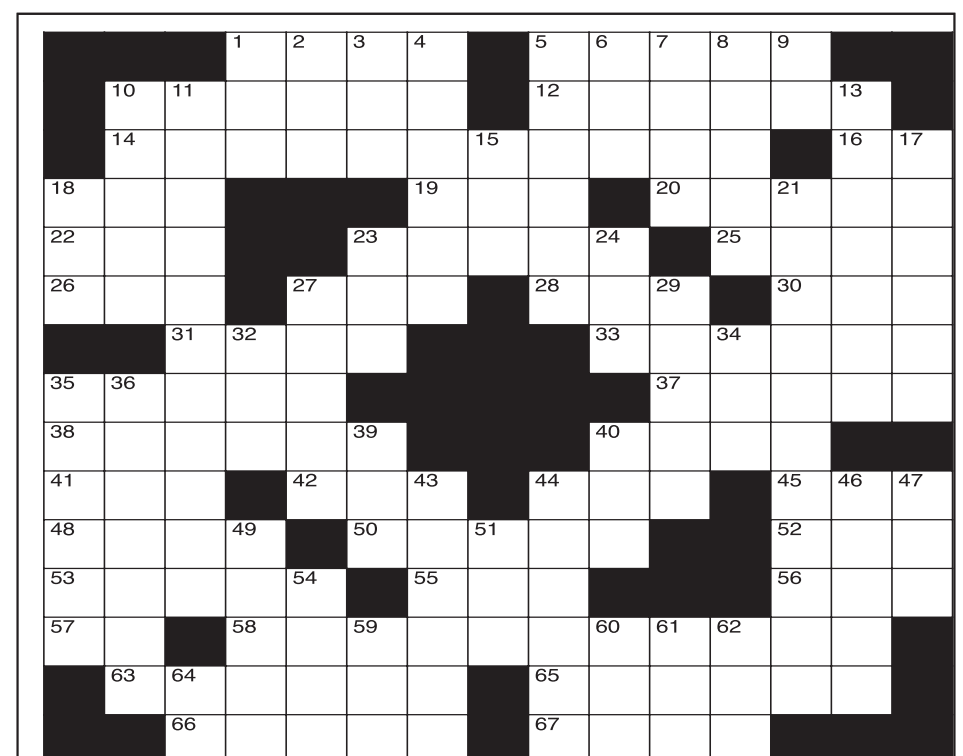
Traffic truly is a big test for the city. The First Coast Expressway is supposed to bring people to the city. It also can take them away if they don't skillfully plan for it.

Green Cove Springs should be a destination. It's a cozy place with so much history and natural beauty. I like it so much I

will move here in a couple of months and retire. For now, Green Cove Springs is a victim of its own charm. It's why I want to live there. It's why thousands of others want to live there, too.

But once I get there, I won't be one of those old-timers that believes Green Cove Springs was good enough for them, but they don't want anyone else to live here. Don't let inevitable growth be the downfall of a great city. Let it be the catalyst for expansive and intelligent planning. We need to find a way to accommodate growth while keeping the simple life that makes it so attractive.

It's a delicate balance, for sure. But if we all work together — longtime residents and newcomers alike — we can find a solution. Green Cove Springs is worth it — for everybody.



### CLUES ACROSS

- Religion native to some in China
- Nursemaids
- Coats a porous surface
- Garment of long cloth
- Containing a broader message
- University of Dayton
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Insane
- Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- Taxi
- Trainee
- Comedian Carvey
- Some couples say it
- Belong to he
- High schoolers' test
- Young goat
- You drive on one
- Denotes a time long ago
- Space between two surfaces
- By and by
- A way to sell
- A line left by the passage of something
- Indicates near
- Where wrestlers compete
- Prosecutors
- Body part
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Indicates silence
- NFL's Newton
- Ancient Roman garments
- Drunkard
- Expression of satisfaction
- Thus
- Noisy viper
- Plants of a particular region
- Communicated with
- Latches a window
- Swarm with

### CLUES DOWN

- Split pulses
- Brew
- Ask humbly
- Distinctive smells
- Digressions
- Partner to cheese
- Father of Aeschylus
- Made a cavity
- Tin
- Appetizer
- Presenting in detail
- Compound in guano and fish scales
- Cool!
- "\_\_\_ than a doornail"
- Popular literary form \_\_\_ fi
- Be the most remarkable
- "Final Fantasy" universe character
- Buffer solution
- Muslim physician using traditional remedies
- Fantastical planet
- S. American plant
- Domesticated animal
- The tops of mountains
- Expression of disapproval
- Skeletal muscle
- Game show host Sajak
- One's interests
- Identify the existence of
- Partner to "ooohed"
- Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
- Hammerin' Hank
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- Elaborately draped garment
- Check
- Car mechanics group
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Austrian river
- A command to list files

## History

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points in a three-minute span late in the fourth quarter.

### 30 years ago, 1991

- Convicted child molester, Keith Hall, escapes from the Clay County Jail following a "mix-up" in paperwork.

- Nick Chapman is selected as the new Clay County Health Department director after Ed Stansel retires after 14 years.

- Two Green Cove Springs insurance agents, Patricia Knowles and Willaim Harold Knowles, are fined by State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Tom Galla-



Sweet success

## Wicked Batter Café offers an eclectic menu of traditional, sugar-free, vegan foods



By Kathleen Chambless  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Many locals and new residents alike have noticed a shift toward healthier foods and allergy substitutions in their diets. Organic and non-GMO foods have found their place in everyday grocery stores and there is a growing focus on fresh, diet-friendly, but still delicious options available in restaurants.

It's no wonder a bakery selling both traditional and keto-friendly sweets has risen in popularity. Wicked Batter Café, owned by Barbara and Timothy Tharp, opened in 2018 but didn't start out offering their keto menu. The change came after a keto customer ordered a custom cake, and more and more customers came in asking for keto and sugar-free options.

"I always love a challenge," Barbara says, "And it was something that no one else was doing."

What started as a small section of scratch-made cupcakes has blossomed into its own menu, displayed in a case of its own. Wicked Batter uses almond flour instead of regular flour and xylitol for its sweetener. But beyond that, it's all ingredients that are usually found in cakes. "We do it the real food way," Barbara said. "We want it to taste real, not just look like it's supposed to."

The substitutions also came in handy for people with diabetes or other dietary restrictions and needs. Rather than feel excluded from family memories, people can eat something that tastes just as good as traditional recipes and celebrate with others that don't have their dietary needs.

Wicked Batter also does custom cakes such as vegan and gluten-friendly, and the local response has been far bigger than they ever expected.

It's not just locals either. People drive in from Georgia, and a few have even flown in from as far as Pennsylvania to pick up custom orders.

During the pandemic, Barbara says the community response saved them. She announced on Facebook her shop was going to close, but residents rallied to keep the café doors open.

"They just wouldn't let us close," she said.

Their desire to bring good food to the



PHOTOS BY KATHLEEN CHAMBLESS

The crew at Wicked Batter Cafe, including owner Barbara Tharp, left, have expanded their menu to include hard-to-find fare.

community they grew up in is something that Wicked Batter hopes to continue. They plan to continue adapting to the growing and changing needs of the community.

"We just do the basics really," Barbara said with a giggle. "The basics done the right way."

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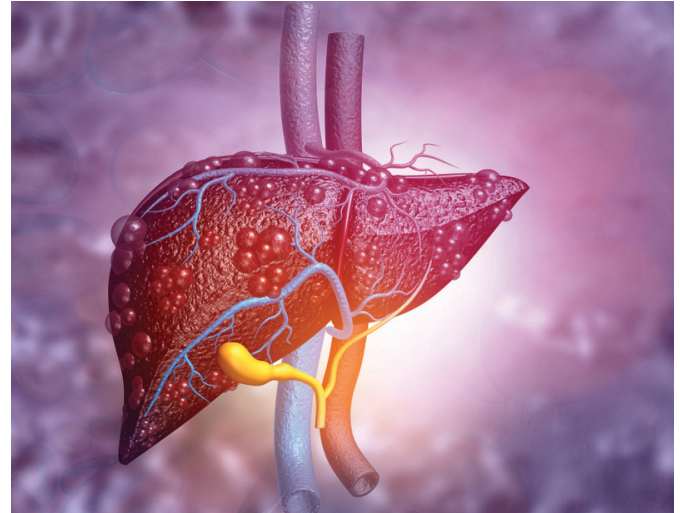
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The most common symptoms of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (or NASH) are fatigue and pain in the upper right abdomen, although some experience no symptoms at all.



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# Obituaries

## Charles Lee 'Chris' Smith

Charles Lee "Chris" Smith, passed away on September 3, 2021 at the age of 74 surrounded by loved ones at his home in Fleming Island, Florida.

Chris served our country admirably from 1968 to 1971, completing two tours in Vietnam.

He completed advanced individual training at Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Engineer AIT Brigade (Pioneer) and thereafter served our country with both Companies D and N, 4th Engineer Battalion: 4th Infantry Division, 173rd Engineer Group; 173rd Airborne Brigade.

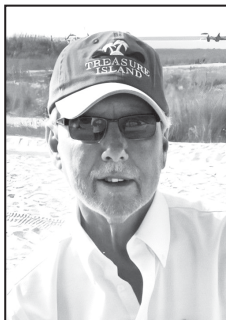
He earned his Paratrooper wings at Fort Benning, Georgia, completed advanced training at Fort Leonard Wood (Missouri) and Combat Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School at Camp Radcliff, RVN (Republic of Vietnam).

As an Airborne Ranger (November Rangers) in the 173rd Airborne Brigade, he was with the first American Army combat unit deployed to South Vietnam. He served honorably throughout Vietnam and excelled in many roles, including Green Beret, Demolitions Specialist, Combat Engineer, Long Range Recognizance Patrol (LRRP), helicopter repelling and paratrooper, successfully completing 1,021 parachute jumps.

Highly decorated, he earned a Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces (Vietnam) and a Second Bronze Star Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces, the Cross of Gallantry, the Vietnam Service Medal (VSM), and the RVN CM W/DEV 60 (a South Vietnamese government award to members of the South Vietnamese military for wartime service and to members of the U.S. military for support of operations in Vietnam).

Chris was a proud lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 6972) and the American Legion (Post 0205).

After his honorable discharge, Chris returned to the United States and applied his



Charles Lee Smith

many diverse skills and talents throughout his professional lifetime. His occupations included Certified Accident Investigator, Karate Instructor, Manager of Safety and Maintenance at Oliver Trucking Company, Professional Driver and Driver Examiner.

In his private life, he pursued many interests, including race car driving, acquiring his private pilot's license, and achieving three black belts in various karate disciplines.

Chris was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to Cosby Lee Smith and Ruth Ellen (nee Bensheimer) and was a step-son of Jack Spurlin. Although he grew up in many locations as a "military brat", his primary residence was in Indiana prior to his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 20 years (and friend of 60 years, whom he first met while their parents were stationed in Paris, France) Anne Critcher (nee Clark) Smith, his daughter, Shannon (nee Smith) Galloway, son Shane Smith, biological daughter, Brooke (nee Willey) Scalf, step-son, Todd (Nicole) Schaefer, step-daughter Christina (Brian) Zechiel, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, numerous half-siblings, his step-father, Jack Spurlin, a sister-in-law, Leslie Littleton Clark, and friends that became family, Tom (and his son, Brad) Umbarger, Mike Hardamon, Gary and Debbie Krupsky, many other close friends and neighbors in Indiana and Florida, as well as numerous life-long fellow "military brats" he has known since his family was stationed in Paris. He is predeceased by his biological mother and father and his in-laws, Colonel Howard Warren Clark (USMA 41) and Elizabeth (nee North) Clark.

Funeral Services will be held at later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in honor of Charles "Chris" Smith to the Salvation Army, the VFW, or the American Legion, or any other military organization that aids veterans.

If hands can reach beyond this world, his wife's hand will always be in his. Death ends life, but not relationships.

Hardage-Giddens Holly Hill Memorial Park and Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, FL 32068 is serving the family. Please leave words of comfort at hollyhillfunerals.com for the family.

## Lisa Ann Mosley

Lisa Ann Mosley, 48, passed away August 31, 2021. She was born in Jacksonville, FL on October 8, 1972, to Parents Maxwell Kent and Vivian Cercy Hill. She was married to Floyd Michael Mosley. Survivors include her Husband Floyd Michael Mosley, daughter Destini Nicole Hunter, son Anthony Matthew Kent; brothers, Michael (Cynthia) Kent and Daryl Kent; three granddaughters, Peyton Martin, Lakyn Colvin, Brooklyn Hunter and one grandson, Harley Boyles and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Lisa was a dedicated wife and mother and loved life to the fullest. She had a great sense of humor and loved to make people laugh.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, September 11, 2021 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel. The family received friends in the chapel from 2 p.m. until service time. Interment will follow in Peoria Cemetery. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com)

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Lisa Ann Mosley

her encouragement and rides to the games got all the kids and the grands going. A passionate reader, she also loved football the last 20+ years, even dressing in her team colors at home and watching on TV. Very active in our church, St Catherine's, she Co-Chaired the huge annual Bazaar for 2 years, was a Charter Member of the Church Handicraft Group meeting weekly for more 40 years. Early on, her children were the main beneficiaries of her clothing design talent, but she was profitable with it also.

In later years, her Quilts were the rave, adding thousands of dollars to the annual Bazaar over the years, in raffles for them. She will be remembered most for her loving and serving heart to all, her wonderful friendships and her funny quick wit— she was just the best. Theresa was preceded in death by

her parents; sisters Mary McCloskey, Rita Marchetti and Emma Marchetti; brother August Marchetti; and great-grandson Christian Gate. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 64 years, Billy Joe Gate; daughters Catherine Gate, Marianne Nieves, Amy Jo (Gene) Frith; son Billy Gate; 5 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church. The funeral mass will follow at 11 a.m. with Fr. Edward Rooney officiating. The graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Jacksonville National Cemetery. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com)

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Theresa Cate



## Theresa Cate

Theresa Cate, 86, of Orange Park, FL passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on September 6, 2021. Born to Mary and Joseph Marchetti in Drifton, Pennsylvania, she graduated from Freeland High School in Freeland, PA. She went on to attend and graduate from Purth Amboy Medical Institute as a Registered Nurse, with special studies in Psychiatry. Happily married to Billy Joe Cate in 1957, a career Navy man, she relocated directly from college to their first station in Monterey, California and the first hospital she would work in. The family was transferred to Orange Park in 1963 after their third child, where Theresa became a full-time, great mother. An avid sports fan,



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# Obituaries

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## Amy Jean O'Neill

Amy Jean O'Neill, 49, of Orange Park, FL passed away September 6, 2021.

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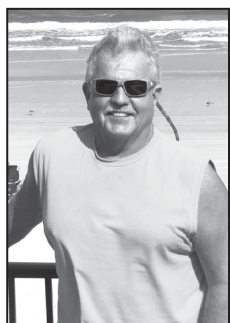
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## Joseph Patrick Lappin Jr

Joseph Patrick Lappin Jr, 69, of Middleburg, FL, passed away with his family by his side on September 7, 2021. He was born to parents Eleanor Maus and Joseph Patrick Lappin, on December 3, 1951 in New York, New York.

Joe is remembered by many as a hardworking, loving, and compassionate man who made friends wherever life took him. Joe was a Union 551 Electrician for over 20 years, for the remainder of his life he was an entrepreneur and investor. But ultimately, Joe found pride in his role as a beloved father and husband. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, puzzles, spending time with his loved ones and friends, playing with his grandchildren, being outdoors, cooking, watching every 49ers game with his son, collecting items such as stamps and sports memorabilia, coaching all of his children's sport teams, and showing his loving wife how much he was adored her.



Joseph Patrick Lappin Jr.

Joe met Jan Hamilton Lappin in 1974. They were married on June 11, 1977 in Amston Lake, Connecticut. Together they raised 4 children: Michelle Lappin, Crystal Lappin, Rachael Macy, & Joseph Patrick Lappin III. In addition to their biological kids they helped raise several others sharing their family love and kindness.

Family and friends are invited to Joe's memorial service at 4 p.m., immediately followed by a Reception and Celebration of life at Calvary Assembly of God on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 9 Knight Boxx Road, Orange Park, FL 32065.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com). Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. (904) 284-4000



## Donald J. Dapra Jr

Donald J. Dapra Jr of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away Monday August 30th, 2021.

He was born in Beeville, TX on November 18, 1958 son of the late Donald J. Dapra Sr., and the late Carolyn "Kay" Dapra.

He graduated from Gar-Field Senior High School in 1976. He was a 1990 graduate of the University of North Florida, with a Bachelor of Science degree.

He worked for Bank of America for 30 years most recently as SVP of Business Executive Technology.

Don met the love of his life, Lynda on a blind date in 1997. They married a year later and spent 24 wonderful years together.

Don was the proud father of Matthew Dapra.

He had a passion for his community of Magnolia Point, playing tennis, traveling with his wife, hosting gatherings for family & friends, and for the Florida Gators. He was a talented accordion player and his Lady of Spain was legendary!

He is survived by his loving wife Lynda McGready Dapra, his son Matthew Dapra, sister Tina Hodges (Ron), sister Denese Lee, and his nieces & nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents, Donald & Kay Dapra, and his brother-in-law Richard "Ricky" Lee.

A memorial will be held at 11a.m. on Tuesday September 21st, 2021 at Grace Anglican Church 5804 US-17, Fleming Island, FL 32003.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Community Hospice & Palliative Care on Sunbeam Road.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com)

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Donald J. Dapra Jr.



## Dolly Ethel Van Horn

Dolly Ethel Van Horn, 93, of Orange Park, FL passed away on September 12, 2021.

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## Joshua John Zebro

Joshua John "Sergeant Slaughter" Zebro, 41, of Green Cove Springs passed away Sunday, September 5, 2021, at Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital in Jacksonville following a brief illness.

Joshua was born in Dover, Delaware and had been a resident of Green Cove Springs for the past 12 years, coming from Ellen, New Jersey. He was formerly employed by Hitchcock's in East Palatka

and had been a resident of Green Cove Springs for the past 12 years, coming from Ellen, New Jersey. He was formerly employed by Hitchcock's in East Palatka and worked in the construction trade while living in New Jersey. He was proud of his Scottish heritage and was a member of



Joshua John Zebro

Clan Campbell, a Scottish heritage group, where he served as Deputy State Commissioner for the State of Florida. He enjoyed attending Celtic festivals, Scottish music (especially bagpipes), building things, and watching wrestling and Hogan's Heroes on television.

Preceding him in death were his maternal grandparents, Raymond and Muriel Gerhart; and his paternal grandparents,

Stephen and Gertrude Zebro; and his friend Terry Tennant.

Surviving are his wife of 12 years, Jayme Zebro of Green Cove Springs; his mother, Norma Zebro of Satsuma; his father, Walter Zebro of Rahway, NJ; an uncle, Bob Zebro, a brother, Walter Zebro of Gainesville; a sister, Barbara Niles of Pomona Park; his parents-in-law, J.L. and Cynthia Hunter of Green Cove Springs; his brother-in-law and fiancée, Brandon Hunter and Samantha Ucci; nieces and nephew, Brooklynn, Elijah, Stephanie, and Wendy; and a great niece, Bailey.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 14th at Masters Funeral Home in Palatka with Bro. Harry Hunter officiating. The family began receiving friends one hour prior to the service. Burial was in Decoy Cemetery in Green Cove Springs.

Memorial gifts may be sent by clicking <https://www.gofundme.com/f/Joshua-Z-Burial-Expenses?qid=eaa3a3b095baea828a6a905ffae55809>. Friends may sign the online register at [www.themastersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.themastersfuneralhomes.com). The family requested everyone wear a facemask and practice social distancing. The service was live streamed and may be viewed at [www.vimeo.com/mastersfuneralhome](http://www.vimeo.com/mastersfuneralhome).

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

### CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FISCAL YEARS 2022/2026

The City of Green Cove Springs will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at 321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, Florida for the purpose of receiving public comments on the adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2022/2026

#### FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS

	BUILDINGS	IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS	MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	TOTAL
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>				
General Government	1,516,000	15,000	76,500	1,607,500
Police		25,000	138,359	163,359
Public Works	455,000	1,351,000	150,000	1,956,000
Parks		563,000	23,000	586,000
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>1,971,000</b>	<b>1,954,000</b>	<b>387,859</b>	<b>4,312,859</b>
<b>UTILITY FUND:</b>				
<b>Electric</b>		3,027,737	661,132	3,688,869
<b>Water</b>		1,790,000	105,000	1,895,000
<b>Wastewater</b>	13,500,000	430,000	525,000	14,455,000
<b>Stormwater</b>		1,068,431	380,000	1,448,431
<b>Total Utility Fund</b>	<b>13,500,000</b>	<b>6,316,168</b>	<b>1,671,132</b>	<b>21,487,300</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS:</b>	<b>15,471,000</b>	<b>8,270,168</b>	<b>2,058,991</b>	<b>25,800,159</b>

The Capital Improvement Plan is on file at City Hall, 321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, as a public record.



# Rep. Cammack secures \$2.7 million grant for Clay County Fire Rescue

*For the Clay Today*

CLAY COUNTY – The Office of Congresswoman Kat Cammack announced Clay County received a \$2,778,696 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Award grant from the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The grant assists fire departments in increasing the number of firefighters to meet industry minimum standards and attaining 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

In the fiscal year 2020, the grant program will make \$355 million directly available to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help departments increase frontline responders.

“As the wife of a first responder and proud supporter of our emergency response community, I’m thrilled that Clay

County has received this grant,” Cammack said. The pandemic has added additional stress to our fire departments, which have faced staffing difficulties with increased community demands. These funds will help Clay County hire top talent to ensure the best possible service for the county.

“Having been through an exhausting and tragic 2020, this much-needed manpower through the SAFER grant will breathe new life into our strained system!” said David Motes, Acting Fire Chief and Assistant County Manager with the Clay County Department of Public Safety. Thank you to Congresswoman Cammack for all of her support of our first responders.

The grant program permits hiring activity that includes new firefighters, additional firefighters, the rehiring of laid-off firefighters, and/or the retention of firefighters facing layoffs.



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Representatives of 17 local nonprofits celebrate receiving \$400,000 in proceeds from the recent sale of the Keystone Heights Volunteer Department.

## Charities share in proceeds of recent sale of fire station

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Seventeen local charities shared in the proceeds from the recent sale of the Keystone Heights Volunteer Fire Department station. The station, located at 120 Flamingo St., was sold to Pinch a Penny for \$400,000 after the volunteer department was disbanded after Clay County Fire Rescue opened Station 11 at 7390 State Road 21.

Since the building belonged to the volunteer department, the nonprofit was required to disperse the money to other nonprofits. Those who benefited from the sale include Community Church of Keystone Heights, Melrose Volunteer Fire Department, Mission of the Dirt Road, Lake Area Ministries, Gold Head Associates, Save Our Lakes Organization, Lake Region Development Corp., Answers Resource Facility, First Baptist Church of Keystone Heights, Children’s Home Society of Florida, Morgan’s House, Jordan Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund, Clay County Education Foundation, Keystone Heights Sports Association, Seeds of Grace and Soldiers Freedom Outdoors.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Green Cove Springs has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

**Last year's property tax levy:**

Initially proposed tax levy	\$2,008,221
Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes	\$5,509
Actual property tax levy	\$2,002,712

**This year's proposed tax levy**

\$2,114,555

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**  
**7:00PM**  
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**A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.**



# Clay firms selected for JTA Bay Street Innovation Corridor project

By Wesley LeBlanc  
wesley@opcfla.com

CLAY COUNTY – Two Clay County firms have been selected to design, build, operate and maintain the Jacksonville Transportation Authority Bay Street Innovation Corridor project.

Balfour Beatty Construction of Orange Park and WGI Engineering of Fleming Island are two Clay County firms collectively referred to as the Vision 2 Realty Team that was selected. The project will make Jacksonville a “smarter” city with a full conversion of the current Skyway monorail-like infrastructure to an autonomous system. It’s currently 2.5 miles of Skyway, but when complete, the Ultimate Urban Circulator autonomous project will stretch to

10 miles. The Ultimate Urban Circulator, referred to as U2C by JTA, is just one of multiple projects Balfour Beatty and WGI are involved in within the greater North-east Florida area.

“This award represents a major milestone for the U2C, the JTA and downtown Jacksonville,” JTA CEO Nathaniel P. Ford, Sr., said. “We are confident the Balfour Beatty team and its partners will deliver a world-class project on behalf of the taxpayers of Jacksonville, placing our community at the forefront of innovation.”

WGI vice president Walter Kloss agreed, citing it is one of the largest transportation-based shuttle projects happening in America. He said it will be a gamechanger for JTA and Jacksonville, and he hopes to see it inspire Clay County to build some-



JTA selected two Clay County firms, WGI and Balfour Beatty, for its smart-city autonomous Ultimate Urban Circulator project.



thing similar.

WGI is currently assisting Clay County with its \$129 million bond project, providing the managerial and experience Clay County’s staff might not have, but need a project like this. Kloss said they’re assisting Clay County in management and acquisition, the development of criteria packages, and construction engineering and inspection. WGI has also been working on the \$150 million Interstate 10 design and build project, too.

Kloss said landing the U2C project

goes back years. When JTA announced the project and asked for project pitches and bids, WGI and Balfour Beatty teamed up to create a “super team” of companies that would bring this autonomous transportation line to life.

“We formed this super team with Balfour Beatty, another Clay County firm, Superior Construction, Miller Electric, and Beep...and together, we went through the procurement process and were ultimately selected by JTA to do this design,” Kloss said. “It’s called a progressive design-build which means we’ll design it, build it, operate and maintain it.”

Kloss said this first-of-its-kind project will further push Jacksonville to be a smart city that promotes technology and innovation and he’s honored that WGI is the lead design firm on this project.

“I know our staff as well as myself is very excited to work on this project and we’re very excited to be a part of this team,” Kloss said. “I mean, Balfour Beatty is a best-in-class firm. It’s awesome to work with them.”

The teams involved will work for about a year on the design of the project in coordination with JTA based on their specifications and needs. He said “they want an iPhone, not a BlackBerry,” referring to how BlackBerry cell phones went out of style while iPhones are seemingly timeless. Kloss said the design needs to be something that’s attractive and appealing for years to come, but also something that allows for future change. And it can’t go out of style, much like the BlackBerry did.

“We are honored to be selected by Jacksonville Transportation Authority to construct another successful project for the Jacksonville community,” Balfour Beatty’s senior vice president, John Harris, said. “To be a part of the Ultimate Urban Circulator program is an opportunity of a lifetime, and we look forward to remaining a relentless ally to our client, our partners and the community as we work to provide an innovative and revolutionary transportation network for the future of Jacksonville.”

## BUDGET SUMMARY

City of Green Cove Springs, Florida-Fiscal Year 2021-2022

**THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS ARE 24.2% MORE THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.**

General Fund 3.8000 MILLS

ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	ENTERPRISE UTILITIES	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Ad Valorem Taxes-Millage \$3.8000 per \$1000	2,072,264				2,072,264
Other Taxes, Local, State, Utility	2,294,463				2,294,463
Franchise Fees and Taxes	401,077				401,077
Legislative Delegation	300,000				300,000
License & Permits	50,000				50,000
Charges for Service	41,000				41,000
Physical Environment				19,743,684	19,743,684
Economic Environment	111,023	239,500			350,523
Recreation Events	66,000				66,000
Fines & Forfeitures	1,347,649	20,000			1,367,649
Miscellaneous Revenues	281,380			171,150	452,530
Interest	3,000			9,400	12,400
Grants	4,460,111			1,389,567	5,849,678
Interlocal	348,088				348,088
Private Developer	15,000				15,000
Loans	150,000			17,012,737	17,162,737
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>11,941,055</b>	<b>259,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,326,538</b>	<b>50,527,093</b>
Transfers in	1,781,905		240,797	454,252	2,476,954
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	300,000	125,138		2,398,500	2,823,638
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>\$14,022,960</b>	<b>\$384,638</b>	<b>\$240,797</b>	<b>\$41,179,290</b>	<b>\$55,827,685</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
General Government Expenses	1,723,930				1,723,930
Public Safety	3,620,848	20,000			3,640,848
Health and Human Services	276,792				276,792
Transportation	3,042,682				3,042,682
Physical Environment				37,062,419	37,062,419
Economic Environment	245,053	364,638			609,691
Culture & Recreation	2,724,947				2,724,947
Debt Service			240,797	1,300,507	1,541,304
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$11,634,252</b>	<b>\$384,638</b>	<b>\$240,797</b>	<b>\$38,362,926</b>	<b>\$50,622,613</b>
Transfers Out	240,797			2,210,717	2,451,514
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	2,147,911			605,647	2,753,558
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>\$14,022,960</b>	<b>\$384,638</b>	<b>\$240,797</b>	<b>\$41,179,290</b>	<b>\$55,827,685</b>

The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above referenced taxing authority as a public record.





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

**T**he Normal School once took up an entire block of Orange Park. It stood where the town hall now stands and covered about 10 acres.

What made the Normal School special was its students. The school taught both white and Blacks together, in the same classroom, with the same teachers. This was unacceptable to the segregationist William Sheats, the Superintendent of Public Education for Florida. He was going to make sure he rid Florida of that "vile nest of fanatics" as he called the school and its supporters.

Reconstruction had ended and in Florida, Democrats ruled. This meant black Floridians had fewer rights and a series of Jim Crow laws were put on the books. In 1888, the American Missionary Association opened the Orange Park school. AMA was a Protestant-based abolitionist group founded on September 3, 1846, in Albany, New York. The main purpose of this organization was to abolish slavery, to educate African Americans and other minorities, to promote racial equality, and to promote Christian values.

Originally, the school was to teach only black children but the fine quality of the education received there brought white children to the school. Children there received lessons in both the trades and in classical studies of languages, grammar, biology, mathematics, Latin, bible, American literature, history, bookkeeping, physics, English, geography, government and pedagogy (recitation, review studies and practice teaching). Trades were taught in sewing, woodworking, bookkeeping, cooking and other practical lessons. In addition, there was music, piano being at the forefront.

The students were able to live on cam-



The girls' dormitory at the Orange Park Normal and Industrial School.

pus. There was family life for the children outside of school hours, and there was church every Sunday. It was just a good school and ahead of its time in race relations.

Despite the Florida constitution requiring universal education Sheats wanted to create a law forbidding the teaching of white and Black people together in any way, place or time. In May of 1895, Sheats goal was realized with the enactment of a law making it illegal for any "individual, body of individuals, corporation or association to conduct within this state any school of any grade, public, private or parochial wherein white persons and negroes shall be instructed or boarded within the same building, or taught in the same class, or at the same time by the same teachers."

Sheats wrote to a friend, "I want the AMA to keep hands-off in Florida." Sheats got wind that the Orange Park Normal School has white teachers teaching Black students. He investigates further discovering that both races of students are taught together, live in the same dorms and even go to church together.

Indictments were handed down on April 6, 1896. Assigned the unpleasant task of going to arrest the teachers and headmaster, Sheriff James Elam Weeks was



Mrs. Maude Burroughs Jackson, one of the county's first Black teachers to teach in a desegregated classroom in Clay County, stands with her class in 1968.

reluctant but did, as he had to do. He was arrested, B.D. Rowlee, principal, Edith Robinson, Helen S. Loveland, A. Margaret Ball, T.S. Perry, and O.S. Dickson. All were

from either New York, Massachusetts, or Connecticut except Ms. Ball who was an Orange Park native. He carted them down

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# Sage

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ahead of the teen.

"We've known about this since he was born. We knew one day it was coming," Candice said. "Now we know he has his second chance. Things are going good. It's also the most trying and the toughest time, watching him go through so much pain and so much physical aching. You know it's for a good cause, but you can't help but want to take the pain away.

"There wasn't an alternative. We knew he had to have it, but we thought it would be when he was in his late teens or early 20s. We're a big Children's Miracle Network ambassador family and Sage has always shared his story. One thing he always

said was when he was in his late teens or early 20s, he would have to have a heart transplant. In the background, he knew it was in the future. That's still far away. It wasn't as far away as we thought. It still kind of took us by surprise."

Dr. Frederick J. Fricker, who specializes in pediatric cardiology at UF Health, promised to give Sage a puppy after surgery. He made good on that in mid-July with a golden retriever named Ruby.

The next milestone for Sage will come when he's allowed to leave his house and when visitors are allowed to see the miracle of his recovery for themselves.

And if the threat of COVID-19 subsides, he will be allowed to return to Keystone Heights Junior High in February.

"I want to go back to school," he said.

"If it was up to me, I think I'm good now to go back to school. I understand that I'm not. They tell me I'm not ready for that, but I'm ready. When it does happen, I'll be ready for it."

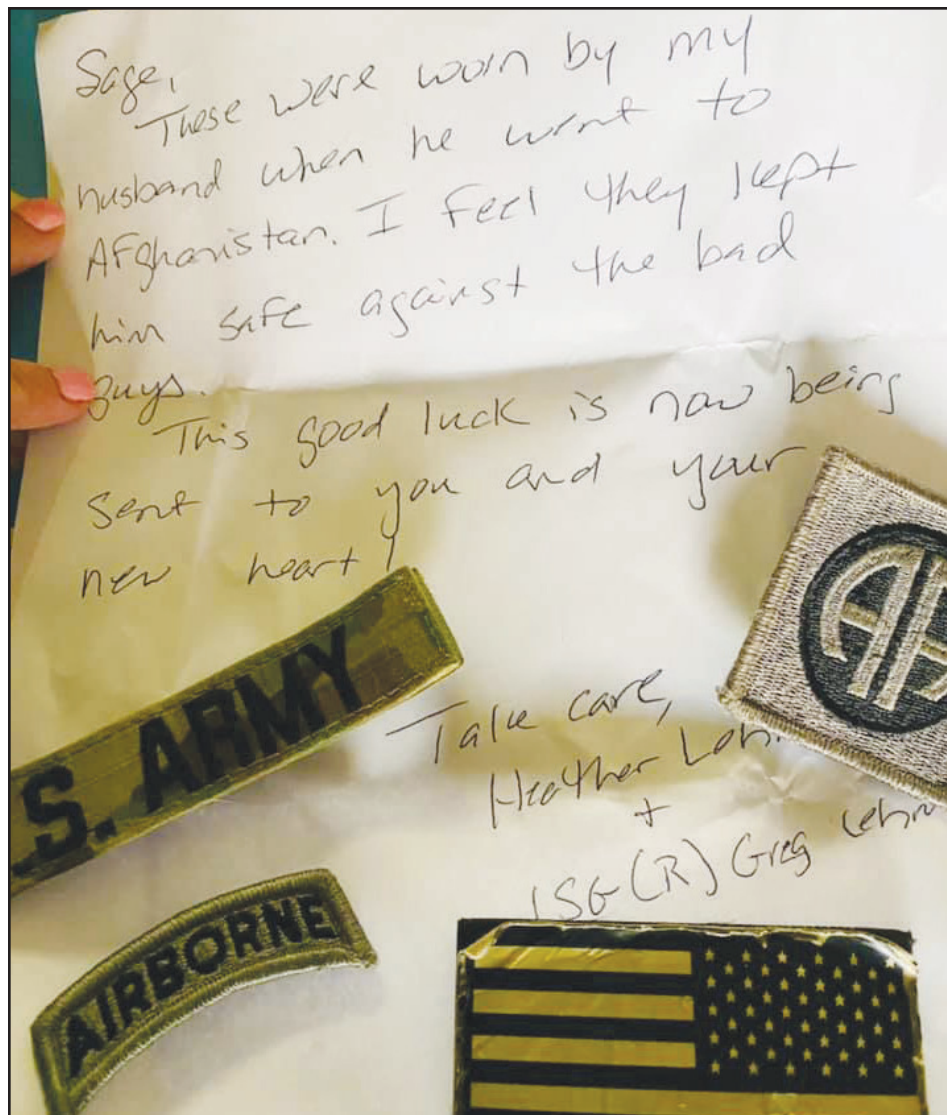
Sage also knows there is a community to thank. Hundreds watched his progress on his Facebook page, SageStrong. Many of those followers came to Melrose Heritage Park on July 31 to raise money and awareness. The event quickly turned into a

celebration as everyone learned of the successful transplant hours earlier.

"It definitely made me fight harder, knowing there was a lot of people behind my back," Sage said. "It helped me through the hospital."

Sage also received some military patches as a lucky charm from a soldier who returned safely from deployment.

Now it's up to him to keep improving, even if it's one heartbeat at a time.



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<b>WED., SEPT. 15</b> 6-10PM <b>DOLLAR NIGHT</b> \$1 ADMISSION & \$1 PER RIDE	<b>THURSDAY, SEPT. 16</b> 6-10PM <b>COUPON NIGHT</b> \$5 Off Armband WITH COUPON

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\$1.2 million earmarked for Clay County community to prevent algae blooms

## 70 Doctors Lake residents to move from septic tanks to sewage systems

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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ORANGE PARK – A septic-to-sewer project that will drastically increase the health of Doctors Lake by decreasing the number of algae blooms in the lake has officially begun.

About 70 homeowners will be removed from their current septic tank systems and brought onboard to Clay County Utility Authority's main sewage system. The project is due to be complete by the first half of 2022.

The kickoff took place on Thursday, Sept. 9, on the banks of Doctors Lake and it brought together politicians, engineers, project executives and residents to celebrate what will be happening at the Doctors Lake community.

"The genesis of all this goes back years," said former state senator Rob Bradley and current vice-chair of the St. Johns River Water Management District Board. "CCUA, Clay County, and the district decided that one of the last big algae blooms we had was a warning sign. This is a complicated issue and there are multifaceted reasons for why this occurs."

The septic tanks that fail to provide nutrients to the water of Doctors Lake and

the greater St. Johns River create intense algae blooms. Those blooms destroy precious ecosystems. County manager Howard Wanamaker said with water being the lifeblood of Clay County, it's critical that the water be returned to a healthier, non-bloom-filled state.

Bradley said the septic-to-sewer project is one of the big aspects in the fight against algae blooms. The new Fleming Island wastewater treatment facilities are another aspect of that, and there are plenty more projects happening to fight back against algae bloom.

Bradley, former state representative Travis Cummings, and Rep. Bobby Payne (R-Palatka) helped secure \$1.5 million in state funding for the county, and about \$1.2 million of it will essentially go directly to Doctors Lake residents. That's because 70 of 77 lots on six different streets in the community will receive the funding to take them off of a septic tank system and onto CCUA's central sewage system.

CCUA said it's still working to get the other lots on board with the project. CCUA communications Celeste Goldberg said it's not that the seven lots are necessarily not on board — some haven't responded, some are on military deployment or just away,



A septic-to-sewer project will take 70 homeowners off of septic tank sewage systems and bring them into a central sewage system by way of the Clay County Utility Authority.

but there are some who simply don't want to switch to sewage. One person just replaced their septic tank last year, Goldberg said, and that homeowner didn't want the replacement to be a wasted cost.

She said in some instances, the cost allotted to each lot for the septic-to-sewer project might not be enough and in those cases, the homeowner would need to cover the rest of the cost. Goldberg is confident that cost won't be extreme, though and manageable for those that truly want to get off of septic and onto a sewage system.

This Doctors Lake community is one of more than 100 projects around the state to protect water health. A lot of the funding stems from Senate Bill 712, otherwise known as the Clean Waterways Bill, signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis. That bill provided the funding that Bradley, Cummings and

Payne fought for in delegation in Tallahassee. Bradley said his wife, Sen. Jennifer Bradley (R-Fleming Island), and representative Sam Garrison (R-Fleming Island) are continuing the fight today.

"The competition for water quality money is fierce," Garrison said. "Everyone [in Congress], Republicans and Democrats, are fighting for funding for their water and for us to get...this funding is great. When the St. Johns River is sick, Clay County is sick and that's why this project is important."

Construction for the project will begin on Oct. 1 and completion is tentatively set for April 2022, although with COVID-19 and other external factors, it could take longer. Project engineers say "first half of 2022" is a safe bet.

## NEFBA:

# Clay County growth leads to expansion of communities, businesses

By Kathleen Chambless  
For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The county has experienced massive growth in the last few years, especially in some of the more rural areas, such as Middleburg, Lake Asbury and Green Cove Springs. Part, if not all, of that growth, is the result of the booming construction industry.

Keith Ward, current president of the Northeast Florida Builders Association and Vice President of Thomas May Construction, expects the growth will continue in Clay County, just like it is in St. Johns and Duval counties.

According to the 2020 census, there are roughly 218,300 residents currently in the county. People have shifted away from the cities in favor of safer and more fam-

ily-oriented areas.

"We follow rooftops," Ward said. As more homes and residential areas, more schools, retail, and community projects must follow.

Thomas May, which specializes in schools, has seen the growth firsthand. More students attending schools lead to more necessary renovations and expansions. As the county grows, more schools will have to be built.

NEFBA itself supports education as one of its primary tenants. As part of that, they provide an impressive apprenticeship program to students interested in the many fields of construction. Ward is a firm believer in the program, and he hopes it will continue to attract new talent and life to the industry. With roughly 11,000 member companies, apprentices with NEFBA work in various placements



Keith Ward

throughout the field while earning their degrees through a four-year institution. After completion of the program, apprentices leave with connections across Northeast Florida, and the skills to perform a job that's always in constant demand.

Jacksonville's expansion led to record numbers of permits in Clay County back in 2005. The number of permits as of this August reflects continued steady growth in the area. Clay County is a sought-after area with plenty of room for growth, and many people, including Ward and other members of NEFBA, are excited to see what this fresh growth will bring.

With the First Coast Expressway opening and set to be completed within the next few years, jobs will continue to follow, especially as the road system continues to expand and new hospitals and medical offices.

In Middleburg, as more companies and restaurants thrive – which is a benchmark for growth – other potential businesses consider where to open first or second locations.

As the county grows, Clay residents have more options for where to go, what to do, and who to see than ever before, and Ward said that's always exciting news.

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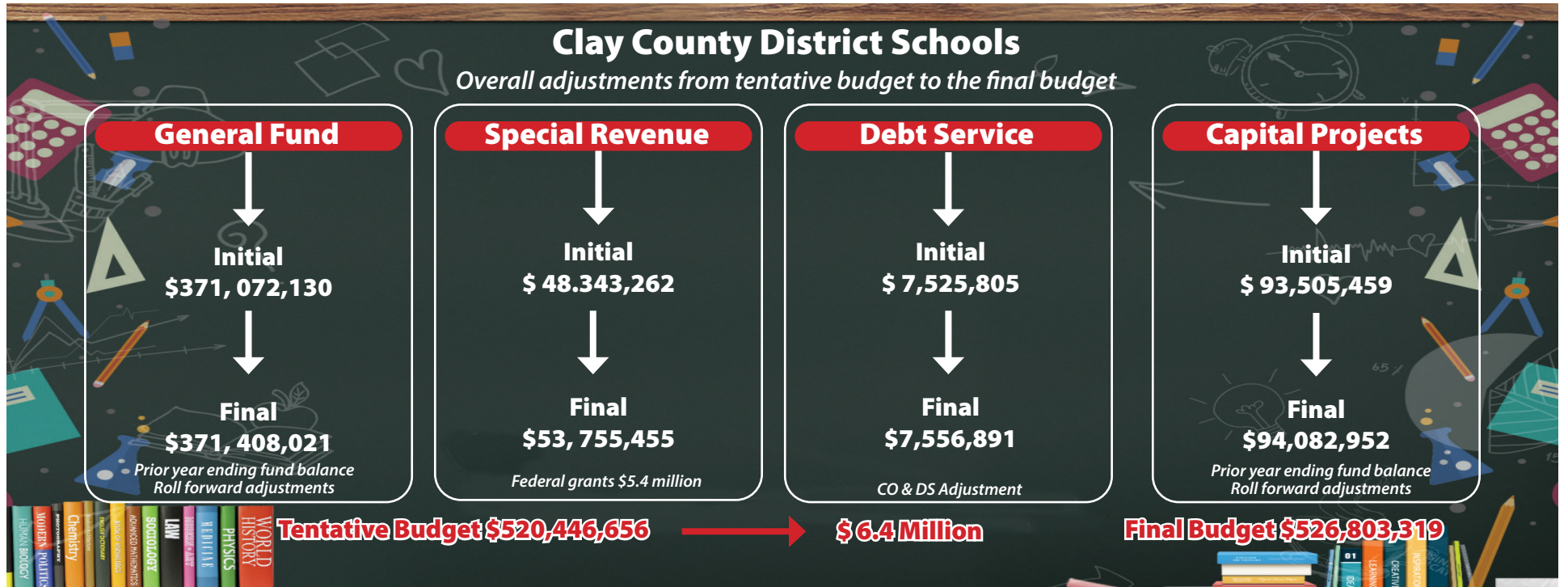
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The Clay County School Board approved its final 2021-22 budget with a 5-0 vote last week with a millage rate of 6.775 that's expected to bring in roughly \$97.5 million to the district's \$526.8 million budget.

# Final budget includes a slight tax decrease

New communities, increased property values will bring in an additional \$97.5 million to District

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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FLEMING ISLAND – As the school year begins to ramp up, the school board has officially adopted its 2021-22 budget.

The board officially passed its budget during a meeting held on Thursday, Sept. 9, and it adopted the 2021-22 resolution and all rates with a 5-0 vote. The millage rate approved was lower than last year's rate of 6.889. But as residents move to the county and new homes are built, property values increased. The lower rate means taxes will decrease by about \$11.

"At 6.775, the taxpayer [would] experience a reduction of \$11.40," Asst. Superintendent for Business Affairs Susan Legutko said. "Because property value went up, though, there's a tax increase. The roll-back rate is 6.6096...which is a difference of .6154."

The roll-back rate is the rate the millage would need to be rolled back to in order to keep taxes paid by taxpayers exactly the same as the previous year. Because

property values went up, keeping the same millage of last year would still result in a tax increase. In order to negate that tax increase, a millage of 6.6096 would need to be adopted. The Clay County school board didn't drop the millage rate to the rolled-back rate but it did decide on a slightly reduced rate.

The new rate will break down like this: the Required Local Effort millage rate is 3.527 and it will bring in \$50,766,730; the Basic Discretionary millage rate is .748 and it will bring in \$10,766,519; the Capital Outlay millage rate is 1.5 and it will bring in \$21,590,614; and, the Additional Voted Millage, which was the additional one-mill increase voted in by voters, is set at a millage rate of one and it will bring in \$14,393,742.

Elsewhere in the budget, Legutko said there was about a \$6.4 million change from the tentative budget to the final budget approved last week. The tentative budget was \$520,446,656 after all the taxes brought in from millage, but the final bud-

## MORE SCHOOL NEWS

School board has until Dec. 31 to redraw its district boundaries – Page 22

get approved was \$526,803,319. The difference comes from small increases to the general fund budget, the special revenue fund budget, the debt service budget and the capital projects budget.

The half-cent sales tax recently voted in by citizens is on track to bring in the expected \$14 million, as it was advertised, and so far, the school district has received \$7.2 million. The money is being used for

the millions needed to fix various maintenance projects like air conditioning in schools, roofs and facility repairs.

"I just want to give a shoutout to Dr. Legutko and her team, who did an excellent job," Superintendent David Broskie said. "I feel really confident that we're good stewards of the taxpayers' funds...and that's really important."

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# Check it out: September is National Library Card sign-up month

**By Kathleen Chambliss**  
*For Clay Today*

CLAY COUNTY – The public library system is so much more than a collection of buildings full of books and librarians hushing you. They are vibrant community spaces and offer a wealth of resources that are all accessible with a library card.

The Department of Education and the American Library Association have selected September National Library Card Sign-Up month in honor of schools reopening. Clay County Headquarters Library Director Karen Walker wants to shed some light on what exactly the library system offers, and why you should take part in a service you already pay for.

The library system comprises six different libraries across the county, which are accessible with only one card. That means, if you request a book from one library, you can pick it up at the library closest to you. In the pandemic, the library shifted many of its services to be contactless or self-service. All county libraries continue to offer that option with the kiosk locker system. With a library card, you can request material such as books, DVDs, CDs and magazines. They then placed these in



a locker for you to pick up at your leisure, even when the library itself is closed. If you prefer to go inside and browse the library's collection inside, feel free. The library system also offers self-checkout kiosks where you check out without having to speak to a librarian at the reference desk.

These traditional forms of media are not the only things you can access with the library. The Clay library system also offers free Wi-Fi throughout the library and its parking lots 24 hours a day. Mobile Wi-Fi

smart spots are also available to check out for two weeks for those that need a reliable internet connection. The libraries also have Chromebooks available for anyone needing to complete work for school or business. If you're looking for a quiet place to get some work done or meet with your club, meeting and study rooms are always available for reservation.

Students looking for help to research school projects or better understanding their classes can access the library collection of databases. ScienceFlix offers STEM education and project ideas. SalemPress provides hundreds of articles on health, psychology, and diseases. There are more than 60 databases alone in the Florida Electronic Library on many subjects where articles include citations that easily fit into a bibliography.

The county library system deliberately stocks multiple copies of summer reading list books. You can often find most of the books used in the classroom.

For those looking for entertainment amid the ongoing pandemic, the library has you covered. They have expanded many of their programs for children and adults. To name a few, they offer arts and crafts ses-

sions, take-home projects, and story times. There's even a pre-made book club meeting in a bag that includes reading questions and ten copies of the book.

There have been large a shift in popularity towards the internet. Many people of all ages prefer eBooks, audiobooks, and online magazines and newspapers. The library offers these through the Libby app, which is available on smartphones, laptops and tablets alike.

Beyond the physical services themselves, libraries represent the communities they serve. The Clay County libraries don't just offer books, though books are an important and cherished resource they provide. They offer tech support, help in school, and adult resources for the community. They provide safe, quiet places to work without the requirement of purchase. Though some assets at the library are available without a card, it's easy to sign up and access everything. Library cards are free for all Clay County residents. To get a card, you only need a valid Florida ID or Florida driver's license. For more information or to use the library resources, please go to [claycountygov.com/community/library](http://claycountygov.com/community/library) or to your local library today.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

### TOWN OF ORANGE PARK FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE PARK ARE 9.5% MORE THAN LAST YEARS OPERATING EXPENDITURES

General fund 5.87810

ESTIMATED REVENUES		GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Taxes:	Millage per \$1000					
<b>AD VALOREM</b>	<b>5.8781</b>	\$ 3,678,699				\$ 3,678,699
Other Taxes		\$ 1,783,300	\$ 770,000	\$ 1,097,935		\$ 3,651,235
Franchise Fees		\$ 875,000				\$ 875,000
Licenses and Permits			\$ 164,200			\$ 164,200
Intergovernmental		\$ 3,463,726			\$ 397,200	\$ 3,860,926
Charges for Services		\$ 1,875,597			\$ 5,008,600	\$ 6,884,197
Fines & Forfeitures		\$ 829,100	\$ 17,000			\$ 846,100
Investment Income		\$ 5,405	\$ 258	\$ 6,180	\$ 9,140	\$ 20,983
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$ 55,800	\$ 4,000			\$ 59,800
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>		<b>\$ 12,566,627</b>	<b>\$ 955,458</b>	<b>\$ 1,104,115</b>	<b>\$ 5,414,940</b>	<b>\$ 20,041,140</b>
Transfers In		\$ 531,000		\$ -		\$ 531,000
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		\$ -	\$ 138,772	\$ 73,981	\$ (182,148)	\$ 30,605
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES</b>		<b>\$ 13,097,627</b>	<b>\$ 1,094,230</b>	<b>\$ 1,178,096</b>	<b>\$ 5,232,792</b>	<b>\$ 20,602,745</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Administration		\$ 383,865				\$ 383,865
Finance		\$ 483,331				\$ 483,331
Police		\$ 3,770,209	\$ 45,000	\$ 120,000		\$ 3,935,209
Fire		\$ 2,647,290		\$ 50,000		\$ 2,697,290
Economic and Community Development		\$ 502,365	\$ 156,230	\$ 79,500		\$ 738,095
Public Works		\$ 2,425,782	\$ 815,000	\$ 878,596	\$ 4,779,792	\$ 8,899,170
Other Financing Uses		\$ 2,884,785		\$ 50,000		\$ 2,934,785
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 13,097,627</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,230</b>	<b>\$ 1,178,096</b>	<b>\$ 4,779,792</b>	<b>\$ 20,071,745</b>
Transfers Out		\$ -	\$ 78,000		\$ 453,000	\$ 531,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS, RESERVES &amp; BALANCES</b>		<b>\$ 13,097,627</b>	<b>\$ 1,094,230</b>	<b>\$ 1,178,096</b>	<b>\$ 5,232,792</b>	<b>\$ 20,602,745</b>

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# Community Briefs

## ElderSource Looking for volunteers to call seniors

CLAY COUNTY – The pandemic has underscored how older adults living alone in our area are often more isolated and need a connection to the community and friends. You can help solve this problem without even leaving your home.

ElderSource, a nonprofit organization that works to empower seniors with dignity and independence, is recruiting volunteers for its Caring Connections Telephone Reassurance Program. Caring Connections offers a simple way for someone to make a difference in the life of a homebound older adult.

“It’s widely known that many older adults live alone, protecting their independence. However, that doesn’t mean they still wouldn’t appreciate a call from a friend,” said Linda Levin, ElderSource CEO. “Caring Connections offers them a friendly check-in call and gives them the chance to connect with someone beyond their front door.”

Caring Connections volunteers are needed immediately with approximately 40 seniors currently waiting to be matched with volunteers. All volunteers are trained, background screened and matched with a special friend. Hours are flexible, as the volunteer and the senior work together to

set the days and times convenient for each person to connect by phone.

Volunteers are needed in all seven counties of the ElderSource service area that includes Clay, Baker, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, St. Johns and Volusia.

To learn more about how to be a Caring Connections volunteer to if an older adult would like to be matched with a volunteer, call the ElderSource HelpLine at 904-391-6699. Or, email [Volunteers@MyElderSource.org](mailto:Volunteers@MyElderSource.org).

## AARP Foundation now recruiting volunteers for Tax-Aide service

CLAY COUNTY – AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has kicked off volunteer recruitment for its Tax-Aide program, the nation’s largest volunteer-run tax preparation service. The program is looking for individuals to volunteer virtually or in-person in a number of roles to provide help to taxpayers.

Northeast Florida has started volunteer recruitment for its Tax-Aide program for the upcoming tax season. It offers free in-person and online tax preparation and assistance to low and moderate-income taxpayers nationwide.

In addition to tax preparation help, volunteers can serve as client facilitators and

providers of technical and management assistance. Every level of experience is welcome. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification. To learn about our volunteer opportunities, visit [aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide) or call (888) 687-2277. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in coordination with the IRS. Tax-Aide offers free in-person and online tax preparation and assistance to low- and moderate-income taxpayers nationwide. Because of the complexity of the U.S. tax code, many taxpayers overpay their taxes or turn to paid tax services they cannot afford. Some may forgo filing their taxes and miss out on the credits and deductions they’ve earned because they are unable to pay for assistance. Tax-Aide volunteers can help by providing necessary services right in their communities.

Volunteers can serve in person or coach taxpayers online or by phone. In addition to tax preparation help, volunteers can serve as client facilitators, providers of technical and management assistance, and interpreters. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has grown since its inaugural team of just four volunteers in 1968 and has served more than 68 million taxpayers since its inception. The program has volunteers in every state and now involves more than 36,000 volunteers. This past tax season in Clay County, Tax-Aide volunteers assisted as counselors, virtual coaches, managers and administrators, technologists, and translators, among other valuable roles.

## Quigley House’s Howl-O-Ween Paws for a Cause coming to Mall

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Quigley House will host HOWL-O-WEEN PAWS FOR A CAUSE raise funds for our on-site pet facilities, provide support to our growing programs and services and additional operating costs related to COVID-19 on Oct. 23 at the Orange Park Mall.

This event is a Dog-Friendly fall fest, costume parade, and costume contest. Quigley said there will be games, prizes and local vendors, along with a dog parade and costume contest with multiple categories. With the continued support from our community, Quigley House is able to educate, empower and equip survivors in Clay County. Quigley House is fortunate to be one of the Domestic Violence Centers in Florida that has a pet shelter to keep pets safe while fleeing domestic violence. Nearly 50% of all of survivors will not consider shelter for themselves without their pet. Quigley House recognizes this barrier to receiving services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Clay County. Your financial support allows us to continue to provide on-site pet facilities, shelter and services to survivors.

The event and parade are free but to enter in the costume contest, be a vendor or event sponsor please visit the online link at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/howl-o-ween-paws-for-a-cause-tickets-161637067821>. For more information, <https://www.quigleyhouse.org/howloween-paws-for-a-cause-2021> or [QHEvents@quigleyhouse.org](mailto:QHEvents@quigleyhouse.org).

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Town of Orange Park has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

### Last year’s property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$	<u>3,655,073</u>
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....\$	<u>(6,106)</u>
C. Actual property tax levy.....\$	<u>3,661,179</u>

**This year’s proposed tax levy.....\$ 3,831,978**

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021  
7:00 PM

at

2042 PARK AVENUE, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

## Normal

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the jail.

They quickly made a bond. The AMA hired top-notch Jacksonville lawyers, Horatio Bisbee and Clement Rinehart. The attorney’s legal strategy was a four-pronged defense: Asserting their 6th Amendment rights to know the charges and evidence against them they filed a motion to quash the indictments as being void for vagueness and asserted that their 1st Amendments rights of freedom of religion and freedom of association was being violated. And, as the 14th Amendment applied federal rights to the states’ they asserted that too.

Judge Rhydon Call heard the case. All of the charging documents and the motion to quash are available for public viewing at the Clay County Archives. Judge Call was progressive when it came to issues like the Sheats Law. He agreed with the Defense and by signing his name on the back of the motion and writing “Granted” he dashed William Sheats’s dream of dismantling the Normal School.

The AMA and their supporters were ecstatic. The Northern papers carried the story far and wide, just as they had when Sheats first passed his law (they were appalled.) The teachers went back to teaching.

In 1913, the Governor approved an “Act Prohibiting White Persons from Teaching Negroes in Negro Schools.” This just put in place more laws against desegregated schools.

Rather than fight the law this time, the AMA chose to close its Orange Park school, which in the interim had suffered a fire (possibly arson) and reduced attendance by whites who had been scared away by all the trouble. When it closed in December of 1917 a noble experiment ended.

May 14, 1954, Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered the opinion of the Court in Brown Vs Board of Education, stating, “We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of ‘separate but equal’ has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal ...”

There is a historical marker for the school right next to Kingsley Avenue at the Orange Park Town Hall Park.



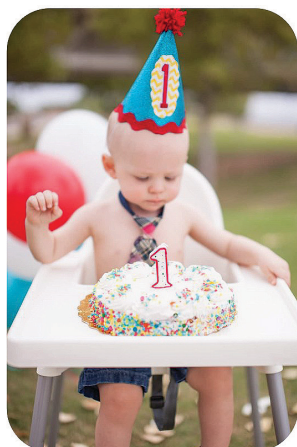


### Food Truck Fridays keeps rollin' along in GCS

GREEN COVE SPRINGS -- The second Friday of the month means one thing -- thousands will be at Spring Park to enjoy another Food Truck Friday. Last week's event not only featured the Curt Towne and Lets Ride Brass bands and a variety of fares offered by several trucks, but it was a perfect excuse to get outside in moderate temperatures and enjoy the sites, sounds and tastes of the monthly festival. The next gathering will be on Oct. 8 from 5:30-9 p.m. The final Food Truck Friday of the year will be on Nov. 12.



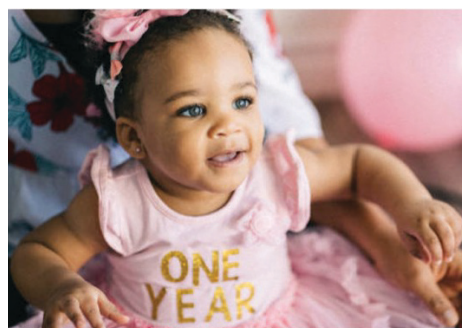
## Baby's 1st Birthday!! September is Infant Mortality Awareness Month



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**It takes a village!**

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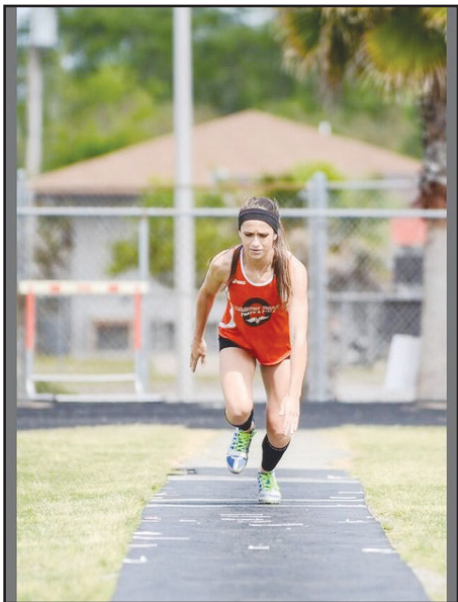
# TikTok

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stick with her for the rest of her life.

“One of the co-defendants was the main person who took over my life, alongside drugs and alcohol,” Harber said. “I let them [co-defendants Jake Harley Davison and Alexia Rae Eure] move in with me so now this is my everyday life now as far as bad habits and bad people go.”

Harber soon lost her job, her car became basically unusable and she was about to lose her apartment. Everything was falling apart around her and in her lowest moment, she and the co-defendants decided to commit an armed robbery. Harber never touched the gun involved in the robbery, but she and the co-defendants beat and robbed a drug dealer of \$200 at gunpoint in her apartment. Harber turned herself in



Taylor Harber was an outstanding athlete at Orange Park High.



Taylor Harber accepts a trophy from one of the Boot Camp officers. While she credits what she learned at Lowell Correctional Institute as helpful, she became an advocate against the abuse uncovered by a statewide investigation.

two hours later and she was charged with a felony charge.

“I never touched the firearm but I was present...and it was in my apartment,” Harber said. “All of us got the same charge. I had just turned 19 in January and by May, I had committed a felony. Within a year of graduating high school where I was a tri-state athlete with As and Bs, my entire life had changed in the blink of an eye. I knew nothing about the criminal justice system and now I was guilty of a crime.”

At first, Harber was told she'd likely get 12 years. What she had done truly sunk in at that point. Her bond was set at \$250,003, which means she'd have to forfeit \$25,000 to get out of the Clay County Jail.

Harber remained in jail and her mugshot was public, printed in Clay Today, too. Her teachers, fellow students, neighbors and more would know exactly what Harber had done. She received the Clay Today newspaper every week in jail and it's how

she stayed connected to Clay County, the place she called home her entire life.

Harber did not accept the 12-year charge for obvious reasons. Instead, she asked to be charged as part of Florida's Youthful Offender Program.

“In the State of Florida, it states that you are not allowed to be sentenced to over six years if you're aged 18 through 21 at the time of sentencing and if it's your first offense,” Harber said. “I accepted my charge as a Youthful Offender charge ... but part of that agreement was that my felony would remain on my record for the rest of my life. I received two years of prison time and four years on probation.”

Harber said she knew that felony would affect her, but just how much wouldn't be realized until she was released. She believes she got her charge down to two years of prison time and four years of probation due to her plea.

“I spent weeks working on my plea, I was actually the last one to be sentenced,” Harber said. “I had teachers from Orange Park High School writing recommendation letters for me and I think that and my actual plea helped. I wrote a letter and read it to the judge in court. When you plea out, you're guilty, and I told the judge that I was guilty and that I deserved to be punished. I emphasized that I was around the wrong crowd but that despite that, I was still my own person and I still had the power to do something different that day and didn't. I told him, “I just hope you hear me out and don't punish me for as long as I can be punished.”

The judge sentenced her to two years in prison and four years of probation. She got out of prison almost a year early, though, and all thanks to Lowell Correctional In-

**SEE TIKTOK, 25**

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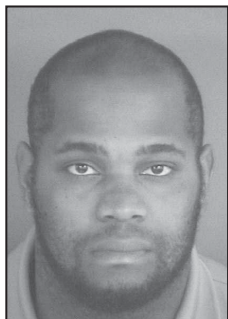
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# Police Briefs

## Orange Park man gets 15 years for selling child porn online

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. District Judge Marcia Morales Howard has sentenced Antony Eugene Woody, 33, of Orange Park, to 15 years in federal prison for advertising images depicting the sexual abuse and torture of children for sale using the internet. Woody was also ordered to serve a six-year term of supervised release, to register as a sex offender and to pay a fine of \$995. Woody has been in custody since his arrest on March 22, 2019.



Eugene Woody

Woody had pleaded guilty on May 14, 2021.

According to court documents, in February 2019, the FBI discovered that an online user named “imsoofreakyy” was using a particular social media application to offer child sex abuse images for sale on the internet. Meanwhile, the Clay County Sheriff’s Office received a Cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that the same user (“imsoofreakyy”) was using a particular email address to advertise images of children being sexually assaulted. CCSO detectives were able to identify this individual as Antony Eugene Woody who resided in Orange Park.

On March 22, 2019, CCSO officers and FBI agents executed a search warrant at Woody’s residence and later made contact with Woody at a local supermarket. During an interview, Woody admitted that he downloaded child sex abuse images from the internet, labeled these images with titles, prices, and his online contact information, and then re-posted them for sale using a social media app. Woody also admitted that online customers responded to his advertisements, that he received money for these sales using the Venmo app, and that he had defrauded some of these customers by taking their money but refusing to send them the contraband images that they had purchased. Woody received at least \$995 in profits from these sales.

A search of Woody’s cellphone revealed

33 videos and 40 images depicting the sexual abuse of young children. Two of these images bore advertising language that was created and placed on them by Woody.

The case was investigated by the Clay County Sheriff’s Office, the Westbrook, Maine, Police Department, the Broward County Sheriff’s Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Boston and Jacksonville, with assistance from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. It was prosecuted by Asst. U.S. Attorney D. Rodney Brown.

This is another case brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys’ Offices and the Criminal Division’s Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.justice.gov/psc](http://www.justice.gov/psc).

## Fleming Island teen arrested for hosting ruckus house party

FLEMING ISLAND – An 18-year-old man was arrested after Clay County Sheriff’s Office deputies broke up a party on Brighton Bluff Court and found underaged children drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana.

Warren Robert Chase, of Fleming Island, was charged on Sept. 11 with allowing minors to consume alcohol and drugs in an open house party and resisting arrest. CCSO was called to the house for a noise complaint where between 25 and 30 were at a party. They asked Chase to break up the gathering and told the revelers to go home. According to the arrest report, deputies were called back after the party continued.



Warren Chase

They found open containers of alcohol and “burnt marijuana joints” on a coffee table. They also observed a 19-year-old man passed out in a neighbor’s yard.

When deputies tried to talk to Chase, he attempted to run, but he was quickly captured.

Chase was released from the Clay County Jail after posting a \$1,502 bond.

## CCSO looking for armed man



## who robbed Waffle House

ORANGE PARK – The Clay County Sheriff’s Office needs help identifying and catching a man wanted for the Sept. 9 armed robbery of the Waffle House at 704 Blanding Blvd.

According to the agency, the subject is wanted for an armed robbery at approximately 2:20 a.m. The subject entered the rear door of the restaurant and pointed a silver revolver handgun at two employees, and he demanded they open the register, where he then took an unknown amount of cash. The subject was a black male wearing a red hoodie under what appears to be several layers of clothing, black pants and black shoes. There also seems to be a distinct logo on the sleeve of the outermost garment. The subject then fled the area on foot heading south on Blanding.

Do not approach the subject as he’s considered armed and dangerous. If you have any information on who this subject is, please get in touch with Det. Daniel Tenbusch at (904) 213-6762 or on (office) or

904-465-0360 (cell).

## Man busted for DUI, running into car at Whitey’s Fish Camp

FLEMING ISLAND – A man was arrested driving under the influence with property damage, resisting law enforcement and leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage after several people alerted Clay County Sheriff’s Office deputies about a man driving erratically on State Road 220 on Sept. 10.

Deputies spotted Michale John Dunn, 43, of Orange Park, pulling into Whitey’s Fish Camp. According to the arrest report, a customer flagged down a deputy after Dunn ran into his car in the parking lot. When they approached Dunn, he said he had been drinking at another place and his speech “was extremely slurred.” He was arrested after failing a field sobriety test.

His blood alcohol level was measured at .162 and .161 – more than twice the legal limit – from two separate tests at the Clay County Jail.

## Child predator jailed for not wearing electronic tracking device

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A man was arrested in California and returned to Clay County for violating conditions of his probation for lewd and lascivious behavior against a child. Steve Lloyd Thacker, 55, was caught in Santa Rosa and now is being held without bond after he was tracked down for now wearing his court-ordered electronic tracking device. CCSO said Thacker left the device in his car on Aug. 18. Thacker was convicted of seven counts of sexually abusing a child younger than 12, sexual battery and sexual assault in 2007. He was sentenced to 15 years in jail, followed by 10 years on probation. He was released from prison on July 13, 2019.



Steve Thacker

# 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, Sept. 14

Garrett L. Duque, 22, Orange Park, cyberstalking  
Bradley J. Priest, 35, Green Cove Springs, simple battery  
Joshua T.H. Gasca, 35, Green Cove Springs,

petit theft  
Dylan D. Brown, 29, Oakleaf, shoplifting, trespassing  
Joshua P. Brulotte, 39, Orange Park, simple battery  
Jessica A. Cruz, 37, Orange Park, altering/destroying/concealing/removing physical evidence, tampering in life capital felony proceeding  
Stephen E. Bonnette, 41, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery  
Kristy L. Shankland, 41, Middleburg, VOP-community control  
Alizae J. Williams, 20, Orange Park, FTA-

DWLSR  
David L. Virgil, 57, Green Cove Springs, possession-cocaine

## Monday, Sept. 13

David L. Virgil, 57, Orange Park, fraudulent use of credit card  
William J. Evans, 34, Orange Park, simple domestic battery  
Donna C. Truett, 66, Middleburg, shoplifting  
Diane B. Joseph, 66, Middleburg, shoplifting  
Kenisha L. Kiser, 30, Green Cove Springs, VOP-armed robbery  
Stephen D. Maleckar, 30, Jacksonville, failure

to redeliver/leased property/equipment  
Adrian A. Battle, 35, Orange Park, sale/delivery of ecstasy/molly  
Richard D. Straughn, 24, Orange Park, felony shoplifting  
Priscilla K. Evers, 26, Orange Park, FTA-DUI (Martin)  
Richard J. Vannucci, 45, Middleburg, simple domestic battery  
Teresa L. Rigby, 33, Middleburg, trespassing, vandalism  
Anthony M. Drew, 49, Middleburg, simple

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### Will people get back to work now that CARES Act benefits have expired?

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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CLAY COUNTY – Three pandemic-era unemployment benefits established by a 2020 CARES Act have expired and it could affect the state's current labor shortage, according to some experts.

The benefits which have expired are Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, which covers people not usually eligible for financial aid; Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, which provides aid to

those who have already used up all of their aid from the state; and, and Federal Unemployment Compensation, which was additional aid tacked onto other funding aid to help people recover money lost due to COVID-19. Some feel these benefits have kept workers out of the workforce. Many now feel those workers will feel more motivated to return to the workforce, thus putting an end, or at least provide some relief, to the state's current labor shortage.

Others, though, argue that the labor shortage is less a result of unemployment benefits and more the result of workers wanting better wages and not accepting jobs with traditionally low wages. We asked Clay Today readers what they thought of all this and here's what they had to say:

"Pay a living wage of at least \$15 an hour and there will be no labor shortage,"

Susan Trumble said, suggesting wages are creating the labor shortage. Trumble said \$15 which will soon be the minimum wage in Florida in a couple of years after residents voted for the increase. With so many aware a higher minimum wage is coming, perhaps they feel that \$15 is what they should be earning now. On the other side of the conversation, Bev Biroshik said that "if you have to pay \$15 an hour for a \$7 an hour job, there will be a labor shortage," and they believe once benefits end, more people will return to work.

"I see plenty of places hiring [so] I wouldn't call it a labor shortage," Christopher Marra said. "I'd call it a willingness to work shortage."

Penny Ruller said essential workers and have been working throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. She said people simply

need to get up and get back to their old jobs. She said some believe the pandemic is over. Vishi Garaig and Kali Carnes responded and said they would "hope" the labor shortage comes to an end now that unemployment benefits are coming to an end. Doug Deters responded and said he knows that the school district desperately needs bus drivers and support staff and they encourage anyone who now needs a job to apply for one of those jobs.

What do you think of the current labor shortage in Florida and the rest of the country? Will the end of COVID-19 unemployment benefits affect the shortage? Let us know by responding to last week's Facebook Question of the Week and be sure to follow the official Clay Today Newspaper page so that you don't miss this week's question.

## Arrests

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domestic battery

### Sunday, Sept. 12

Misty R. Howard, 40, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl  
Devon J. Stockburger, 23, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Stephen J. Newman, 66, Orange Park, trespassing after warning

Kemone M. Wyatt, 18, violation of pre-trial release conditions for domestic violence

Brett A. Cornwell, 49, Middleburg, two counts FTA

Alicia T. Casales, 28, Orange Park, DUI, driving without valid license

Michelle M. Insoe, 36, Middleburg, FTA

Ryan M. Kania, 31, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia

Karen E. Horne, 35, Orange Park, possession-cocaine

### Saturday, Sept. 11

Warren R. Chase, 18, Fleming Island, resist/

obstruct/oppose law enforcement, allowing minor to consume alcohol/drugs at open house party

Kortney L. Hebert, 22, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Andrew L. Bergeron, 24, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana, reckless driving

Marcia I. Sweatt, 51, Middleburg, DUI

Daniel S. Palmer, 35, Green Cove Springs, simple battery

Jesse L. Dixon, 33, Orange Park, three counts contempt of court

James A. Elliott, 61, Orange Park, solicit/accept donations in violation of solicitation law, possession-drug paraphernalia, obstruction of public streets

Matthew R. Spivey, 30, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice

Latia N. Wanamaker, 33, Orange Park, trespassing with warning, loitering/prowling

Alexis M. Patton, 20, Middleburg, DUI

### Friday, Sept. 10

Matthew R. Spivey, 30, Orange Park, shoplifting

Casey B. Allen, 29, Orange Park, petit theft

Casey T. Perry, 29, Fleming Island, two counts DWLSLR

Jeffrey W. Collier, 45, Middleburg, non-support

Cathleen A. Garrett, 54, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl

Michael J. Dunn, 43, Fleming Island, resisting officer with violence, DUI with property/physical damage, leaving scene of accident with property damage

Grant E. Lester, 24, Orange Park, aggravated battery, DWLSLR

Richard D. Straughn, 24, Orange Park, grand theft, criminal mischief

Richard A. Furman, 37, Middleburg, petit theft

Anthony M. Margadonna, 32, Green Cove Springs, VOP-drug offender violation

Chad E. Hooper, 33, Orange Park, DUI with BAL .15 or higher

### Thursday, Sept. 9

Mindy L. Hines, 40, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-Adderall, possession-hydrocodone

Anthony R. Madron, 35, Keystone Heights, FTA-fraudulent use of credit card

Craig S. Campbell, 37, Green Cove Springs, burglary with assault

James H. Biggs, 39, Orange Park, DWLSLR-

habitual offender

Larry W. Hegwood, 40, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand larceny

Harold J. Johns, 57, Middleburg, felony battery by strangulation

James D. Griffin, 31, Middleburg, simple dating battery

### Wednesday, Sept. 8

Michael R. McCarter, 22, Keystone Heights, FTA-DWLSLR (Bradford)

Steven L. Thacker, 55, Green Cove Springs, VOP-lewd/lascivious molestation of child younger than 12

Jeremy L. Williams, 20, Orange Park, lewd/lascivious molestation of child between 12-16 (St. Johns)

Raven L. Mann, 22, Orange Park, shoplifting

Mary F.K. Tigh, 28, grand theft auto

Aubreyann N. Greaves, 27, Green Cove Springs, criminal mischief

Matthew J. Banzen, 31, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-methamphetamine

Joshua D. Jenkins, 30, Green Cove Springs, three counts contempt of court-possession-controlled substances

# BASCA 5K to be back on track with fund-raising run on Sept. 25

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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ORANGE PARK – The BASCA Cape Abilities 5K run is back this year after going virtual in 2020. BASCA's 5K fundraiser has been around for nearly a decade but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it had to be held virtually last year. While a virtual option is still available, an in-person 5K and one-mile run is scheduled for Sept. 25 at 8:30 a.m. to raise money for the organization.

"It funds our many programs," said BASCA representative Pam Mylrea. "What we're looking at right now is supportive employment for individuals who want a job ... so we're raising funds for that. That program is already in place here. We're just enhancing what we offer."

BASCA is a Clay County 501(c)3 charity organization located in the heart of Orange Park whose mission is to provide better living, working, educational, social

and recreational opportunities for children and adults with special needs. The BASCA 5K was started nine years ago to help fund all that BASCA does for the Clay County community, according to Mylrea. It was a small and simple fundraiser when it was first started, more aimed at getting people outside and exercising than a full-blown fundraiser. Thanks to the local community's support, however, the fundraiser has grown to be much larger.

This year's 5K will be a smaller version compared to 2019. There will be food, games and more for both participants and those on the sidelines cheering on the runners as they pass by. Food has been donated by Dairy Queen and the Urban Bean Coffeehouse Café in Orange Park.

The Jacksonville Jaguar Foundation is this year's title sponsor and Mylrea said BASCA is expecting Jaxson 'de Ville and cheerleaders from the team's ROAR squad to be at the event. While not required,

BASCA encourages runners to register online before the event at [www.bascainc.org](http://www.bascainc.org). Registration will be opening up for in-person runners at 8 a.m. the day of the races.

BASCA encourages everyone to wear a cape or even a full-on superhero costume in support of the 5K's "Cape Abilities" theme.

"We started in 2018 with capes and it took off," Mylrea said. "It's called 'Cape Abilities' and it's about how everyone has different capabilities. People of all unique abilities can do things and they can be members of the Orange Park and Clay County community. That's what this is about."

The race will begin in front of the BASCA office in Orange Park and this year's races will feature something new: BASCA buddies. BASCA has rounded up Orange Park Police Department officers, Orange Park Fire Department responders, VyStar employees and more to act as BASCA bud-

dies. If someone would like a BASCA buddy, that buddy will run or walk the entire race with them. Mylrea said this is another way to highlight that everyone is a part of this community and that everyone wants to support each other.

The cost for the 5K is \$35 and \$10 for the one-mile run. If someone registers for the 5K, they get a unique finisher medal and a t-shirt. A different medal and t-shirt come with the one-mile run as well and anyone who places in the 5K will get a "special and unique medal made by those who attend BASCA's day program."

Anyone who registers will also be entered into a raffle for two tickets to the upcoming football game that will see the Jacksonville Jaguars face off against the Tennessee Titans.

"It's going to be a great time and we expect everything to wrap up around 11:30 a.m.," Mylrea said. "Come out and support your community however you can."



# School board has until Dec. 31 to redraw its district boundaries

Goal is to make populations in all five districts within 10% of each other

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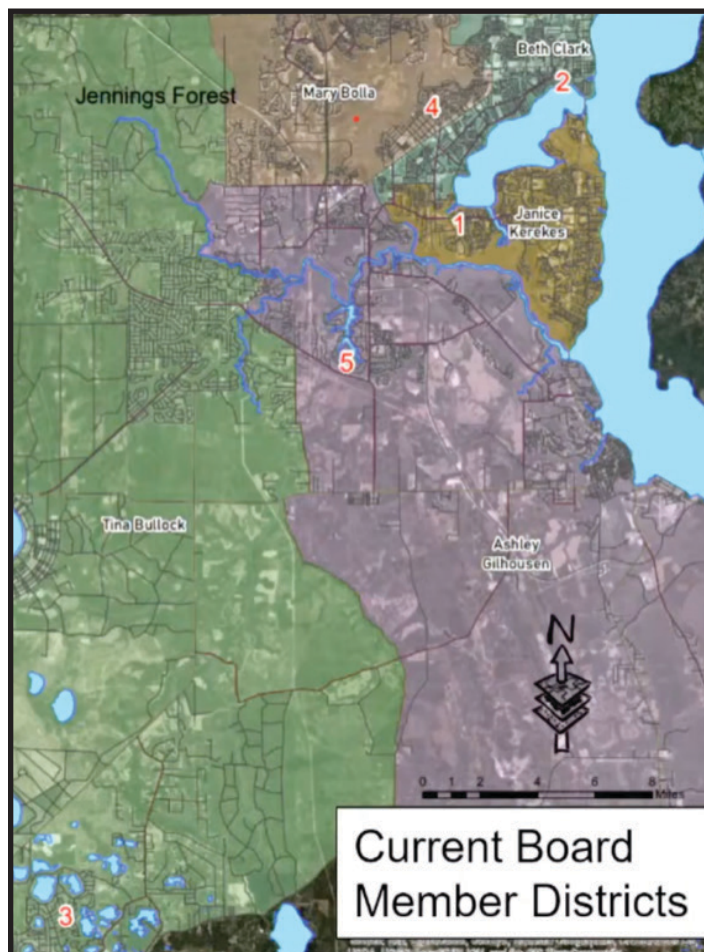
CLAY COUNTY – The school board will be deliberating its district boundaries for the next few months before the Dec. 31 deadline.

The board is given the opportunity to redraw its district lines every 10 years. The preliminary discussions began last Thursday, Sept. 9, during a special workshop held after the board’s budget meeting held that same day. The board was presented with two options and each would change the boundaries of each district but neither would actually affect board seats.

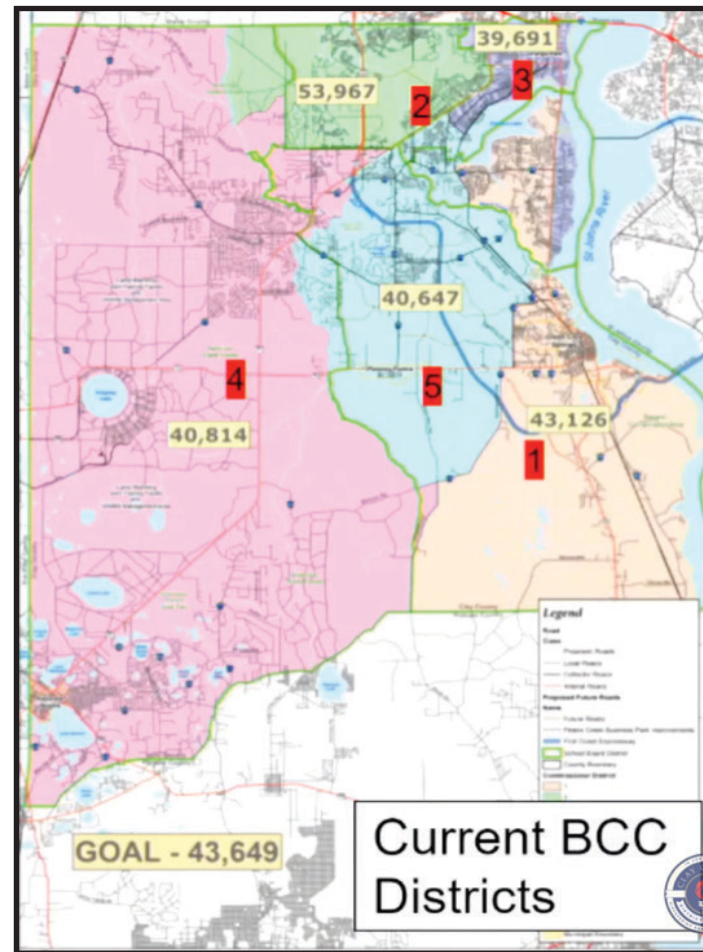
“There’s roughly 218,000 people here in Clay County,” Director of safety and security James Fossa said. “This is an exciting time. This is something we get to do in our tenure every 10 years and we’re just lucky to be here to see this happen. I want to show you guys the work that’s been done to see how we can put the entire county...to where it’s equitable for all citizens. I realize everyone’s at-large for elections, but everyone here still cares about their district.”

Fossa said all five districts need to be as equal – or at least within 10% of each other – in population as possible. The main goal is to divvy up the districts to 43,649 residents each.

Two options were presented to the board last week. Option 1 calls for four main changes: District 4 expands south to State Road 21, south of Old Jennings to



Current Board Member Districts



Current BCC Districts

The school board will redraw its district lines later this year. While it won’t affect member seats, it will affect which residents are in which district. The board has until Dec. 31 to make a final decision.

the Blanding Boulevard “triangle.” District 1 will expand to Blanding Boulevard and Henley Road. District 2 will expand west beyond Cheswick Oaks Avenue and District 5 will expand west to State Road 21. None of the five board seats are affected by the changes.

If the first option is used, the new district populations would be: 44,751 residents in District 1; 47,273 in District 2; 41,150 in District 3; 41,717 in District 4 and 43,354 in District 5.

Option 2 included District 3 expanding northeast to include south of Old Jennings to the Blanding “triangle” with a new population of 39,811; District 1 expanding to Blanding and Henley Road and south of

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County Road 220 to Black Creek with a new population of 46,980; District 2 expanding west beyond Cheswick Oaks Avenue with a population of 42,273; and District 5 expanding west to State Road 21 with 44,522 residents.

The school board seemed to be more in favor of Option 1, but it’s taking its time until Dec. 31, which is when an official decision must be finalized.

The Board of County Commissioners will also soon go through its own redistricting process and Fossa and board member Ashley Gilhousen suggested the school board and the BCC meet to work through redistricting together. She said there could be some confusion among residents so she’d like the new district lines to be as similar as possible.

She said she’s aware it’s basically impossible to make the districts match up perfectly, but she said it wouldn’t hurt to meet with them to discuss possibilities. Board member Janice Kerekes pushed back against that idea and said the county board should determine its own districts and the school board should determine its own lines. Gilhousen said she recognized that, but she said it wouldn’t hurt to communicate with the BCC.

Board member Tina Bullock said the school board can draw their lines and come up with new numbers. Then, if the BCC is interested in lining the districts up as best as possible it could use the school board’s new districts.

“We all know the landscape is going to change so much over the next 10 years, but the question is how and when,” Gilhousen said. “None of that is set in stone and I don’t think we should consider that [it is]. If we can keep things as status quo as possible and keep within the law of the 10% rule...then Option 1 is probably the most palpable.”

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# College Briefs

## Four Clay students on Columbia College's Dean's List

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Columbia College of Missouri recently announced four local students were selected to its dean's list for the Summer Semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed 12 semester hours in a 16-week period and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale.

Damien Davis of Fleming Island, Francesco Violante of Green Cove Springs and Isaiah Williams and Erik Zimmerli of Middleburg all qualified for the academic honors.

## Eight local students on SNHU's President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. – It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire

University congratulates the following students on being named to the summer 2021 President's List: Paulette Gain, Rick McQueen and Dominique Pimienta of Middleburg, Dale Shoenfelt of Green Cove Springs, Michael Russell, Stephanie Davis and Allison Saunders of Oakleaf and Remus Figueroa of Orange Park.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Southern New Hampshire University is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus.

## Anderson makes Georgia State's Dean's List

ATLANTA – Angel Anderson of Orange Park was selected to the summer 2021 Dean's List at Georgia State University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List dur-

ing the summer semester, degree-seeking students with a minimum Georgia State cumulative GPA of 2.00 must earn a 3.50 GPA for the semester and complete at least 6 semester hours of academic credit with no incompletes.

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Town of Penney Farms has tentatively adopted a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. A Public Hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Penney Farms Town Hall, 4100 Clark Avenue, Penney Farms, Florida.

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## Pars for Paws golf tournament tees off for Clay Humane

FLEMING ISLAND – Join Clay Humane, a nonprofit veterinary clinic located in Orange Park, for the 15th annual Pars Fore Paws Golf Tournament on Monday, Oct. 4, at Eagle Landing Golf Club.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration is \$100 for an individual or \$360 for a foursome and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, bag services, complimentary driving range balls, lunch, dinner and prizes.

There is no rain date or refunds as all proceeds help Clay Humane provide low-cost veterinary services including spay and neuter and humane education programs. Register at <http://www.clayhumane.org/pars-fore-paws-2021.php>.

## Comedian Bill Engvall coming to Thrasher-Horne Center

ORANGE PARK – Bill Engvall is a Grammy-nominated, multi-platinum selling recording artist and one of the top comedians in the country will bring his humor to the Thrasher-Horne Center on Jan. 29. Bill's first album, "Here's Your Sign," is certified platinum and held the No. 1 position on the Billboard Comedy Chart for 15 consecutive weeks. His second album, "Dorkfish," also debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Comedy Chart, as did his subsequent comedy albums. Bill has written several books, including his 2007 autobiography Bill Engvall – Just A Guy.

Tickets start at \$49 and are available at [THcenter.org](http://THcenter.org), or by calling (904) 276-6815 or visiting the Thrasher-Horne Center ticket office at 283 College Dr. in Orange Park on the St. Johns River State College campus.

### TOWN OF PENNEY FARMS BUDGET SUMMARY October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022

	GENERAL FUND	WATER FUND	SEWER FUND	TOTAL
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>				
Ad valorem taxes, 4.4535 mills	\$ 71,716	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,716
Franchise and utility taxes	93,800	-	-	93,800
Licenses and permits	-	-	-	-
State and local grants	49,500	-	-	49,500
State and county shared revenues	233,529	-	-	233,529
Charges for services	81,650	152,380	185,900	419,930
Interest and other	1,040	30,303	30,070	61,413
<b>Total estimated revenues</b>	<b>531,235</b>	<b>182,683</b>	<b>215,970</b>	<b>929,888</b>
Beginning cash	705,128	294,820	60,870	1,060,818
<b>Total estimated revenues and balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,236,363</b>	<b>\$ 477,503</b>	<b>\$ 276,840</b>	<b>\$1,990,706</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS AND RESERVES</b>				
General governmental services	\$ 323,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323,456
Culture/ Recreation	16,916	-	-	16,916
Water/ Garbage service	-	155,863	-	155,863
Sewer service	-	-	180,678	180,678
Transportation	124,729	-	-	124,729
Capital outlays	69,500	-	-	69,500
Debt service	-	-	35,292	35,292
<b>Total appropriations</b>	<b>534,601</b>	<b>155,863</b>	<b>215,970</b>	<b>906,434</b>
Reserves	701,762	321,640	60,870	1,084,272
<b>Total appropriations and reserves</b>	<b>\$ 1,236,363</b>	<b>\$ 477,503</b>	<b>\$ 276,840</b>	<b>\$1,990,706</b>

**THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.**

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# Local man pedals happiness by refurbishing free bikes for children

Lake Area Bike created to turn junk into usable rides

By Don Coble  
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MELROSE – There are bikes hanging from the ceiling, cluttered on the floor and on top of a workbench in Pete Slaymaker’s tiny shop. With the exception of a radio faintly playing country music, Slaymaker works in absolute solitude. The retired engineer isn’t trying to make the best of a difficult situation. He’s making a difference.

Slaymaker is filling the void of losing his 35-year-old son to heart disease and knowing he and his wife Anne will never hear the playful laughter of a grandchild by turning junked bicycles into a treasured ride for a child.

There is a pile of donated bikes in front of his shop. They are in different stages of decay and neglect. Slaymaker tries to turn one a day into a shiny new ride.

“We lost our son [Zachary] in May of 2020. We were a wreck as a result. We knew we had no chance for grandkids. We were wallowing in our own pity,” Slaymaker said.

The couple read a story about a man in Charlotte, North Carolina, who refurbished junked bikes to give away to local children.

“That’s how we decided to be connected



with kids,” Slaymaker said. “Then one guy said he had a bike I could have. I fixed it up and gave it away. The next thing I knew, people were dropping off their bikes, too. I had one guy deliver a truckload of them. Another had a trailer with eight or nine of them.”

Every bike is broken down to the bare frame. Most moving parts are either cleaned and inspected or replaced. Parts are pulled from several broken bikes to create a workable two-wheeler any child would be proud to ride.



Once completed, bikes are stored in a separate room adjacent to the workshop. When the room is filled, he posts a giveaway on his Facebook page. His next scheduled giveaway will be part of the Knights of Columbus’ Christmas program.

“We expect to have 14 or 15 ready for Christmas,” Slaymaker said. “The response has been tremendous. The best thing is, these are good-looking bikes when we’re done.”

The most-needed parts are wheels, seats and tires, he said. Since many of those parts have to be purchased, he fixes other bikes for the community and uses that money to keep the wheels turning on providing bikes to local children.

Slaymaker doesn’t sell bikes. Repair and refurbishing keep him so busy he doesn’t have time for the distractions, both in time

and legal requirements. His only reward is the smile of a youngster riding away.

It’s a treasure that’s worth more than money.

“I just want to help kids,” he said. “This keeps me busy. It makes me happy.”

To donate bikes or parts to Lake Area Bike, email lakeareabike@gmail.com or call (941) 357-6901.

Slaymaker said he soon will start converting discarded bikes into e-bikes. He said there’s a growing need to install small electric motors that, along with pedaling, can help power a bike. It’s the next step for a couple who still are finding ways to deal with their grief.

“I’m just a retired engineer. I needed things to tinker with,” Slaymaker said.

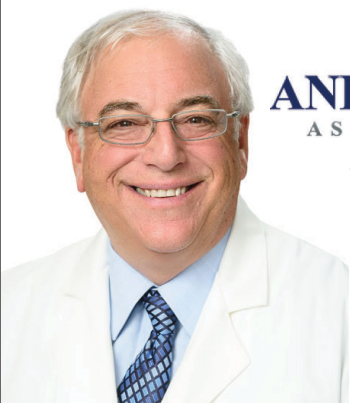
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## TikTok

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got out of prison almost a year early, though, and all thanks to Lowell Correctional Institute's boot camp program. There are hundreds of boot camps in prisons for men around the United States, but very few for women. LCI was one of the few boot camps for women. Rules don't allow anyone with a felony charge to join the boot camp and initially, she was denied entrance into the program.

She worked with her attorney to ask a judge to reconsider ... and it worked. She was one of three women accepted into the boot camp out of thousands of applicants. Harber was thrilled – she desperately wanted to get into the camp because participants are not put into the prison general population. Nine percent of boot camp graduates re-offend. Thirty-three percent of the general population prisoners re-offend. Harber wanted this prison sentence to be her last, and boot camp would help make that happen.

The camp was run by one sergeant who worked full-time in the military and a few other officers who worked at the actual prison. Harber said her sergeant was a godsend and a true blessing. The other officers in charge of Harber and the two other boot camp women were not. Boot camp was from 4:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. It consisted of physical training, discipline training, and more. It's supposed to be exactly what you think of when you hear "boot camp," along with a lot of charity work with Habitat for Humanity and other nonprofits.

The night shift – 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. – officers did their best to ruin the entire premise and experience of boot camp. They woke Harber and the other two women in the middle of the night and force them to do things that would later get them fired. She said they were basically forced to drink entire canteens of water, lunge up hills and roll down them until they threw that water up. Then they'd have to do it again. They were being worked late into the night and sent to bed around 3 a.m., and then back up again at 4 a.m. for the boot camp routine.

Harber and the other women knew that what was happening wasn't OK, but they didn't know what to do about it. There weren't cameras outside where the officers treated them inhumanely, so they couldn't document their proof. They felt prison is designed to make prisoners feel less than human.

"Maybe we deserved this?" Harber said. "But deep down, we knew we didn't. We were prisoners but we were still humans. This was not OK but we didn't know what to do."

The women stuck with it for two months but a torturous game of charades was the straw that broke the camel's back. Three corrupt guards made them act like walruses, or horses struck by lightning, and more. At one point, they were told to act like dogs and forced to tie one belt around another woman's neck. Then, one woman would use the belt as a leash to walk the



woman acting like a dog. Harber remembers the woman acting as a dog rubbing up against her leg, barking like a dog and doing other things.

"It was completely dehumanizing, degrading," Harber said. "We knew it wasn't OK and the next time we saw our sergeant, we explained what had happened. He couldn't even watch two minutes of it [on camera]. The lieutenant watched it all and immediately sent us to confinement for our safety while the prison conducted a two-week investigation."

The three guards were transferred to other prisons and for two weeks, Harber was in the dark, unaware of how the investigation was going and unaware if anything would happen. The women testified and everything came to light. The three guards were fired and the boot camp was forever changed – all for the better.

The women completed the boot camp program, despite the torturous process they endured at the hands of three corrupt guards. She asked to speak publicly at the boot camp graduation and she said she was thankful for the program. And it convinced her to stay out of trouble. She used the time to explain her gratitude for her sergeant, who wasn't corrupt like the three guards fired. He was hard but kind, disciplined but understanding, and most of all, fair.

"He actually treated us like humans," Harber said. "I would not have made it through boot camp without him. Boot camp taught me a lot of life skills and brought me back to my roots as far as who I was and what I'm capable of, both mentally and physically."

The armed robbery happened on May 11, 2017. Harber sat in the Clay County jail for seven months before she was transferred to LCI. Boot camp began around February 2018, and four months later, she was released, destined to serve the remainder of her prison time on house arrest. After that, she faced four years of probation. She's still on probation today, but she's thriving in many ways despite it.

But getting to this point wasn't easy. "I wanted to prove to others that I'm a good person and that I'm not just a prisoner," Harber said. "But this is a small town and that felony followed me everywhere. I was petrified by the idea of job interviews. Who would accept me? I didn't know the extent of how much this felony would follow me, but in many ways, I learned quickly. It's for life and that sucks a lot."

Harber said a background search of her shows "armed robbery" and that often leads to an immediate "no" when it comes to job and house hunting and other aspects

"I am more than my record. My issues are someone else's issues too and if sharing my story makes people feel a little bit better, or if they help people in their own situations even just a bit, then I have succeeded."

– Tayler Harber

of life that can easily be taken for granted. She was lucky, though, because thanks to some family members that recognized Harber for who she truly was and not just as a felon, she had a job almost immediately after prison.

One day during her lunch break back in January of this year, she randomly posted a video to TikTok, one of the most popular social media services in the world. She didn't think anything of it. The reason she was going to make a quick video about her time in prison was: "just because." She posted the video and finished her day. The next day, that TikTok video had 50,000 views and 10,000 likes. She joked she felt famous at that moment. Little did she know, five months later, she'd amass a following on TikTok of more than one million followers.

"I just wanted to share my story and how it happened and then I was posting videos every day and by July, I hit one million followers," she said. "Despite what I talk about and despite being a felon, I had a massive following of people that believed in me."

Harber's TikTok growth would land her brand sponsorships. The money she makes from TikTok covers her monthly rent now. She shares videos about being a felon and a single mom. She shares videos about what goes on in prison and what happened to her during her sentence. She talks about what Florida's prison system gets wrong and how it can be changed for the better. She advocates for more women boot camps because of how "life-changing" the program was for her.

Harber talks about how hard life can be as a felon, how hard obtaining a job can be, how difficult housing can be and more. She doesn't hold back, either. All aspects of her life as both a prisoner and a felon on the outside are on the table.

"I just want to help others," Harber

said, touching on how something so negative in her life is now fueling positivity in her life. "I want more girls to be aware of the boot camp program and ... I want more girls to know that prison doesn't have to be the end of their life. There is still a life to live and I want to be proof of that."

Harber plans to get a communications degree and learn more about marketing so that she can promote herself better on TikTok and as a public speaker. Public speaking is her ultimate goal, after all. She wants to speak in schools and especially in prisons. She wants to share her story.

"There are so many obstacles to cross as a felon on the outside," Harber said. "My thinking is if you've served the time, is that not enough? If a judge says that I need to serve this much time for the crime I committed, then isn't that time enough? If more time was deserved, the judge would have sentenced it...and yet, when you get out of prison, you're still dealing with that charge...even though you served your time."

Harber said she understands how tricky that can be, especially in the realm of murders and sex-related charges. But she's unsatisfied with the blanket statement-like way criminal charges are applied to human beings.

When people pull up her record, they just see an armed robbery felony charge. They don't see that she's served the time and bettered her life. They don't see she wasn't the one with the gun. The same goes for felons around the country. She wishes there was more nuance in the conversation and tracing of criminal records. Why does a crime she served the mandated time for still need to follow her around for the rest of her life?

She's not sure of the answer, but she's using her story and her massive TikTok platform to spread awareness, support other women in positions similar to hers, and ultimately, change the landscape of criminal charges and how they follow people.

"I am more than my record," Harber said. "My issues are someone else's issues too and if sharing my story makes people feel a little bit better, or if they help people in their own situations even just a bit, then I have succeeded."

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A mother of a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy who asked Sheriff Michelle Cook to join her at the podium speaks out in favor of raising taxes so that her daughter, and the others working at CCSO, can get a fair wage that they deserve. Right: A Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy speaks in favor of increasing property taxes in Clay County so that CCSO can receive additional funding to pay officers better wages.

## BCC tentatively vote to increase millage rate

Higher taxes to give sheriff's office, fire and rescue departments much-needed revenue

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Board of County Commissioners approved a tentative budget during its Sept. 14 meeting with a millage rate higher than last year.

If approved, the county's new total millage will be 8.3406, which is higher than last year's 8.101 and 10.8% higher than the roll-back rate of 7.5232. The rollback rate is the millage rate the BCC would need to set to bring in the exact amount of taxes brought in last year. Property taxes went up so even if the BCC kept the rate at last year's 8.101, taxes would still increase. In order to prevent an increase, they would have to drop the millage rate down to 7.5232.

The BCC approved its 8.3406 tentative rate after nearly two hours of discussion. However, the rate still must win final approval at the last public hearing on Sept. 28.

Many public speakers attended Tuesday's public hearing to voice their support of the higher millage rate so that CCSO can receive the additional funding it needs to increase salaries and help attract new generations of officers.

"I am pro-first responder and I believe that their budget request is more than fair," Erik Soles said. "We need this property tax increase because these people need these resources. If you've ever needed an EMT or if someone has ever stuck a gun in your face, 10 minutes [the county's current average response time] is a long time and it feels like forever. We talk about the hardships [of a tax increase] ... but I do believe that waiting on that floor, waiting for an ambulance to get

to you, is a greater hardship than any bill you might receive [as a result of a possible property tax increase]."

Sheriff Michelle Cook asked for a 12.03% increase in CCSO's budget, which equates to a total budget of \$70,098,070. This would help her raise salaries since current salaries aren't currently competitive with surrounding agencies.

"I'm currently a sergeant with CCSO," Mark Mercts said. "I've been employed in law enforcement since I was 19 and my family relocated here in 2003 to get out of Duval. Clay County is our home and there's no other place in the world where we'd rather raise our kids and reside. I'm here today as a longtime law enforcement officer, but as a longtime resident and taxpayer as well. Over the years, I've seen countless people come and go. We train them here and they leave for higher pay elsewhere. It's unfortunate."

He said that officers and first responders work so hard and so much for so little and compared to other counties, CCSO officers are grossly underpaid.

Many others spoke out during the public hearing in favor of the tax increase. Nobody spoke out against the tax increase, but commissioner Betsy Condon said she knows people in her district who are against this tax increase who are scared to say so. She said it's not because they don't support law enforcement – she said they'd support this tax increase if every bit of it went to public safety, which it's not – but they have things in District 4 that could use some government funding, including roads and internet.

Condon voted against approving the tentative budget Tuesday evening. The other four commissioners voted in favor of it. Condon reiterated a stance she's held since the beginning of 2021-22 budget discussions: she absolutely supports law enforcement and fire and rescue and

she believes they need more funding. She said if the funds created by the millage increase went exclusively to those departments, she'd change her vote.

"All of the millage increase doesn't go to public safety and ... that's where my concern comes up," Condon said. "I have heard from a number of people in my district...not in support of this. I resent the insinuation that if I don't support a tax increase that I support defunding the police and nothing could be further from the truth. I don't really know how to vote on this. The entire half-mill increase is not for public safety. It's just not."

District 4 resident Jack O'Hara said he applauded Condon for speaking on the millage increase.

"I applaud Commissioner Condon for being the only one on the board striving to keep to the campaign promise that was made by all commissioners to not raise county property taxes," O'Hara said. "The board failed to adequately research alternative strategies to obtain revenue that could be used toward increasing wages within [CCSO] instead of the usual knee jerk reaction of significantly raising everyone's taxes."

The other commissioners said they support the millage increase because CCSO and Clay County Fire and Rescue would receive some much-needed funding.

"I don't support taxes in general, but I think in this case, the county needs it and I think our first responders need it and I'm going to vote for it," BCC chair Mike Cella said.

The BCC approved all budget proceedings Tuesday night with 4-1 votes, with Condon dissenting each time. The final public hearing for the adoption of the 2021-22 fiscal year budget will take place in the BCC chambers on Sept. 28.



## Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register  
First Assembly  
Fleming Island

### 'Try a Little Kindness'

What do you think of when you hear the word "kindness?" Do you think of someone who always uses kind words? Or perhaps someone who typically goes out of their way to help others?

Kindness is emphasized as an important fruit that grows in the life of a Christ-Follower.

Galatians 5:22: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law".

Kindness is so much more than simply being nice or pleasant to be around. In Ephesians 4:32, kindness is likened to the forgiveness that we find in Jesus.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you". Ephesians 4:32

Anyone has the capability to be nice, whether a follower of Jesus or not. But kindness for those who proclaim Christ embodies so much more than what we normally think of when we hear this word.

In Biblical Greek, the word used for kindness denotes an idea of moral integrity and goodness. These are traits that also link this word back to Christ. We know that Jesus was the only person to ever have perfect moral integrity. He was the very definition of goodness.

Every single positive thing that those words make up the very essence of who Jesus is. He lived out all of those things in every single thing He ever did.

When we think of kindness this way, it is the act of striving to show the love of Jesus in every encounter we have with other people. Kindness is working towards and seeking the good of others. Instead of simply being about manners, kindness is about meeting the needs of others and leading them to salvation found in Jesus Christ. When we live in that way, then we are truly displaying kindness. When you live your life in this way, you are truly embodying the calling of Jesus and God's image within you. Make a decision today! Commit to showing kindness towards everyone you meet, no matter who they are. In doing so, you will be advancing the wonderful message of grace and love found in Jesus.

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**DEFENSE #13**

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LB, SR, Ridgeview High School

Jervae Wilson had eight tackles with three for losses and two quarterback sacks in Ridgeview High's come-from-behind 17-14 win over Pedro Menendez High School.



**OFFENSE #33**

**Kade Sanders**  
RB, SR., Keystone Heights

Kade Sanders had four scores by halftime en route to 156 yards rushing and five touchdowns on the night in Indians' 44-8 win over Toco Creek High School.

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Fleming Island Dreadnaught defensive end Conner McKay, No. 7, gets a group shot as well as a group hug in Saturday night Dreadnaught game and gathering at Fleming Island High.

## Dreadnaught defensive end now battling brain cancer

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - March 28, 2021, was a fateful day for Conner McKay after a successful youth football season that saw his Fleming Island Dreadnaughts 10-Under team get into the National Championship tournament by way of Valdosta "Titletown" Georgia's exclusion from the tournament.

"We started spring football and he complained of headaches so we went to the hospital to check on a concussion," said Brittany McKay, who was at Conner's side on Saturday at Fleming Island High School when members of his 10-Under team were set to take on

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Fleming Island Dreadnaught defensive end Conner McKay holds up the ball after a gamechanging fumble recovery in Dreadnaughts playoff round four loss to nationally-ranked No. 1 Titletown Valdosta last year. McKay was a fireplug defensive end for Dreadnaughts; coached by Mike Kenny, who at first advanced to national championship tournament, but then COVID forced a stop.

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# Sanders '5' leads Indians ground assault

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - In what was supposed to be a small school versus big school grudge match, Keystone Heights High's vaunted run game, led by senior Kade Sanders five touchdowns, trounced the visiting Toco Creek Academy football team 44-8 in front of a spirited Indians' stadium. Keystone Heights remained unbeaten at 3-0. Toco Creek fell to 0-2.

Keystone Heights travels next to Umatilla, now 1-2 after their win on Friday over Discovery, 20-19. Umatilla has losses of 33-8 to Belleview and 41-6 to Crescent City.

Sanders, with 146 yards on 15 carries, got his first score after just three minutes off the clock following fullback Logan Williams off right tackle from 18 yards out, pounded the interior of the Toros defense

behind a steady diet of "follow Logan Williams left, follow Logan Williams right, let the massive offensive line of Mason Dicks, Caleb Moncrief, Luke Snider, Tyler Anthony-Rozier and freshman Tyler Duncan initiated the first push-back of the Toros line to set up chunks of offensive yardage for coach Chuck Dickinson's troops.

Sanders scored from five yards out just before the end of the first quarter following Jayden Goodman, Duncan and Moncrief to put the game at 16-0. Sanders followed

Bo Overton and Mason Dicks for the two-point conversion.

A Sam Ulsch interception at midfield with 20 seconds still in the first quarter set up a 50 yard scoring run down the Toco Creek sideline to push the score to 22-0 with 10 seconds still on the clock.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Keystone Heights High running back Kade Sanders slashes for touchdown run; his second of five score night, in Indians' 44-8 win over Toco Creek Academy. Indians are 3-0.



Middleburg High wide receiver Caleb Freytag had a blast night in Broncos overtime 32-30 win over Santa Fe with two pass scores and a 95 yard kickoff return touchdown. Broncos host Class 6A and district rival St. Augustine on Friday.

## Broncos win third in OT

Freytag has big stat night

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE - After back-to-back 200-plus yards of rushing from tailback Mike Mitchell, the Middleburg High Broncos offense got stuffed a bit to the tune of just 125 total rush yards in their overtime win, 32-30, over 4A-Santa Fe (now 0-3) on Friday night in Gainesville.

Mitchell, held to 69 yards on 22 carries also did not score against Santa Fe with quarterback Luke Padgett tossing two touchdown passes and scoring off a run to keep the Broncos unbeaten.

Wide receiver Caleb Freytag got more game time with four catches for 37 yards and a touchdown. Freytag also sped 95 yards to paydirt on a kickoff return. Jordan

Wells was Padgett's second scoring target on a nine yard pass play.

Omar Holcomb snared one interception for the Bronco defense with Jared Burt blocking a Santa Fe punt.

Santa Fe quarterback Landon Rogers hit just seven passes for 212 yards with two scores; one a 73 yarder.

Middleburg will host St. Augustine on Friday in a mammoth district contest featuring the sixth-ranked in Class 6A Yellow Jackets, who lost in the Final Four in triple over time to eventual 6A runnerup Lake Minneola. St. Augustine lost a gut-wrenching 32-27 battle with Bolles last week in a game decided within the final three minutes. St. Augustine sophomore tailback Devonte Lyons finished with 199 all-purpose yards against the tough Bolles defense. St. Augustine beat Menendez 44-0 in their season opener.

## Huff, Turner excelling at Presbyterian

Presbyterian College sophomore quarterback Tyler Huff, a Ridgeview High graduate, passed for two touchdowns on seven of nine passes for 63 yards, rushed for nine yards in three carries and caught two passes; one for a touchdown in a scoring-fest 84-43 win over St. Andrews College on September 4 in the season opener for the Blue Hose.

Also, Presbyterian wide receiver Kieran Turner, a Ridgeview High graduate, had six catches for 52 yards.

Presbyterian scored 28 points in the first and second quarters to lead 56-29 at the half.

On Sept. 11, Presbyterian scored a 68-3 win over Fort Lauderdale College with Huff going seven for seven passes for 108 yards with two scores and a six yard rush touchdown. Turner grabbed three passes for 100 yards with two scores; one a 71 yarder in the second quarter, the other a 25 yarder in the first quarter.

With Presbyterian up 14-0 in the second quarter, Huff hit a 51 yard scoring pass to Matthew Rivera.



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Middleburg High volleyball got a big night in a win over Episcopal and also celebrated the 600th win for 37-year coach Carrie Prewitt.

# Prewitt eclipses 600 WINS

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - Middleburg High volleyball has been a staple of playoffs for nearly 40 years under the tutelage of coach Carrie Prewitt and within those 40; specifically 37 years, Prewitt has achieved a milestone 600th win with a 3-0 victory Thursday against Episcopal.

"I did not even know I was that close until the morning of the Episcopal game," said Prewitt. "Too many losses though. I didn't keep track of wins and certainly don't keep track of losses. I don't have a best one; just the one that you just had. The last win is always the best one."

Ironically, Prewitt did not know of the total just two days prior when her Broncos were taking on number one ranked nationally Ponte Vedra High which wound up a

tough 3-0 loss.

"I don't think it would have made much of a difference against Ponte Vedra," said Prewitt. "We played tough in that one, but they were just that good."

In her tenure, the Lady Broncos have had their glimpses of greatness with a slew of Final Fours and state championships berths, but the one that Prewitt would like back is her championship run in 2004 and that championship game against Gainesville.

"We had kids in the hospital getting IVs from food poisoning," said Prewitt. "Stephanie Bradley told a nurse to take out the IV because she had a state final to play in. We ate a healthy meal somewhere and everyone got sick and we had the state championship game two days later. They were warriors in the game though. It was sad because those girls lost to Gainesville the



One of Carrie Prewitt's most exciting seasons; or two seasons, was back-to-back Final Four finishes in 2013 and 2014.



Carrie Prewitt

**High School:** Started playing as seventh grader, Barrington High School in Illinois (Four Final Four finishes with Prewitt)

**College:** Northern Illinois University (Outside hitter)

**1985:** Arrived at Middleburg (Marilyn Lee, coach at MHS)

**Final Fours:** 1988 (Lost to Port Charlotte), 1989 (Lost to Brandon), 2003, 2004, 2013 (Lost to Jensen Beach), 2014 (Lost to Ocala Vanguard)

**State finals:** 2003 2004 (2003 lost to Gainesville 4A; 3-1

2004 lost to Gainesville 4A 3-0)

Region playoffs: 1988, 1989, 1990, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006 2007, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

previous year and I thought we had the better team."

That being said, Prewitt noted that the wins and losses are not the top priority in keeping her on the sidelines, but more the coaching relationships.

"There really is no win that is the highlight, but more just the opportunity to be a part of a kids that have a dream and are willing to work hard for it," said Prewitt, who thought she had 80 or so college athletes that have come through the program. "Jenny Manns in the 1990s was the most dominant

## Lady Broncos dumped by No. 1, Prewitt gets 600th

MHS vs. RHS: Fireworks Sept. 23

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - In area high school volleyball action, Middleburg High's Lady Broncos had the double-edged sword of playing the top-ranked Clas 4A team in Florida, the fourth ranked team in the nation and the stress of winning the 600th game for Broncos' coach Carrie Prewitt.

Against Ponte Vedra on Thursday, the Lady Broncos got whacked 3-0 against the top-ranked Lady Sharks (10-0, 1st in the state, first in Class 6A), less than a week after taking a hike to Santa Fe High (10-2, 5th ranked in Florida, First-ranked in Class 4A) and getting zipped there 3-0. Santa Fe is a top ranked Class 4A program that, at the time, Prewitt commented that they may have been the best team she has seen in a while (prior to Ponte Vedra).

The Lady Broncos, no strangers to tough schedules, rebounded back home against Episcopal with a 3-0 win that became the 600th win for Prewitt.

"It's the last win that is the special one," said Prewitt, now 4-2. "I'm just honored to be a part of a program that gets kids willing to work hard to chase their dreams."

The hill stays uphill with Bishop Kenny on the docket on Thurs., Sept. 16.

At Ridgeview, in the same district as Middleburg, the Lady Panthers (4-3) got dissed by Santa Fe also; 3-0 on September 9, and will have a trip to Ponte Vedra on Tues., Sept 14 to look forward to. Ridgeview had a road win against Oakleaf early in the week after 3-0 wins over Fletcher and Clay.

Ponte Vedra offers the first of five straight massive games for coach Stephen Henry with Fleming Island, Middleburg, Leon and Bartram Trail all on the docket.

The Middleburg vs. Ridgeview showdown is a biggie for district 3-5A with the three of the top scorers in the districts; Elaina Reynolds (RHS, 67 kills), Haley Robinson (RHS, 59), Teeya Desgoutte (RHS, 55) and Connor Rahn (MHS, 43) on both sides of the net.

"It's always going to be a battle, it always is," said Henry, an assistance under Destiny Brightman for the Panthers six year district title run. "This year, we have more fire power and bigger blockers then we have in the past. We will be hard to beat. Middleburg hasn't been able to take a win from us since I've become part of the Panther program."

Orange Park freshman Ryanne Robinson has sliced in for 36 scoring shots for the Raiders and coach Scott Conklin.

In Maxpreps.com rankings, Choc-tawhatchee is top ranked in Class 5A with Middleburg seventh and Ridgeview 10th. In the rankings, Middleburg has the highest

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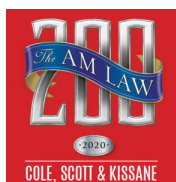


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# Blue Devils flounder to Tornadoes

By Ray DiMonda  
Correspondent

STARKE - The Clay Blue Devils, coming off a 21-14 season opening win over rival Fleming Island High last week, were feeling pretty good coming into tonight's matchup against the winless Bradford Tornadoes. Bradford opened at home against traditional powerhouse Baker County, taking a 28-18 loss. Bradford then traveled to Union County to get trounced 50-21 to start their season in a two-game hole.

*"There is no greater danger than underestimating your opponent"- Lao Tzu.*

Having a second week bye was not an ideal situation and may have bitten Clay.

"I told the kids; I take the loss. It's on me" said Clay Head Coach Kyle Kennard as he displayed extreme ownership. "I didn't have us ready to play. I knew it was going to be a tough game and I was thinking about it all week. I told the kids all week I was worried about it."

The concern played out as Clay could never get any momentum after a Tornado opening drive that put them up 7-0. The regularly strong Clay running game was shut down early, and untimely Clay interceptions would derail drives that could have turned the game.

"I hope they realize they cannot just put on that Clay High School Football jersey and come out and win games," said Kennard. "We have to prepare and we have to work to get ourselves back to what we know makes us successful. We will."

In the end, the Blue Devils took one on the chin as they absorbed their first loss of the season, 24-13.

After a less than stellar kickoff and a Clay penalty, Bradford started business with only half the field to cover. Bradford quarterback Amari Jones was a lightning bolt when he would tuck and run. Clay had good up-front work, but if they didn't stop Jones at the line, he and running back Manny Covey would juke and bob their way

into the secondary for good yardage.

At 7:20, Bradford punched in the first score to go ahead 7-0.

After the kick, the Blue Devils went to work on their own 40. Clay came out running Chris Goldstein who started having good production up the middle until Bradford adjusted. After one first down, incomplete passes and shut down runs forced a punt. Bradford was working a drive when they attempted a flea-flicker that Clay was ready for.

Clay defensive back D'maurion Frazier came down with the pass interception and Clay was back in action. The enthusiasm was tempered with a Clay holding call after the pick off, pushing Clay into their own end of the field. Clay tried runs and a pass to move the ball and were faced with third down and almost 20. A screen pass to Al'querious "Q" Ray got back half the needed yards. Facing fourth and long, too close to punt, too far for a field goal, quarterback Billy Mobley threw his first interception to kill the drive.

With the ball back just as the quarter ended, Bradford took over at their own 20, a few short runs, then a big pass out to Jeremiah Crum moved the ball into Clay territory. With a stop and a false start against Bradford, things were looking good for Clay as Bradford faced third down and 10. Jones, scrambling around to avoid a sack, found wide out Jontez Williams open, and took it to the house for a 14-0 lead.

"I give them a lot of credit," said Kennard. "They came back, made adjustments, and played their tails off. They are at home and got fired up by the crowd. They really wanted it."

Clay got on the board in the second with an aerial assault after Bradford shut down Q Ray. Mobley connected on a screen pass to get Clay first and goal, followed by a Goldstein run to put Clay on the board 14-6 at 5:48.

The point after try went wide. Bradford drove and had to settle for three points, 17-6. Clay had another attempt at



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Clay High running back Chris Goldstein gets upended by Bradford defense after breaking from line of scrimmage for gain.

a field goal with 25 seconds left in the second, and that kick also went wide.

Q Ray finished the scoring as he bruised his way up the middle of the opening drive of the third quarter to get Clay to 17-13. The Blue Devils could never get it done in the fourth quarter as the Tornadoes added one more score, 24-13. Clay would throw another interception at 2:58 left in the fourth that took all the wind out of the

sails. "They took it to us," said Kennard. "Again, I give them a lot of credit. They had their guys ready to play and we didn't and that's my fault. We'll get it fixed."

The loss may be one that brings a valuable lesson back into the weight room and onto the practice field as Clay readies to host the Ridgeview Panthers, who are coming off a late game 17-14 win over Menendez.



Clay High running back Al'Querious Ray breaks away for 80 yard run in fourth quarter of Blue Devil loss to Bradford. Run finished inside Bradford five yard line, but was nullified by penalty flag.

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**Thurs., Sept. 16**  
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**Fri., Sept. 17**

Ridgeview (1-1) at Clay (1-1) Last week: Clay lost to Starke, Ridgeview got first win, 17-14 over Menendez (Clay: RB Al'Querious Ray; RHS: QB Ben Gardiner 2TDs pass vs. Menendez)

St. Augustine (1-1) at Middleburg (3-0) Last week: St. Augustine lost to Bolles 32-27, Middleburg won 32-30 in overtime over Santa Fe (St. Augustine: Sophomore Davonte Lyons 199 yds vs. Bolles; MHS: QB Luke Padgett and WR Caleb Freytag; RB Mike Mitchell)

Fletcher (0-3) at Fleming Island (1-3) Last week: Fleming Island lost 26-0 to Creekside, Fletcher lost 16-9 to Andrew Jackson (Fletcher: Tough losses to Sandalwood 19-15, Parker 9-7, Jackson 16-9; FIHS: Big upset of Lake Minneola, handful of key players injured)

Oakleaf (2-1) at Camden County (3-1) Last week: Oakleaf lost 27-23 to Columbia, Camden County lost 40-17 to Marietta (Camden: Senior RB Jamie Felix, No. 5, 372 yds in four games, 5TDs; OHS:)

Robert E. Lee (Riverside) (3-0) at Orange Park Last week: Riverside beat Ribault 34-8; OPHS lost 49-6 to Nease (Riverside: RB Alvin Gibson (No. 3) 174 Yds vs. Atlantic Coast, 72 vs. Ribault; OPHS: RB JoJo Restall, 456 Yds rush, 3TDs, 233 vs. RHS, 46 vs. Nease)

Keystone Heights (3-0) at Umatilla (1-2) Last week: KHHS beat Toccoi 44-8, Umatilla beat Discovery 20-19. (Keystone: Kade Sanders, RB, 5TDs; Umatilla: WR Jeric Hutto, No. 2 - 14 passes, 2 TDs)

**Sept. 17**

Big clashes this Friday with Oakleaf going to Camden County, GA, and Fletcher coming to Fleming Island. Pick a game, both will be hard hitting with lots of offense. Fleming Island's quarterback situation had better be shored up by now or it will be long night.

Middleburg has first test of Wolfe era with St. Augustine coming to town. If Padgett is legit, he'll shine in this atmosphere. Bring the Broncos; Wolfe loves an upset. Cowboy better be awake in linebacker country.

Clay at Ridgeview was a district blowout last year and new coach Bryan Arnette gets his first test of street cred. He's been in the county a while and knows this is a rugged game.

First new district match for Orange Park with Riverside (Lee) bring a truck load of firepower to test Raider might. Lee coach O.J. Small brings the house when he is in town and this will be no different. Mac wants legits; wins this one. Hot quarterback returns for Small, Cale Zarah, 14TD passes, but also 10 INTs. Look for a few pick sixes by Raider defense. JoJo Restall, OP RB, will show out in this one.

Keystone Heights at Umatilla (2-8).

St. Johns coach Rocky Bantag enters the tiger den with Florida Deaf, a perennial small school power nationally. (7-1 in 2019).

# Late surge foils Knights unbeaten status

By Mike Zima  
 Correspondent

Turnabout is fair play

OAKLEAF—A week after Oakleaf overcame a 16 point deficit to stun Miami Carol City, Lake City Columbia rallied from 11 points down in the fourth quarter to defeat host Oakleaf 27-23 in a non-district game on September 10.

The Tigers comeback knocked Oakleaf, now 2-1, from the ranks of the unbeaten.

"There are a million woulda, coulda, shouldas," said Oakleaf head coach Frank Garis after the game. "We are going to watch the film and kick ourselves."

The Knights made their share of mistakes, but ultimately it was the failure to stop Columbia's passing game that led to defeat. Oakleaf's young secondary, which starts two freshman and a sophomore, was no match for the Columbia quarterback duo of Kade Jackson, who passed for 390 yards and two touchdowns, and backup Evan Umstead, who added 47 passing yards and one touchdown.

"Our eyes were not where they were supposed to be," said Garis. "Knowing whether you are in zone or man-to-man and whether you should be watching the quarterback or the receiver."

Columbia's Marcus Peterson, committed to the University of Cincinnati, caught 10 passes for 145 yards and two scores, while Tray Tolliver, Jace Hoskey, Keeven Young and Tony Fulton all had four receptions.

The Oakleaf secondary might have benefitted from a potent pass rush, but Oakleaf had just one sack on 48 Tigers pass attempts.

The Knights got off to a hot start, marching 67 yards in 10 plays on the game's opening possession, a drive capped by Drew Ammon's fade route to Taylor Bradshaw from 18 yards out. Ammon was four for four on the drive, which took less than three minutes.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY DON LONG

Oakleaf High wide receiver Taylor Bradshaw has become the go-to guy with quarterback Drew Ammon. Bradshaw snagged nine passes for 107 yards with two scores in Knights' loss to Columbia Lake City.

Columbia responded with a crisp 80 yard drive culminating in a 27 yard scoring toss from Jackson to Peterson, who caught the ball despite being interfered with on the play. Rolando Dominguez was wide left on his point after attempt, leaving Oakleaf in front 7-6.

The Tigers took the lead on a nine yard run by Jaelin Brown that punctuated an 82 yard drive midway through the second quarter, but the Knights took advantage of a Columbia miscue to regain the lead at halftime. A punt snap to Peterson was high, throwing off the timing of his kick and forcing the senior to run. Oakleaf linebacker Korey Huff tackled Peterson well short of the first down, giving the Knights possession at the Tigers 27 yard line. From there, a pass interference penalty against

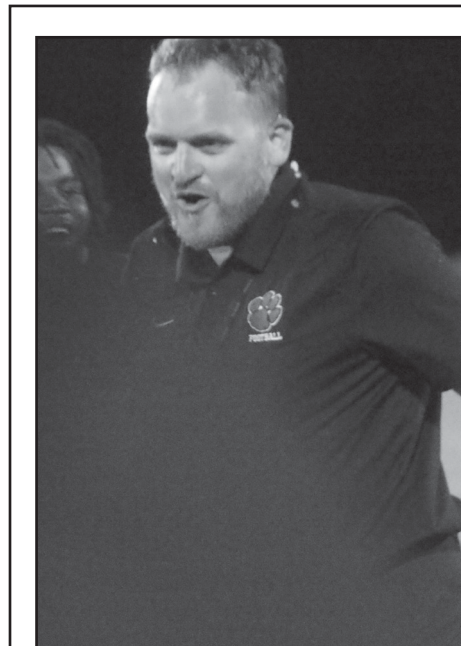
Columbia brought the ball to the 13. On third down from the eight, Ammon teamed up with Bradshaw on another fade. The junior timed his jump perfectly to rise above Columbia cornerback Jerome Carter.

Bradshaw, who has established himself as the Knights' top receiver, finished with nine catches for 107 yards.

"He is playing really well," Garis said of his junior wideout. "He does a great job of decision-making on choice routes, and he can run by people."

A two-point conversion attempt failed when Ammon's pass intended for Rae Murray was broken up. The Knights led 13-12 at the break despite being outgained 267-152 in total offense.

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**Panthers win first for Arnette**

Ridgeview High first year coach Bryan Arnette got his first Gatorade bath after his Panthers won a 17-14 thriller over Pedro Menendez on Friday.





# Stratton second to Harrison in Bales' muck

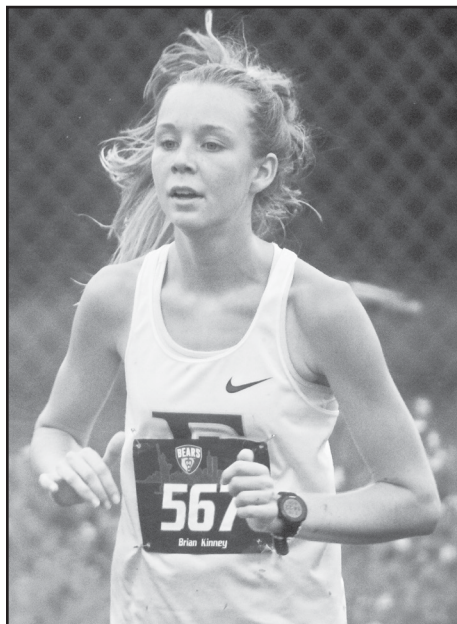
By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

BARTRAM TRAIL - St. Johns Country Day School cross country senior Matthew Stratton saw the best guy he might face all season and stayed a respectable distance in his blind side hoping for a flaw.

Didn't happen.

Stratton finished second to Nease High senior Rheinhardt Harrison, one of the top rated cross country and track runners in the United States, with a less than as fast as usual 16 minute, 25.70 second split; Harrison winning at 16:12.30, well below his top game as both runners split early on the extremely muck and mud laden tract at the Bartram Trail High Bales n Trails Cross Country Invitational on Saturday.

Ironically, it was Ridgeview High's James Snipes throwing a early mile gauntlet down to maybe entice some mid-race shenanigans with a blast from the start, but Snipes eventually finished at 10th in 16:55.40 to add to his ever-improving finish times under 17 minutes.



Fleming Island High's Lauren Schaudel has made quick strides to become top five cross country runner for Golden Eagles after year of rehab from back surgery.

Third local finisher was St. Johns sophomore Graham Myers who continued his steady ascent to faster times with a 17:13 split for 17th place; just five yards ahead of Fleming Island sophomore John Keester IV who wound up at 17:19.40.

Creekside and Nease battled for top team prize with the Knights owning the race 68-69 ahead of Bartram Trails third place 74 in one of the tightest team races in recent years.

Fleming Island's boys finished ninth at 277 with St. Johns and Ridgeview 10th and 11th, respectively. Middleburg was 15th with Orange Park 19th.

For the girls, with Orange Park's Sofia Menendez fearlessly sprinting from the start to lead the race out, it was a battle of the Bs with Bolles and Buchholz taking the seven of the top 10 finishes with Bolles' Jillian Candelino dominating up front with an 18:56.80 split and Buchholz' Kate Drummond second about 43 second behind at 19:39.30.

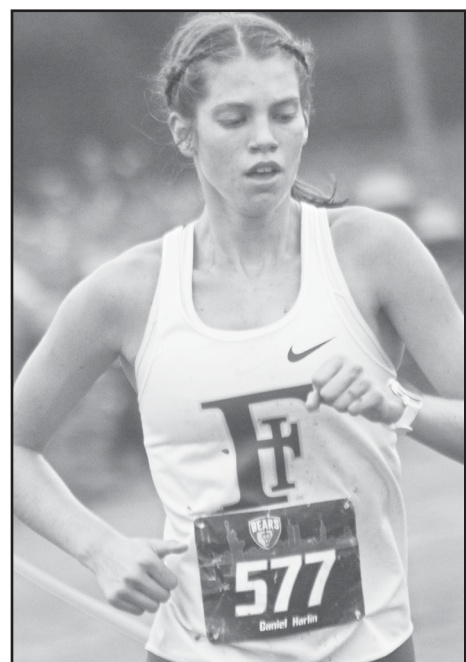
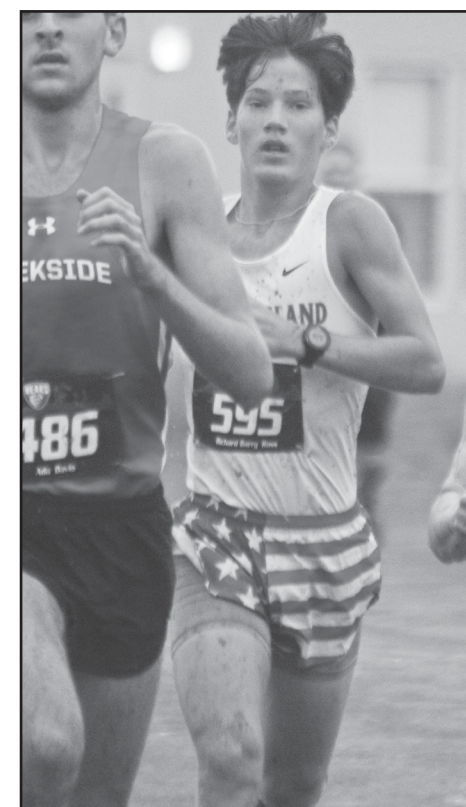
The top five were under 20 minutes with the top 16 under 21 minutes includ-



St. Johns Country Day School's Matthew Stratton, center, strides with Rheinhardt Harrison in Bales n Trails cross country action at Bartram Trail. Harrison held off Stratton at finish for 1-2 finish Saturday.



St. Johns Country Day School's Evelyn Hanson finishes after last hay bale at Bales n Trails cross country at Bartram Trail. Right: Fleming Island sophomore John Keester IV led the young Golden Eagle squad with American flag shorts at the Bales n Trail cross country meet.



Fleming Island sophomore Allie Knotts turned a fifth runner status from last year to the top finisher for the Golden Eagles in 2021.

ing Fleming Island High sophomore Allie Knotts, who has emerged as a strong contender in the early part of the season. Knotts was in at 20:50.90, a strong improvement on her 21:44.69 at the region 1-4A meet last season.

Fleming Island's girls finished fourth in the team points with Bolles first with 33, Buchholz second at 59 and Ponte Vedra third at 70. Fleming Island had 152. St. Johns' girls finished 13th.



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## Mountain Dew XC Start

Area cross country runners Joel Nesi, center, just left of American flag, and John Bear, second from left in blue, competed in the Mountain Dew Classic in Gainesville and finished in 95th for Bear for Florida State College-Jacksonville in 21:59.7 for the 6K course (3.72 miles). Grayson Iller, a graduate of Fleming Island High, finished 60th in 16:45.8 for the womens 4K course (2.5 miles). University of Central Florida freshman Camryn Williams, a grad of Keystone Heights High School, was 34th in 15:20.4. Gianna Forte, a grad of Bishop Snyder, now a sophomore at University of Florida, was 12th in 14:33.9. Meghan Bonser, a Middleburg High grad and flag football standout, finished 104th in 19:22.7 for FSCJ with another Middleburg High grad, Kayla Konnick finished 111th in 20:25.5 for FSCJ. FSCJ coached by former St. Johns Country Day School coach Jody Hale.





The Fleming Island Dreadnaught 14-Under football squad presented their state trophy to 10-Under player Conner McKay, center next to trophy, in support of his battle with a brain tumor.



Fleming Island Dreadnaughts' 10-Under team got to round four of the playoffs and battled to a 20-6 loss against national No. 1 Tilton Valdosta. The Dreadnaughts' six points were the only points scored all season against Valdosta.

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Oakleaf in a 2021 12-Under team contest under the lights at the high school. "They checked him out and found the tumor at about 2:30 a.m."

The tumor, a DIPG brain tumor, is on Conner's brainstem and both the tumor and the swelling around it affect his balance, his coordination and his vision. Conner started radiation treatments in April with a six week blast of daily treatments minus the weekends that ended on May 26.

"I fall a lot and my energy is kind of day

by day," said Conner, as his former teammates gathered for hugs at the Fleming Island festival in his honor. "It doesn't hurt, but they say they can't go in and get it out."

Brittany McKay, and husband Sean, a U.S. Naval officer, noted Conner's treatments; chemotherapy and a ton of anti-immune therapy drug trial, have kept him sustaining life, but it is his affection toward his football family that is keeping his smile intact.

For Dreadnaughts coach Michael Kenny, Conner's impact on the field and now off the field is immeasurable.

"His team was undefeated in regular season, won the conference title and made

it to round four of the national playoffs," said Kenny. "Conner was a ripped, fast and athletic defensive end that had a big motor. I play my best athletes at the defensive end position all the time and he was it. His situation made all of us recalibrate what was most important in life."

For Kenny, the impact of the diagnosis was palpable and fueled a state championship run by his 14Under team that eventually only accepted the trophy with McKay with them.

"He really inspired those guys to play to win that title for him," said Kenny. "When he went to the hospital, with COVID, we couldn't visit, but we were able to see him

from a parking lot where he could see us and our signs. He eventually went home for two days and all the 11 unders, 12 unders and 14 unders went to the house."

Conner recalled that support.

"I love these guys," said McKay. "I really wish I could run out there, but I can't run anymore."

Kenny jokingly says whenever McKay visits the practice fields, the players stop and humbly accept his presence, but that McKay is still sharp as a tack on his defensive end assignments.

"He is the guy out there asking why the defensive ends are not crashing or hustling," said Kenny. "He makes me look soft on the team because he wants his position to dominate."

Conner's stage of his 15 minutes of fame came in the playoffs last year with a gamechanging fumble recovery he had against the Tilton Valdosta team that had not given up a point for their entire season, but had to hold off a second half charge by the Dreadnaughts to win 20-6 in Lowndes County Stadium. One guy that has taken a small interest in Conner's plight is a Super Bowl quarterback who recently sent an autographed poster.

"Tom Brady heard about me and sent a poster with his autograph on it," said Conner. "He's my favorite football player. The defensive end at the Jaguars, Adam Gotsis, also sent his cleats signed and that was cool."

For now, Conner is enjoying his energy with visits to the Dreadnaughts football games for as long as he has energy.

"This is my other family," said Conner. "I will keep coming to watch as long as I can."

Conner is also enjoying a Santa Cruz 5010 bicycle he got in April.

The McKay family has a gofundme account under Conner McKay for medical expenses. Link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/20xk5uguhc?qid=459f0642fe8e24f95f4386a7148ec3e1>.

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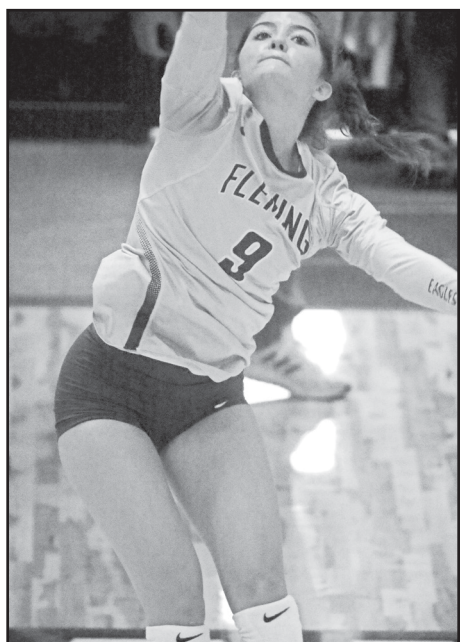
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strength of schedule rating at 12.5 with Mosley second at 12.0. Ridgeview is at 6.8.

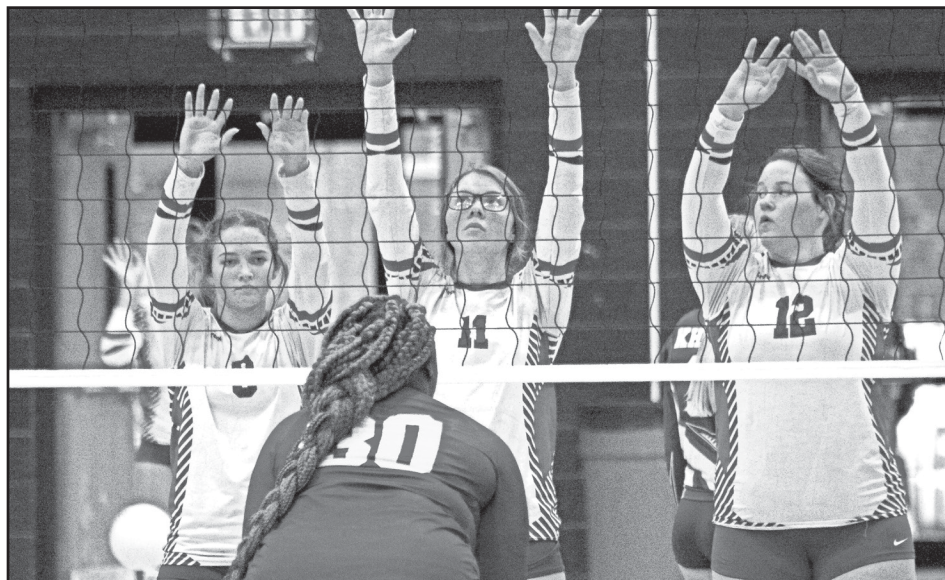
In district 4-6A, by the way, the home of Ponte Vedra High, the Golden Eagles rattled off wins over Flagler, Clay and Spruce Creek to push to 3-3 with Creekside on the immediate horizon and Ridgeview to follow to heighten the rivalry clicks around north Florida.

Spruce Creek is a traditional volleyball powerhouse program that has fallen to 1-3, but Creekside is 3-2 and held strong against Middleburg earlier in the season and Ridgeview is Ridgeview with a 3-1 win over the Golden Eagles earlier in the season.

The September 21 Ridgeview contest



Fleming Island's Makenna Clark bashes ball for Golden Eagle score.



Keystone Heights High's front net players; from left, Kierstyn Shaw, Riley Barry and Kamryn Eaton have the Lady Indians at 6-1 on the season.



Middleburg High's Allie Cox gets upward to try and thwart kill attempt against Ponte Vedra in clash with nation's top team for Lady Broncos.

could be a good barometer for the improvement of the tough Golden Eagle squad under new coach Jamie Reed with fireball assistant Sara Dandridge getting some good results from their high intensity approach. Fleming Island big swiper is Samantha

Rupert with 58 scores.

Clay High is 3-4 with tough losses to Fleming Island and Ridgeview last week, but a win over Flagler Palm Coast to end the week. Myla Boswell and Sydney Erstad lead the Lady Blue Devils scoring with 33 and 31 kills apiece.

Keystone Heights is holding strong at 6-1 with a four game win streak pending with wins over Orange Park, Interlachen, Bradford and West Nassau in the last two weeks.

On Tuesday, a trip to Baker County (3-2) will be a good test of district prowess with Eastside on Thursday. Kamryn Eaton leads with 35 kills for Lady Indians.

Oakleaf is winless in five games with Lailah Hester top hitter with 14 kills.

St. Johns Country Day School is 4-2 with Ashlyn Anderson pounding 51 scores to lead Lady Spartans. Soccer ace Lauren Mateo adds 29 scores to the roster with Brynn White hitting for 31 scores.



Fleming Island's Makenna Clark eyes set about to go over the net for Golden Eagles.



Clay High blocker Abby Rutledge goes up against Fleming Island in exciting rivalry game won by Golden Eagles.



Ridgeview High's Elaina Reynolds is top hitter in county and will be key factor in upcoming game against district rival Middleburg High.

## Prewitt

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player of her time and played college and international ball. She was an All American at the University of Florida. That 1996 team was ranked first in state, but we lost in regions."

Prewitt recalled some past players including Becca Alford, sprawling all out across the court to set Mann up for scoring kills; Courtney Veasey, an All American libero at Florida Southern, who had so much explosive energy that infused the team; Jessica Burkhart who, at times, was carried off the court for expending so much energy and Jenna Erwin knocking over chairs and making the dig then getting back on the court.

Though Middleburg has had their deep playoff runs in the past with two state title runnerup finishes and four Final Fours, Prewitt is unphased about the elusive state title.

"It's more about the journey than the wins and losses," said Prewitt, 60. "It's

about wanting the kids to experience the state championship tournament."

Prewitt has tapped a few names over her years for advice and strategy with Jill Stephens, a coach at Florida Southern, and Florida legendary coach Mary Wise on top of the list.

"Emotional and mental support is what they give me," said Prewitt. "I've brought teams to watch Florida practices. The nice thing about college coaches is that they are so willing to help. I go to a tons of coaching clinics."

Prewitt's questions to ask one of her college assets range from volleyball strategy to player emotions.

"I often ask how to approach kids that are having technical issues, motivation issues and also coach strategies for me," said Prewitt. "The difference in generations of players has evolved from 1985 to now from very competitive kids with raw talent to kids who have played club ball since age six or seven and come to the high school with a lot of volleyball intelligence."

Prewitt's final say was that no team on her schedule is more important than oth-



Carrie Prewitt chats with one of her more explosive players in Jahira Brown during playoff action in 2014.

ers.

"I don't have a favorite team or coach that I like to go after, but no team is too big or too small to go after as a rival," said

Prewitt. "We used to battle Bishop Kenny years ago, Gainesville is always tough, Ridgeview has become a good district rivalry, but all of them we go after and fight for."

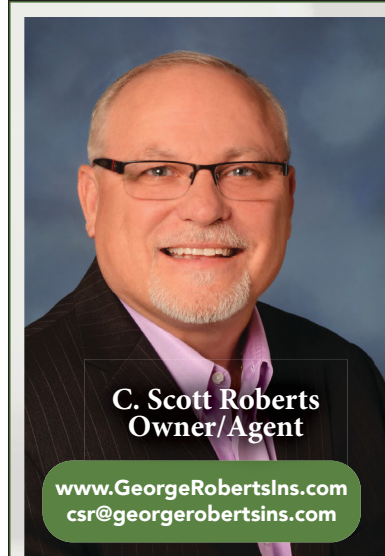


Flag football Green Cove Springs vs. Lakeside



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Green Cove Springs Junior High flag football, under coach Doug Deters, got a 19-0 win over Lakeside Junior High last week with Teaghan Moses and Kate Wilkening scoring touchdowns for the Cougars.



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## Swartz scorches Warren Golf Tourney

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High golfer Colton Swartz sizzled a back nine 32 round of golf to smack-down a 67 final score at the Golf Club of Fleming Island to finish tied for first place at the Randy Warren Memorial Invitational held Monday with the top five players all scorching the course with sub-70 scores. Swartz then won the one hole playoff for the win. Warren was the first athletic director for Fleming Island High School when the school opened in 2003. He was also athletic director during Orange Park High's 2001 boys soccer state title.

"Colton Swartz is the real deal, probably the best golfer we've had since Josh Lee (FSU)," said Bruce Cloud, Fleming Island coach. "He played his best round thus far this year, collecting five birdies, three on the back nine and only one bogey. When he is on, he's in another zone."

Tied with Providence's Andrew McLaughlin, 18th in Class 1A last year, Swartz, after a 35 on the first nine holes, was icy hot in the back nine with three birdies and six pars for his 32 finish. Swartz may have stamped his readiness to deal at the top level with both golfers hammering out 67 (4-Under par) scores to top a stellar field of state-ranked golfers. Swartz was part of Fleming Island's first state tournament team last year and finished 15th in Class 3A.

McLaughlin shot an astounding 31 in the front nine with five birdies to take the early lead, but floundered on the back nine with a 36 that included three bogies to let Swartz move up the leaderboard with his surge.

With the top five finishers under 70 and the top nine below the 72 score par, the day's competition was a tight battle of wills and execution.

In third was Bartram Trail's Brody

SEE SWARTZ, 40

# RHS duo on court at Williston

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

Former Ridgeview High volleyball standouts Ashlyn Halford and Abigail Tennant have become freshman standouts at Williston State College in North Dakota with Halford being named a team captain. Williston is in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Halford, a high-energy libero with four district titles under coach Destiny Brightman in her tenure for the Panthers, leads the Williston Buffalos with an astounding 208 digs from the backline of the team's defense scheme. Halford's total is third in the Mon-Dak Conference with the top digs at 327.

Halford is also slated to play softball for Williston.

Williston is now 7-7 overall with a 2-1 slate in conference play in the Mon-Dak Athletic Conference. Williston sits behind



Former Ridgeview High libero Ashlyn Halford, right, gets some coaching from Williston College coach Chelsea Hinck in recent game action.

Bismarck State College in the conference. Tennant, a setter, has also played in all

14 games with 10 scoring kills and 134 assists averaging 4.32 assists per set.



## Dreadnaught action at Fleming Island High

The Fleming Island Dreadnaught football program had some game action at Fleming Island High School with the 6-Unders showing off some long touchdown runs while the 14-Unders got to play "Under the Lights" later in the day.



## Oakleaf

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The momentum that turned in the Knights' favor with the botched Columbia punt stayed with them in the third quarter. Murray went up over double coverage to catch a 39 yard bomb. Two plays later, Isaiah "Shevy" Shevchok ran through a crease up the middle for 18 yards and a touchdown, dragging Tigers safety Kani Fulton with him for the final six. Ammon's point after put the hosts ahead 20-12.

Shevchok, the hero in Oakleaf's thrilling win over Carol City, rushed for 128 yards on 33 carries.

A 26 yard field goal by Ammon pushed Oakleaf's advantage to 23-12 with 10:46 remaining.

That is when things started to unravel for Oakleaf. An interception by Knights cornerback Dylan Stubbs on the ensuing Columbia possession was negated by a roughing the passer penalty that moved the ball to midfield. Umstead, subbing for an in-

jured Jackson, kept the drive alive with a 10 yard slant pass to Tolliver on a fourth and five and then found Peterson in stride up the left sideline for an 18 yard touchdown. Peterson hauled in a pass in the near corner of the end zone for a two-point conversion to cut the Oakleaf lead to 23-20 with 7:43 remaining. After an Oakleaf punt and a personal foul called against the Knights, the Tigers began their next drive on their own 32 yard line. Jackson rolled right and found Hoskey streaking across the middle of the field. Hoskey evaded a tackler coming at him from the opposite direction, outran Stubbs's pursuit angle and went up the sideline for 55 yards and a touchdown. The extra point by Dominguez gave the Tigers a 27-23 lead with 4:33 on the clock.

Stubbs' 53 yard return to the Tigers 28 yard line on the ensuing kickoff gave the Knights a golden opportunity to regain the lead, but Shevchok was tackled for a loss on fourth and two from the 20.

The Oakleaf defense forced a three and out, giving the Knights a final chance to pull

out the win. But Ammon's first pass was intercepted by Amare Ferrell on his knees at the Oakleaf 45 with 0:47 left. Murray ran a straight fly pattern, while Ammon threw the ball as if he was expecting Murray to cut or hook up.

"It was a choice route," explained Garis. "The corner squatted, so Murray ran by him. We just had kind of a miscommunication."

Garis gave credit to Riley, fellow linebackers Jaden Atteo and Vlad Rosa and cornerback Takoda Brown, who were stout against the run. Oakleaf turned the Tigers away on fourth down twice inside their own ten yard line and twice at their own 23 yard line to keep the game close.

The Knights face another stiff non-district test this Friday in their first true road game of the season, a date with Camden County High School in Kingsland, Georgia.

"We gotta test ourselves," said Garis. "We want to be battle-tested for district play."

Columbia, which entered the game ranked eighth in Class 6A, improves to 2-1.





Keystone Heights High tackler Jeremy Miller yells after quarterback against Toco Creek in 44-8 Indian win.

## Indians

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Keystone Heights' defense, with a helmet-removing tackle from Jacob Andrews, ended the first quarter at midfield.

Sanders converted a fourth and nine situation to the Toco five yard at 9:03 to halftime before Williams and Moncrief escorted Sanders to put the score at 30-0 before the halftime break.

With 20 seconds left in the half, Keystone Heights got to the Toco Creek two yard line where Sanders added one more before the break to go to 36-0. Williams punched in the two pointer to end the half at 38-0.

Dickinson again used eight ball carriers from the backfield during the campaign.

Senior Dalton Hollingsworth added another plus 100 yard night (102) with one touchdown.

Williams, the main blocker in most of Sanders' jaunts, got 81 yards on his own with Tyler Jenkins, the fourth of the Four Horsemen, getting just three carries for seven yards.

The Indians are averaging 306.7 yards rushing per game with 15 touchdowns while the defense has 8.5 sacks and five interceptions. Hollingsworth is lead tackler with 17 tackles with two for losses with junior Ryan Jones with 15 stops. For sacks, Jenkins, Anthony-Rozier and Jacob Andrews have to quarterback captures each.



Keystone Heights fullback Logan Williams powers through middle of Toco Creek defense in 44-8 win for Indians who push to 3-0.

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Available 3 days a week with  
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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Miscellaneous**

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**Miscellaneous**

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¿Luchando con la deuda fiscal? ¡Resuelve su factura de impuestos ahora! Detener las acciones de colección negativas. Negociar pagos mensuales asequibles. Llame a United Tax Fix 1-855-620-9258

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Legal Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **BUFFALO BILL LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate No: **618/2014**  
Legal Description: **LOT 43 ERVIN TRIEST DEV AS REC O R 1272 PG 479**  
Parcel ID No.: **200823-002170-001-44**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$ 2,529.74**  
Physical Address: **7467 DONALD ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**  
Classification: **VACANT RESIDENTIAL**  
Name in which assessed: **GEORGE M PHILLIPS**  
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
Dated this **27th day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 48328 published Sept 2, Sept 9, Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**PUBLIC SALE**

We Stor of Middleburg, LLC will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder. The sale will take place online at selfstorageauction.com in enforcement of Florida Statutes section 83.806 on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 4:30pm on the following units. The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted: Brian Blanton, Pamela Fields, Audrey & Anthony Martinez, Damon Mills, Frank Morabito, James Mosley, Misty Powless, Christopher Reeves, Eduardo Valenzuela.  
Legal 48407 published Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **BUFFALO BILL LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate No: **544/2014**  
Legal Description: **LOT 208 SILVER SANDS ESTATES AS REC O R 2764 PG 1403**  
Parcel ID No.: **140823-001536-008-00**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$2,376.16**  
Physical Address: **5781 SILVER SANDS CIRCLE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**  
Classification: **VACANT RESIDENTIAL**  
Name in which assessed: **CLARK JOSE LUIS DEV LLC (HEIRS)**  
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
Dated this **27th day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 48336 published Sept 2, Sept 9, Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**Legal Notice**

**FICTITIOUS NAME**

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

**Khady Rhae Investments**

Located in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.  
Dated at Orange Park, Florida this 14th day of September, 2021.  
Owner's name/corporation:  
Jasmine Austin  
Legal 48427 published Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate No: **109/2019**  
Legal Description: **PT SW1/4 E OF HWY 301 AS REC O R 1707 PG 185 & 3652 PG 1529 EX PT O R 3729 PG 1111 & 3919 PG 1209 R/W**  
Parcel ID No.: **300423-000316-001-00**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$ 2,690.75**  
Physical Address: **1359 US HIGHWAY 301, LAWTEY**  
Classification: **VACANT RESIDENTIAL**  
Name in which assessed: **ROXANNE WAINWRIGHT**  
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
Dated this **26th day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 48332 published Sept 2, Sept 9, Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **BUFFALO BILL LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate No: **617/2014**  
Legal Description: **LOT 42 ERVIN TRIEST DEV AS REC O R 1272 PG 479**  
Parcel ID No.: **200823-002170-001-43**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$2,529.74**  
Physical Address: **7465 DONALD ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**  
Classification: **VACANT RESIDENTIAL**  
Name in which assessed: **GEORGE M PHILLIPS**  
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
Dated this **27th day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 48337 published Sept 2, Sept 9, Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**Legal Notice**

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS ARMSTRONG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Armstrong Community Development District will hold their regularly scheduled public meetings for Fiscal Year 2022 at 3:30 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065 on the second Thursday of each month as follows or otherwise noted:

- October 14, 2021
- November 4, 2021 (First Thursday)
- December 9, 2021
- January 13, 2022
- February 10, 2022
- March 10, 2022
- April 14, 2022
- May 12, 2022
- June 9, 2022
- July 14, 2022
- August 11, 2022
- September 8, 2022

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agendas for each meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meetings. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations for the meetings because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meetings. 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 the 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  
Manager  
Legal 48414 published Sept 16, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to construct a 32-foot, eight-inch steel pole telecommunications tower facility located near 550 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, Clay County, Florida. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project 6121006605-MH EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, or via telephone at (785) 760-5938.

Legal 48425 published Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate No: **516/2019**  
Legal Description: **PT FARM 58 LAWRENCE DEV CO O R 332 PG 271, 494 PG 327, 974 PG 261, 3384 PG 741 & 3566 PG 1862**  
Parcel ID No.: **160823-001720-002-00**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$ 1,870.11**  
Physical Address: **6309 PAYNE RD, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**  
Classification: **VACANT W/SEYI**  
Name in which assessed: **HYTA THOMAS CAMPBELL**  
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

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**Apartment Maintenance Position Available (PART-TIME)**

*Duties & responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:*

- Basic knowledge of plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting & appliance repair
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- Complete assigned work as efficiently as possible
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- Develop, maintain courteous, effective working relationships with clients & vendors

Requires own tools & reliable transportation. References, background check & drug test required. Please apply by sending resume to [pinewood@hallmarkco.com](mailto:pinewood@hallmarkco.com)

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## Legal Notice

Dated this 26th day of August, 2021

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 48333 published Sept 2, Sept 9,  
Sept 16 and Sept 23, 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 Sept 30, 2021 at 10:00 am at 2909  
BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG,  
FL 32068, pursuant to subsection  
713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

2008 Ford 1FTSW21R18EC82284  
legal 48415 publish Sept 16, 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-00484

DIVISION:  
IN RE: ESTATE OF RONALD  
GUSTAV MASON,  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of  
RONALD GUSTAV MASON,  
deceased, whose date of death was  
July 2, 2021, is pending in the Circuit  
Court, for Clay County, Florida,  
Probate Division, the address of  
which is: P.O. Box 698, Green Cove  
Springs, Florida 32043. The names  
and addresses of the personal  
representative and the personal  
representative's attorney are set  
forth below.

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME  
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 September 16, 2021.

Personal Representative:  
TRACYE ANN POLSON  
14061 Magnolia Cove Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32224

Attorney for Personal

Representative:  
JULIE EXUM BREUER, ESQUIRE  
Florida Bar No. 097720  
Fisher, Tousey, Leas & Ball  
818 North A1A, Suite 104  
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082  
(904) 356-2600  
jeb@fishertousey.com

Legal 48428 published Sept 16 and  
Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay  
Today newspaper.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR  
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2021-CP-000524

DIVISION: AXXX  
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHERYL  
KEARNS MUELLER  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of  
CHERYL KEARNS MUELLER,  
deceased, File Number  
2021-CP-000524 Division AXXX is  
pending in the Circuit Court for Clay  
County, Florida, Probate Division,  
the address of which is P.O. Box 698,  
Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043.  
The names and addresses of the  
Personal Representative and the  
Personal Representative's attorney  
are set forth below.

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

## Legal Notice

SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS  
NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

The date of the first publication of  
this notice is September 16, 2021.

Attorney for Personal  
Representative:  
Barry J. Fuller, Esquire  
Florida Bar Number: 161927  
Fuller & Associates  
735 North Palmetto Avenue  
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043  
Telephone: (904) 264-0585  
Facsimile: (904) 264-1714

Primary email:  
bfuller@lawfuller.com  
Secondary Email:  
twegmann@lawfuller.com

Personal Representative:  
Ashley Sesso  
4639 Lawnview Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32203

Legal 48398 published Sept 16 and  
Sept 23, 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  
October 8, 2021 at 10:00am

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

Legal 48384 published Sept 16 and  
Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay  
Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF ACTION

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

CASE NO.: 2021CA000143  
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT  
MORTGAGE SERVICING  
Plaintiff(s),

vs.  
REBECCA A. LANE A/K/A  
REBECCA ANNE MYER A/K/A  
REBECCA MYER A/K/A REBECCA  
BULLOCK; GERALD D. LANE, IF  
LIVING BUT IF DECEASED, THE  
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES,  
BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEEES,  
ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS  
AND TRUSTEES OF GERALD D.  
LANE, DECEASED; AND ALL  
OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY,  
THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST  
THE NAMED DEFENDANTS; THE  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF REBECCA  
A. LANE A/K/A REBECCA ANNE  
MYER A/K/A REBECCA MYER  
A/K/A REBECCA BULLOCK;  
DODGE ENTERPRISES, INC.;  
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE U.S.  
S M A L L B U S I N E S S  
ADMINISTRATION;  
SPRINGCASTLE FINANCE  
FUNDING TRUST THROUGH ITS  
TRUSTEE WILMINGTON TRUST,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; THE  
UNKNOWN TENANT IN  
POSSESSION,  
Defendant(s).

TO: GERALD D. LANE, IF LIVING,  
BUT IF DECEASED, THE  
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES,  
BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEEES,  
ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS,  
AND TRUSTEES OF GERALD D.  
LANE, DECEASED, AND ALL  
OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY,  
THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST  
THE NAMED DEFENDANTS  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:  
UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil  
action has been filed against you in  
the Circuit Court, County of Clay,  
State of Florida, to foreclose certain  
real property described as follows:  
Lot 19, Block 2, Eagle's Hammock,  
Unit One, according to plat thereof  
recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 51, 52  
and 53 of the Public Records of Clay  
County, Florida.  
Together with that certain 1997

## Legal Notice

Mobile Home with Vehicle  
Identification No.: TBD  
Property address: 2244 Eagle's  
Hammock Boulevard, Middleburg,  
FL 32068

You are required to file a written  
response with the Court and serve a  
copy of your written defenses, if any,  
to it on Padgett Law Group, whose  
address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road,  
Suite 203, Tallahassee, Florida  
32312, at least thirty (30) days from  
the date of first publication, 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.  
Dated this 1st day of Sept., 2021.

(SEAL)  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Jaimie Pippin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 48383 published Sept 9 and  
Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay  
Today newspaper.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
File No. 2021CP000412

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY  
TORNAMBE REID  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of  
MARY TORNAMBE REID, deceased,  
whose date of death was October 16,  
2020; File Number 2021CP000412, is  
pending in the Circuit Court for Clay  
County, Florida, Probate Division,  
the address of which is Post Office  
Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL  
32043. The names and addresses of  
the personal representatives and the  
personal representative's attorney  
are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of  
this notice is September 9, 2021.

Derek B. Alvarez, Esquire -  
FBN: 114278  
DBA@GendersAlvarez.com

Anthony F. Diecidue, Esquire -  
FBN: 146528  
AFD@GendersAlvarez.com

Whitney C. Miranda, Esquire -  
FBN 65928  
WCM@GendersAlvarez.com

DENISE ALVAREZ  
DIECIDUE, P.A.  
2307 West Cleveland Street  
Tampa, Florida 33609  
Phone: (813) 254-4744  
Fax: (813) 254-5222

Eservice for all attorneys listed  
above:

GADService@GendersAlvarez.com  
DEBORAH MARGARET CHASE

Personal Representative  
2204 Hibiscus Avenue  
Middleburg, FL 32068

Legal 48353 published Sept 9 and  
Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay  
Today newspaper.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
SLINGSHOT FUNDING LLC  
SERIES 29813, the holder of the  
following certificate has filed said  
certificate for a tax deed to be issued  
thereon. The certificate number and  
year of issuance, the description of  
the property, and the names in which  
it was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate No: 5292019  
Legal Description: LOT 14  
BROOKLYN LAKE ESTATES AS  
REC O R 3999 PG 31  
Parcel ID No.: 170823-001907-000-00  
Opening Bid Amount: \$56,911.24  
Physical Address: 6514 WOODLAND  
DR, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

## Legal Notice

Classification: SINGLE FAMILY  
Name in which assessed: KEZIAH E  
MATHESON

Said property being in the County of  
Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be  
redeemed according to law, the  
property described in such  
certificate shall be sold to the  
highest bidder online on the 27th day  
of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. at  
www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.  
Dated this 26th day of August, 2021

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 48334 published Sept 2, Sept 9,  
Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay  
County's Clay Today newspaper.

## NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE

The Department of Environmental  
Protection gives notice of issuance of  
an individual permit to Arthur and  
Marianne Boyds to The permittee is  
authorizing to modify the  
construction of a single-dock and  
single-family residential house  
within the landward extent of the St.  
Johns River, a Class III, Florida  
Waterbody, including SSL. The  
Department, as delegated by the  
Board of Trustees of the Internal  
Improvement Trust Fund, gives  
notice that this project also qualifies  
for a letter of consent to use  
sovereign submerged lands.

The application has been fully  
scanned and is available for public  
inspection via the Department's  
Information Portal:

https://dep.dms.dep.state.fl.us:443/O  
culus/servlet/shell?command=hitlist  
&[freeText=]&[folderName=]&[pro  
file=Administrative%2BConstructio  
n\_Operation+Mgmt%2BDiscovery\_  
Compliance%2BEnforcement%2B  
%2BPermitting+Authorization%2B  
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[searchBy=Profile]&[sortBy=Docum  
ent+Date]&[createdDate=]&[County  
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If you have any questions or are  
experiencing difficulty viewing the  
electronic application, please call  
Katie Miller at (904) 256-1509.

This action is final and effective on  
the date filed with the Clerk of the  
Department unless a timely petition  
for an administrative proceeding is  
filed pursuant to the provisions of  
Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. On  
the filing of a timely and sufficient  
petition, this action will not be final  
and effective until further order of  
the Department. Because the  
administrative hearing process is  
designed to formulate final agency  
action, the hearing process may  
result in a modification of the agency  
action or even denial of the  
application.

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

- The name and address of each  
agency affected and each agency's  
file or identification number, if  
known;
- The name, address, any email  
address, any facsimile number, and  
telephone number of the petitioner;  
the name, address, and telephone  
number of the petitioner's  
representative, if any, which shall be  
the address for service purposes  
during the course of the proceeding;  
and an explanation of how the  
petitioner's substantial interests are  
or will be affected by the agency  
determination;
- A statement of when and how  
the petitioner received notice of the  
agency decision;
- A statement of all disputed  
issues of material fact. If there are  
none, the petition must so indicate;
- A concise statement of the  
ultimate facts alleged, including the  
specific facts that the petitioner  
contends warrant reversal or  
modification of the agency's  
proposed action;
- A statement of the specific  
rules or statutes that the petitioner  
contends require reversal or  
modification of the agency's  
proposed action, including an  
explanation of how the alleged facts  
relate to the specific rules or  
statutes; and
- A statement of the relief  
sought by the petitioner, stating  
precisely the action that the

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petitioner wishes the agency to take  
with respect to the agency's proposed  
action.

The petition must be filed (received  
by the Clerk) in the Office of General  
Counsel of the Department at 3900  
Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail  
Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida  
32399-3000. Also, a copy of the  
petition shall be mailed to the  
applicant at the address indicated  
above at the time of filing.

In accordance with Rule  
62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an  
administrative hearing by the  
applicant must be filed within 14  
days of receipt of this written notice.  
Petitions filed by any persons other  
than the applicant, and other than  
those entitled to written notice  
under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be  
filed within 14 days of publication of  
the notice or within 14 days of  
receipt of the written notice,  
whichever occurs first. Under  
Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any  
person who has asked the  
Department for notice of agency  
action may file a petition within 14  
days of receipt of such notice,  
regardless of the date of publication.

The failure to file a petition within  
the appropriate time period shall  
constitute a waiver of that person's  
right to request an administrative  
determination (hearing) under  
Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or  
to intervene in this proceeding and  
participate as a party to it. Any  
subsequent intervention (in a  
proceeding initiated by another  
party) will be only at the discretion  
of the presiding officer upon the  
filing of a motion in compliance with  
Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a  
person whose substantial interests  
are affected by the Department's  
action may also request an extension  
of time to file a petition for an  
administrative hearing. The  
Department may, for good cause  
shown, grant the request for an  
extension of time. Requests for  
extension of time must be filed with  
the Office of General Counsel of the  
Department at 3900 Commonwealth  
Boulevard, Mail Station 35,  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000,  
before the applicable deadline for  
filing a petition for an administrative  
hearing. A timely request for  
extension of time shall toll the  
running of the time period for filing  
a petition until the request is acted  
upon.

Mediation is not available in this  
proceeding.

The applicant, or any party within  
the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a)  
or 373.4275, F.S., may also seek  
appellate review of this order before  
the Land and Water Adjudicatory  
Commission under Section 373.114(1)  
or 373.4275, F.S. Requests for review  
before the Land and Water  
Adjudicatory Commission must be  
filed with the Secretary of the  
Commission and served on the  
Department within 20 days from the  
date when this order is filed with the  
Clerk of the Department.

Legal 48409 published Sept 16, 2021  
in Clay County's Clay Today  
newspaper

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR  
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2021-CP-000468

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID  
RANDAL THOMAS,  
Deceased.

The Administration of the Estate of  
David Randal Thomas, deceased,  
whose date of death was March 5,  
2021, is pending in the Circuit Court  
for Clay County, Florida, Probate  
Division, the address of which is  
7380 FL-100 #10, Keystone Heights,  
FL 32656. The names and addresses  
of the Personal Representative and  
the Personal Representative's  
attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and  
other persons having claims or  
demands against Decedent's Estate  
on whom a copy of this Notice is  
required to be served must file their  
claims with this Court ON OR  
BEFORE THE LATER OF 3  
MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF  
THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF  
THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER  
THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A  
COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the Decedent  
and other persons having claims or  
demands against Decedent's Estate  
must file their claims with this Court  
WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE  
DATE OF THE FIRST  
PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN  
THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH

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IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION  
733.702 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 September 16, 2021

Attorney for Personal  
Representative:  
Dennis J. Szafran, Esq.  
Florida Bar Number: 118448  
DJS Law Group  
13119 W. Linebaugh Avenue,  
Suite 102  
Tampa, Florida 33626  
Telephone: (888) 266-1078  
Fax: (727) 498-3661  
E-Mail: service@djslaw.org  
Secondary E-Mail: ally@djslaw.org

Personal Representative:  
Karen Smith Thomas  
3534 Devilwood Street  
Middleburg, Florida 32068

Legal 48416 published Sept 16 and  
Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay  
Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IDE  
TECHNOLOGIES INC, the holder of  
the following certificate has filed  
said certificate for a tax deed to be  
issued thereon. The certificate  
number and year of issuance, the  
description of the property, and the  
names in which it was assessed are  
as follows:

Certificate No: 11722019

Legal Description: PT LOT 40 BLK A  
LONGBAY AS REC O R 209 PG 681 &  
407 PG 167 EX PT O R 518 PG 689

Parcel ID No.: 350424-005742-001-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$ 10,017.64

Physical Address: 4076 PINTO

ROAD, MIDDLEBURG

Classification: MOBILE HOME

Name in which assessed: GARY F

BELL & DONNA G BELL

Said property being in the County of

Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be  
redeemed according to law, the  
property described in such  
certificate shall be sold to the  
highest bidder online on the 27th day  
of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. at  
www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2021

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 48335 published Sept 2, Sept 9,  
Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay  
County's Clay Today newspaper.

## PUBLIC SALE

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

1939 East West Parkway, Fleming  
Island, FL 32003.  
October 8, 2021 at 10:00am

Travis Arnold Myers- Household  
Goods

Zaki McLarin- Household goods

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

Legal 48406 published Sept 16  
and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's  
Clay Today newspaper

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

OCTOBER 11, 2021 @ 10:00AM  
2009 VOLK WVWBA71K39W130735  
2013 KIA KNDJT2A62D749448  
2014 VOLK 3VWPP7AJ1EM604703  
2018 INTL 3HAMMMMM9JL546256  
2000 MITS JA3AY26C5YU025313  
1995 DODG 1B7HC16Z7SS172751

Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of  
the FL Statute, Clay County Towing  
reserves the right to accept or reject  
any or all bids.  
Legal 48402 publish Sept 16, 2021 in  
Clay County's Clay Today newspaper



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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
 Certificate No: **1687/2019**  
 Legal Description: **PT OF N 1/2 OF SE 1/4 A/K/A LOT 11 AS REC O R 169 PG 305 & 2460 PG 639 & 3857 PG 1525 EX PT O R 483 PG 328**  
 Parcel ID No.: **240524-006573-000-00**  
 Opening Bid Amount: **\$3,094.10**  
 Physical Address: **3673 COUNTY ROAD 218, MIDDLEBURG**  
 Classification: **MOBILE HOME**  
 Name in which assessed: **LYNN ANN COLETTA/L/E**  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **17th day of November, 2021 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
 Dated this **13th day of September, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Jewel Baskin  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 48423 published September 16, September 23, September 30 and Oct 7, 2021 Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **ELLIOTT JACOB RYAN**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
 Certificate No: **486/2018**  
 Legal Description: **LOT 150 SILVER SANDS ESTATES AS REC O R 3148 PG 1123**  
 Parcel ID No.: **140823-001531-000-00**  
 Opening Bid Amount: **\$2,451.73**  
 Physical Address: **5669 SILVER SANDS CIR, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**  
 Classification: **VACANT RESIDENTIAL**  
 Name in which assessed: **WINDER VILLIC**  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
 Dated this **26th day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Jewel Baskin  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 48329 published Sept 2, Sept 9, Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**



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**FICTITIOUS NAME**

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes  
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

**PRIME WOODWORK**

Located at 3216 Sexton Dr. in the County of CLAY, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.  
 Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida this 9th day of September, 2021.  
 Owner's name/corporation:  
 Mark Schleif  
**Legal 48411 published Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to consider the adoption of an ordinance bearing the following title:  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING TABLES 1 AND 2 OF THE CLAY COUNTY FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
 All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to the ordinance. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected by members of the public at the County Commission Offices, Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of legal holidays.  
 In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 269-6347, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).  
 Board of County Commissioners  
 Clay County, Florida  
**Legal 48422 published Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 File No. 2021-CP-000502  
 DIVISION: A  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF ROSE E. MEACHAM PIERSON,**

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Deceased.  
 The Administration of the Estate of Rose E. Meacham Pierson, deceased, whose date of death was August 7, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.  
 All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this Notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
 All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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 September 16, 2021  
 Attorney for Personal Representative: Lauren A. Merritt  
 Lauren A. Merritt, P.A.  
 Florida Bar Number: 1017893  
 111 S. De Villiers Street, Suite B  
 Pensacola, FL 32502  
 Telephone: (850) 741-2999  
 Fax: (850) 466-0956  
 E - M a i l : l a u r e n @laurenmerrittlaw.com

Personal Representative:  
 Don L. Pierson  
 3312 Canyon Valley Trail  
 Plano, Texas 75023  
**Legal 48424 published Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

(Summary Administration)  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 File No. 2021-CP-000441  
 Division B

**IN RE: ESTATE OF VELMA FAYE THOMAS, Deceased.**  
 TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:  
 You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of VELMA FAYE THOMAS, deceased, File Number 2021-CP-000441, by the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043; that the decedent's date of death was May 8, 2021; that the total value of the estate is exempt from claims to creditors; and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name/Address  
 KENNETH A. THOMAS  
 1583 Scottridge Lane  
 St. Johns, Florida 32259  
 BEVERLY RENE THOMAS  
 533 B. Mallard Lane  
 Sugar Grove, Illinois 60554  
 KARIN MICHELLE COATES  
 19314 Big Timber Road  
 Tyler, Texas 75703  
 ADAM DILLOW  
 3123 Phyllis Street  
 Jacksonville, Florida 32205  
 ALL INTEREST PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against estate of the decedent other than

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those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
 The date of first publication of this notice is July 28, 2021.  
 Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
 GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR.  
 Attorney for Petitioner  
 Florida Bar Number: 887950  
 Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.,  
 Attorneys at Law, P.A.  
 1543 Kingsley Ave, Suite 5  
 Orange Park, Florida 32073  
 Telephone: (904) 264-8800  
 Fax: (904) 264-0155  
 Primary email address:  
 grady@floridaelder.com  
 Secondary email address:  
 donna@floridaelder.com

Person Giving Notice:  
 KENNETH A. THOMAS  
 1583 Scottridge Lane  
 St. Johns, Florida 32259  
**Legal 48401 published Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**Public Notice Clay County School Board**

The Clay County School Board will hold a Workshop on **Tuesday, September 28th, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the draft agenda for the October 7, 2021 Regular meeting. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to [hannie.onora@myoneclay.net](mailto:hannie.onora@myoneclay.net) or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at [www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net) or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
**Legal 48403 published Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **HMF FL J LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
 Certificate No: **1572/2019**  
 Legal Description: **PT. OE. GOV LOT 14 AS REC O R 3621 PG 1218**  
 Parcel ID No.: **110524-006074-002-00**  
 Opening Bid Amount: **\$4,007.06**  
 Physical Address: **2077 WISTERIA LN, MIDDLEBURG**  
 Classification: **SINGLE FAMILY**  
 Name in which assessed: **STEVE TRAN**  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be

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redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **17th day of November, 2021 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
 Dated this **13th day of September, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Jewel Baskin  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 48421 published September 16, September 23, September 30 and Oct 7, 2021 Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 2021-483-CP  
 DIVISION:

**IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD MICHAEL HIGBE,**  
 The administration of the estate of RICHARD MICHAEL HIGBE, deceased, whose date of death was July 29, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IS SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED." The date of first publication of this notice is September 16, 2021. KEYSER & SHARBAUGH, P.A. TIMOTHY KEYSER Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar Number: 181740 Post Office Box 92 Interlachen, Florida 32148 (386) 684-4673 fax: (386) 684-4674 [serve@ks.legalpersonal.com](mailto:serve@ks.legalpersonal.com)  
 Representative JOHN GILBERT HIGBE 5633 Ortega Farms Boulevard Jacksonville, Florida 32244  
**Legal 48391 published Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

Person Giving Notice:  
 TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Jewel Baskin  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 48330 published Sept 2, Sept 9, Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
 Certificate No: **18/2019**  
 Legal Description: **PT OF W1/2 A/K/A LOT 6 AS REC O R 1281 PG 627, 1420 PG 1300 & 1706 PG 392 & 2067 PG 2102**  
 Parcel ID No.: **030423-000015-060-00**  
 Opening Bid Amount: **\$4,215.69**  
 Physical Address: **6114 B LIANA LEE DR, JACKSONVILLE**  
 Classification: **MOBILE HOME**  
 Name in which assessed: **RITA F WOODER**

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Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
 Dated this **20th day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Jewel Baskin  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 48297 published August 26, Sept 2, Sept 9 and Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **DUFFER O DAY HOLDINGS LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
 Certificate No: **3455/2018**  
 Legal Description: **PT OF LOT 20 BEING N 100 OF E 140 OF S 300 SEC 8 O.P. OR 115 PG 173 & 1282 PG 240**  
 Parcel ID No.: **410426-020232-000-00**  
 Opening Bid Amount: **\$4,347.91**  
 Physical Address: **1949 MILLER STREET, ORANGE PARK**  
 Classification: **CLUBS/LODGES**  
 Name in which assessed: **PARK LODGE 90 OF ORANGE PARK THEODIS MOULTRY ET AL TRUSTEES**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
 Dated this **26th day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Jewel Baskin  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 48330 published Sept 2, Sept 9, Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY  
 GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO: 2021CA000709  
**CREEKVIEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, Plaintiff,**  
**v.**  
**THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS OF CREEKVIEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHTS, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS HEREIN DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY, Defendants.**

**TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS OF THE CREEKVIEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ("DISTRICT"), INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED**

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**BY THE ISSUANCE OF CREEKVIEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE BONDS, OR TO BE AFFECTED THEREBY:**

The above cause comes to be heard upon the Complaint filed herein by the District in the County of Clay, State of Florida, seeking to determine the authority of said District to issue its Creekview Community Development District Special Assessment Revenue Bonds ("Bonds") in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$115,325,000, to determine the legality of the proceedings had and taken in connection therewith, and the legality of all proceedings in connection therewith, and seeking a judgment of this Court that: (a) the District has been validly established and lawfully exists as a local unit of special purpose government; has the power to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain and otherwise undertake the Capital Improvement Plan, and to issue the Bonds, and has properly approved the issuance of the Bonds; (b) the Bonds and all of the proceedings attendant thereto are valid and in conformity with law, and the assessments securing said Bonds, when validly levied, will constitute a first lien on the property in the District against which they are assessed; (c) the District has duly authorized the execution and delivery of the Master Indenture and the execution and delivery from time to time of indentures supplemental thereto, and the Bonds will constitute valid and binding obligations of the District, and will be enforceable by their terms; (d) the District has the power to plan, finance, acquire, construct, reconstruct, equip and install, in one or more stages, the Capital Improvement Plan; (e) the Capital Improvement Plan will serve a valid public purpose; and (f) the members of the District's Board of Supervisors have been duly and validly elected. The aforesaid Complaint having been presented to this Court, and this Court being fully advised in the premises, this Court hereby issues this Notice and Order to Show Cause:

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** all taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the District, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation, and others having or claiming any rights, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds or to be affected thereby, and the State of Florida, through the State Attorney of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, appear on **October 4, 2021, at 2:15 p.m. (15 Minutes)**, before the Honorable Don H. Lester, at the William A Wilkes Judicial Center, Room 4-077, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, and show cause, if any, why the prayers of said Complaint for the validation of the Bonds should not be granted and the Bonds, the proceedings thereon, and other matters set forth in said Complaint, should not be validated as prayed for in said Complaint. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, this Court has authorized remote appearance via Zoom for this hearing. To that end, any interested individual may participate online via Zoom by using the following link and access information attached.

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

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Order, the State of Florida, and the several taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the District, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and others having or claiming any rights, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds or to be affected thereby, shall be and are made party defendants to this proceeding, and that this Court shall have jurisdiction of them to the same extent as if specifically and personally named as defendants in said Complaint and personally served with process in this cause. **DONE AND ORDERED** at the Courthouse in Clay County, Florida, this 2nd day of September 2021.

The Honorable Don H. Lester  
Circuit Court Judge

2021 CA 709  
15 mins on order to show cause/  
complaint for validation - October 4  
at 2:15

Judge Don Lester is inviting you to  
a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **ATCE II FLORIDA A LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2660/2018**  
Legal Description: **LOT 27 BLK 31 MEADOWBROOK 9 AS REC O R 279 PG 95, 1146 PG 241 & 3472 PG 697**  
Parcel ID No.: **010425-011729-000-00**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$38,555.92**  
Physical Address: **455 W BLAIRMORE BLVD, ORANGE PARK**  
Classification: **SINGLE FAMILY**  
Name in which assessed: **MAUREEN L GRIMES MAHAR**  
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **13th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com)**.  
Dated this **23rd day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 48313 published August 26,  
Sept 2, Sept 9 and Sept 16, 2021 in  
Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1111/2019**  
Legal Description: **SE1/4 OF NE1/4 AS REC O R 60 PG 458 & 1918 PG**

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**1062 EX PT O R 316 PG 624, 382 PG 458, 388 PG 130, 394 PG 71, 531 PG 450, 536 PG 325, 560 PG 315, 732 PG 169, 864 PG 91, 876 PG 12 & 932 PG 249**

Parcel ID No.: **260424-005605-000-00**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$ 3,185.99**  
Physical Address: **HATCHER RD, MIDDLEBURG**  
Classification: **VACANT RESIDENTIAL**  
Name in which assessed: **BELVA B CONNOR**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
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Dated this **26th day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

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Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay  
County's Clay Today newspaper.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 10-2021CP000434  
PROBATE DIVISION: PROBATE  
In re the Estate of **ARTHUR R. THOMAS**  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of **ARTHUR R. THOMAS**, deceased, whose date of death was May 18, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Judge William A. Wilkes Judicial Complex (Clay County Courthouse), 825 North Orange Avenue / P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and the other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME 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 September 9, 2021.

Personal Representative  
Mark R. Thomas  
6282 Island Forest Drive  
Orange Park, Florida 32003

Attorney for Personal Representative  
Karel Ourednik IV  
Florida Bar Number 0535230  
Ourednik Law Offices, P.A.  
4600 Touchton Road East, Suite 1150  
Jacksonville, FL 32246  
Telephone: (904) 396-8080  
Facsimile: (904) 404-7063  
karel@ourednik.com  
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Certificate No: **2860/2018**  
Legal Description: **LOT 35 & 36 BLK 13 FLEMING ISL ESTATES AS REC OR 117 PG 96 & 1833 PG 1983**  
Parcel ID No.: **380526-014921-000-00**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$4,040.46**  
Physical Address: **FLORIDA STREET, FLEMING ISLAND**  
Classification: **VACANT RESIDENTIAL**  
Name in which assessed: **MARGARET Q MILLS ET AL JOHN M QUARTERMAN HARRY S QUARTERMAN**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com)**.  
Dated this **20th day of August, 2021**

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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Certificate No: **128/2018**  
Legal Description: **PT SE1/4 OF NW1/4 A/K/A LOT 12 & 12B WESTWOOD UNREC AS REC OR 2565 PG 1188**  
Parcel ID No.: **340423-000341-043-00**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$57,985.66**  
Physical Address: **1642 WESTWOOD COURT, MAXVILLE**  
Classification: **SINGLE FAMILY**  
Name in which assessed: **RUTH LASH**  
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **13th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com)**.  
Dated this **23rd day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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Certificate No: **150/2019**  
Legal Description: **PT OF LOT 20 WEST BIG BRANCH UNIT 1 AS REC O R 3857 PG 754**  
Parcel ID No.: **360423-000384-001-00**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$2,492.04**  
Physical Address: **5374 COUNTY ROAD 218, MIDDLEBURG**

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Clay County, Florida  
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Classification: **MOBILE HOME**  
Name in which assessed: **REBECCA MCCRACKIN**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
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Dated this **20th day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
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By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 48298 published August 26,  
Sept 2, Sept 9 and Sept 16, 2021 in  
Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. O-17-2021**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR ±0.433 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 518 N PINE AVE, IDENTIFIED AS TAX ID NUMBERS 017656-000-00 AND 017659-000-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A", FROM COMMERCIAL HIGH INTENSITY TO INSTITUTIONAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**ORDINANCE NO. O-18-2021**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA REZONING ±0.433 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED 518 N PINE AVE, IDENTIFIED AS TAX ID NUMBERS 017656-000-00 AND 017659-000-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A", FROM C-2 GENERAL C O M M E R C I A L T O INSTITUTIONAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinances:  
Planning & Zoning Board:  
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter  
City Council:  
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter  
City Council:  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter  
Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, they will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay - Dial 7-1-1.  
Said Ordinances are available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.  
City of Green Cove Springs  
Heather Glisson, Development Services Representative  
321 Walnut Street  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
Steve Kennedy, City Manager  
Legal 48419 published Sept 16,  
2021 in Clay County's Clay Today  
newspaper

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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Certificate No: **220/2019**  
Legal Description: **PT OF NW 1/4 S14T5R23 A/K/A LOT 9-B DEERPATH III UNREC AS REC O R 1386 PG 2043, 1401 PG 2227, 2168 PGS 475-478, 2286 PG 939, 3132 PG 230 & 3526 PG 735**  
Parcel ID No.: **140523-000561-001-57**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$31,440.14**  
Physical Address: **5678 OLD LAWTEY ROAD, MIDDLEBURG**  
Classification: **MOBILE HOME**  
Name in which assessed: **SHALYNE N MOKAN**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com)**.  
Dated this **20th day of August, 2021**

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk


Legal 48296 published August 26,  
Sept 2, Sept 9 and Sept 16, 2021 in  
Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding a Special Exception to allow an Emergency Shelter to be located at 518 N Pine Ave, parcel numbers 17656-000-00 and 017597-000-00:  
Planning and Zoning Board:  
Tuesday, September 28, 2021  
at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.  
Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The property currently has a future land use designation of Commercial High Intensity and a zoning designation of C-2 General Commercial, but concurrent applications have been submitted to amend the future land use and rezone the property both to Institutional designations.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay - Dial 7-1-1.  
Said application is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.  
All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.  
City of Green Cove Springs  
Heather Glisson, Development Services Representative  
321 Walnut Street  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
Steve Kennedy, City Manager  
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to request the necessary form. It will run  
in our legal section for one week for  
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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (LEVY)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the CIRCUIT Court, CLAY County, Florida, Case No. 2011CC834 on JUNE 28, 2021 in the matter of CLYDE BARBER, plaintiff and MICHAEL SAUNDERS, defendant, I, Michelle Cook, As Sheriff of Clay County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant(s) MICHAEL SAUNDERS, to-wit:

**Description of Property**  
**4779 PEPPERGRASS STREET**  
**MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068**  
 and on OCTOBER 27, 2021, at 0900 Hours, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, at 825 N. ORANGE AVENUE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043, 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.

This is a sale of a partial interest only. The defendant is the owner of an undivided one half interest in the real property described herein.

MICHELLE COOK,  
 As Sheriff of Clay County, Florida  
 SGT. JOHN PARKER #5061  
**Legal 48370 published Sept 9, Sept 16, Sept 23 and Sept 30, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**SANDRIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Sandridge Community Development District ("District") will hold a regular meeting on September 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., or immediately after the adjournment of the 9:30 a.m., Creekside Community Development District Meeting, at the office of Carlton Construction, Inc., 4615 U.S. Highway 17, Suite 1, Fleming Island, Florida 32003, for the purpose of considering any business that may come before the Board, necessary for the operation of the District.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The meeting may be continued in progress to a date and time certain announced at the meeting. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the offices of the District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010, during normal business hours or by visiting the District's website <https://sandridgecd.dd.net/>.

If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least 48 hours 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.

**Legal 48410 published Sept 2, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its preparation of a draft permit to the Chemours Company FC LLC, Stuart Forester, Director, P O Box 753, Starke, Florida 32091 for the Florida Mine - Highland, that applied on March 27, 2021, to the Department of

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Environmental Protection for a permit to continue to operate a 40 mgd industrial wastewater treatment facility which discharges stormwater and process wastewater to Boggy Branch and land apply process wastewater and stormwater from un reclaimed lands to a percolation pond system. Final discharge is to the north (Outfall D-002) arm of Boggy Branch, a Class III fresh water of the state. Wastewater is generated from the dry mill operation and stormwater runoff from mining areas. A portion of the connector ditch for the current outfall D-002 will continue to serve as the seepage collection and recycle system. The facility is located at latitude 30o 3' 21.2488" N, longitude 82o 2' 58.1248" W, on 274 NE County Road 125, Lawtey, Florida 32058-3258 in Clay County. The Department has assigned permit file number FL0000035-011-IW3S to the proposed project.

The permit application file and supporting data are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7577, at phone number (904)256-1700.

**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**  
 The Department intends to issue the permit unless as a result of public comment appropriate changes are made.

**Written Comments or Request for Public Meeting**

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Department's proposed permitting decision or may submit a written request for a public meeting to Jeff Martin, P.E., FDEP Permitting Program, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7577, in accordance with Rule 62-620.555, F.A.C. The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the information set forth below and must be received in the Department's Northeast District Office.

The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the following information:

- (a) The commenter's name, address, and telephone number; the applicant's name and address; the Department permit file number; and the county in which the project is proposed;
- (b) A statement of how and when notice of the Department's action or proposed action was received;
- (c) A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision;
- (d) A statement of which rules or statutes require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and
- (e) If desired, a request that a public meeting be scheduled, including a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the meeting. If a public meeting is held, any person may submit oral or written statements and data at the public meeting on the Department's proposed action. As a result of significant public comment, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this draft permit.

**Time Period for Submitting Written Comments or Requesting a Public Meeting**

Comments submitted by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to notice under Rule 62-620.550, F.A.C., must be received within 30 days of publication of the public notice. Failure to submit comments or request a public meeting within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to submit comments or request a public meeting under Rule 62-620.555, F.A.C.

If a public meeting is scheduled, the public comment period is extended until the close of the public meeting. However, the Department may not always grant a request for a public meeting. Therefore, written comments should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice, even if a public meeting is requested.

**Legal 48395 published Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**Legal Notice**

**FICTITIOUS NAME**

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

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

**Painter John's Pinstriping**

Located at 4902 Alligator Blvd., in the County of CLAY, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida this 14th day of September, 2021.

Owner's name/corporation: John E. Fiorentino  
**Legal 48430 published Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC.**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1775/2017**  
 Legal Description: **PT OF LOT 26 SEC 25 AS REC O R 1125 PG 128**  
 Parcel ID No.: **250524-006593-038-28**  
 Opening Bid Amount: **\$33,139.61**  
 Physical Address: **2869 SPRING DR. MIDDLEBURG**  
 Classification: **SINGLE FAMILY**  
 Name in which assessed: **ANNETTA L HALL C/LE**  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).  
 Dated this 2nd day of September, 2021

TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Jewel Baskin  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 48367 published Sept 9, Sept 16, Sept 23 and Sept 30, 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-000470 Division A

**IN RE: ESTATE OF JUDY ELAINE BURDGE Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of Judy Elaine Burdge, deceased, whose date of death was July 10, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue / PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN 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 September 16, 2021.

Attorney for Personal Representative  
 L. J. Arnold III Attorney  
 Florida Bar No. 154474  
 Arnold Law

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P.O. Box 1570  
 718 North Orange Avenue  
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
 Telephone: (904) 284-5618  
 Fax: (904) 284-5937  
 E-Mail: arnold3service@gmail.com  
 Secondary E-Mail: marie.arnoldlaw@gmail.com  
 Personal Representative: Tara A. Hedding  
 3483 Oglebay Drive  
 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

**Legal 48392 published Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**Notice of Regular Meeting**

**Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District**  
 The Board of Supervisors of the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District will hold their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the Splash Park, located at 1510 Calming Water Drive, Fleming Island, Florida.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate via phone. This meeting may be continued to a date, time and location to be specified on the record at the meeting without further publication of notice.

Anyone wishing to participate in the meeting should contact the District Manager's Office at 904-436-4102 prior to the meeting to confirm the applicable access and/or location information. Additionally, interested parties may refer to the District's website for the latest information on how to participate in the meeting: [www.fipcommunitycd.com/](http://www.fipcommunitycd.com/)  
 Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (954) 603-0033 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 800-955-8771 (TTY)/800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting is advised that person will 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.

Janice Eggleston Davis  
 District Manager  
**Legal 48405 published Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE CREEKVIEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the Creekview Community Development District ("District") hereby gives notice of its intention to develop Rules of Procedure to govern the operations of the District.

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

The purpose and effect of the Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. The legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes (2021). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011(3), 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, Florida Statutes (2021).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by

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contacting the District Manager, c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, Phone: (877) 276-0889.

Craig Wrathell, District Manager  
 Creekview Community Development District

**Legal 48393 published Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC SALE**

On 10/01/2021 at 00:00 AM an auction will take place at 1046 Airpark Rd. Green Cove Springs Fl 32043. The vehicles which will be auctioned include:

4NUES16SX56701541 2005 ISU

**Legal 48418 publish Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **N E FLORIDA LAND WATCH LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1760/2014**  
 Legal Description: **PT LOT 7 AS REC O R 61 PG 364 EX PT REC O R 105 PG 584**  
 Parcel ID No.: **140524-006371-000-00**  
 Opening Bid Amount: **\$5,470.70**  
 Physical Address: **2575 PINELLAS LN, MIDDLEBURG**  
 Classification: **VACANT W/SFYI**  
 Name in which assessed: **LUKE JOHNS (HEIRS)**  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 27th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).  
 Dated this 2nd day of September, 2021

TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Jewel Baskin  
 Deputy Clerk

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**Bid Notices**

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, October 18, 2021, at the Clay County Administration Building, fourth floor, Purchasing Department, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, for the following:

**BID NO. 20/22-2, SHANDS PIER REMOVAL PROJECT**

Bids will be opened at 9:00 AM., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", fourth floor, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the 4051 Shands Pier Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, on September 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Bids will not be valid unless received by the proposal deadline and in a sealed envelope marked "BID NO. 21/22-2, SHANDS PIER REMOVAL PROJECT". Envelopes are to be submitted in person or delivered by courier to the above address.

All communications with the County regarding this Bid should be directed to Amber Hobbs, Purchasing Department, (904) 529-3857 or by email: [purchasing@claycountygov.com](mailto:purchasing@claycountygov.com)

Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bond shall include cashier or certified checks payable to the County. The County reserves the right to waive formalities in any bid, to reject any or all bids with or without cause, including the lack of availability of adequate funds, regulatory agency requirements, and/or to accept the bid that, in its judgement, will be the best interest of the County.

Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local

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preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy for both can be viewed at: <https://www.claycountygov.com/home/showdocument?id=926>

**FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" OR A "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: HTTP://WWW.CLAYCOUNTYGOV.COM/DEPARTMENT/PURCHASING-DIVISION/BCC-BID-TABS-CURRENT-BIDS/INTENT-BIDS-REJECTION-BIDS. THIS WEBSITE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: WWW.CLAYCOUNTYGOV.COM BY FOLLOWING THE "NOTICE OF INTENT BIDS" LINK UNDER THE "BUSINESS" ROLLOVER BUTTON ON THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED.**

**PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE, A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED FOR THIS REQUEST, WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE BID AND SHALL, AS WELL AS THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF PROTEST AND TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 8, SECTION I OF THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY SHALL, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID REQUEST, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER THE PURCHASING POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.**

**IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS REQUEST REQUIRES A BID BOND, SUCH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY.**

**A PERSON OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, MAY NOT SUBMIT BIDS ON LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT BE AWARDED OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, SUB CONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT UNDER A CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AND MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST**

**Legal 48417 published Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**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: 2021CA000178  
**REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC,**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final**



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Judgment entered in Case No. 2021CA000178 of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein, REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff, and, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES C. IDDINGS AKA JAMES CHARLES IDDINGS, DECEASED, et al., 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 25th day of October, 2021, the following described property:  
**LOT 36, BLOCK 1, GROVE PARK UNIT NO. 9, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGES 73 AND 74, OF THE RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
 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 7th day of September, 2021.

(seal)  
 TARA S. GREEN  
 Clerk Circuit Court  
 By: Rebecca Crews  
 Deputy Clerk

**IMPORTANT**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtintrp@coj.net or (904)630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
 CASE NO: 10-2017-CA-001018

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-3,**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
**RONANTHONY D. HOLZENDORF A / K / A R O N A N T H O N Y HONAENDORF AND SHANA S. HOLZENDORF A/K/A SHANA HOLZENDORF, et al.**  
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 15, 2018, and entered in 10-2017-CA-001018 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3 is the Plaintiff and RONANTHONY D. HOLZENDORF A / K / A R O N A N T H O N Y HONAENDORF; CRANES LANDING OF FLORIDA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION; SHANA S. HONZENDORF A/K/A SHANA HOLZENDORF are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay .realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on October 7, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 100, OF CUTTERS POINT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 35, PAGES 59 THROUGH 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
**Property Address: 2755 CRUMPLEHORN LANE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073**  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any,

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other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.  
 Dated this 8th day of September, 2021.

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

**IMPORTANT**

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
**Legal 48426 published Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 20-062384**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 2021-CA-358

DIVISION:  
**CATHERINE THORNTON and MARY D. GILL,**  
 Plaintiffs,  
 v.

**SHERI A. RAWLINS, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, HER UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HER; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERI A. RAWLINS; ROBERT S. RAWLINS, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HIM; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT S. RAWLINS, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, AND/OR OTHER PERSONS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY WHOSE REAL NAMES ARE UNCERTAIN,**  
 Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an order or a summary final judgment of foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:

**Lot 801 - T**  
 A tract of land situated in Section 5, Township 8 South, Range 24 East, Clay County, Florida; said tract being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Concrete Monument at the Northeast Corner of said Section 5 and run South 37 degrees 37 minutes 05 seconds West, 645.64 feet; thence run North 52 degrees 22 minutes 55 seconds West, 1100.23 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 26 minutes 48 seconds West, 1402.92 feet to a Concrete Monument on the East right-of-way line of County Road No. 315; thence run South 00 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds East, along said East right-of-way line 3178.41 feet to a Concrete Monument on the South line of the North One Half of said Section 5; thence run North 89 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds East, along said South line 490.00 feet to the Point Of Beginning; thence continue North 89 degrees 29 minutes 30 Seconds East, along said South line 180.00 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds West, 260.00 feet to an Iron Pipe; thence run South 89 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds West, 180.00 feet to an Iron Pipe; thence run South 00 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds East, 260.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to Smith Road, a 20 foot maintained County Graded Road.

**Lot 801-U**  
 A tract of land situated in Section 5, Township 8 South, Range 24 East, Clay County, Florida; said tract being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a Concrete Monument at the Northeast corner of said Section 5 and run South 37 degrees 37 minutes 05 seconds West, 645.64 feet; thence run North 52 degrees 22 minutes 55 seconds West, 1100.23 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 26 minutes 48 seconds West, 1402.92 feet to a Concrete Monument on the East right-of-way line of County Road No. 315; thence run South 00 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds East, along said East right-of-way 3178.41 feet to

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**a Concrete Monument on the South line of the North One Half of said Section 5; thence run North 89 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds East along said South line 670.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds East, 180.00 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds West 260.00 feet to an Iron Pipe; thence run South 89 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds West, 180.00 feet to an Iron Pipe; thence run South 00 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds East, 260.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to Smith Road, a 20 foot maintained County Graded Road.**

Together with that certain West Mobile Home ID Number **GAFL75A11815WE**, Title Number **49795723.**

at public sale by the Clerk of this Court to the highest and best bidder for cash on Clay County's Public Auction website: www. clay.realfore close.com in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, at 10:00 a.m. on the 30th day of November, 2021. Notice of such sale shall be published as provided by statute. That 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.  
 DATED this 30th day of August, 2021.

(seal)  
 TARA S GREEN  
 CLERK OF THE COURT  
 Jaimie Pippin  
 As Deputy Clerk

**Legal 48371 published Sept 9 and Sept 16, 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 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 10-2020-CA-000779  
**MILL CITY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2019-1, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE,**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.

**AMANDA ANNE KENDALL A/K/A MANDY ANNE DAY A/K/A AMANDA ANNE DAY, et al.,**  
 Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered February 1, 2021, in Civil Case No. 10-2020-CA-000779 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Green Cove Springs, Florida, the Clerk of Court, TARA S. GREEN, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 7th day of December, 2021 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

**A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW 1/4 of NW 1/4) of Section 16, Township 5 South, Range 26 East, described as follows:**

For a point of reference, commence at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 16; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes East, along the Quarter Section line, 710.55 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continue North 89 degrees 26 minutes East 200 feet; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes West 315 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes West 200 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes East 315 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with a 1992 Fleetcraft Mobile Home, VIN No. **GAFLM75A13902WE**, Title No. **62304346.**

**Parcel Number : 16-06-26-015542-000-0**  
 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 8th day of September, 2021.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration

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at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crtintrp@coj.net.

**Legal 48396 published Sept 16 and Sept 23, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 6785632**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 2018-CA-000126  
**PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,**  
 Plaintiff,

vs.  
**ERICA J. SMITH A/K/A ERICA JANE SMITH A/K/A ERICA SMITH,**  
 et al.  
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 4, 2020, and entered in 2018-CA-000126 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION is the Plaintiff and ERICA J. SMITH A/K/A ERICA JANE SMITH A/K/A ERICA SMITH; THE RAVINES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) N/K/A SPOUSE OF ERICA SMITH are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on September 27, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 39, RAVINES REPLAT NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE 19-25 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**Property Address: 2384 SOPHIE PL, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.  
 Dated this 3rd day of September, 2021.

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

**IMPORTANT**

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
**Legal 48378 published Sept 9 and Sept 16, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 20-062384**

**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.: 2016-CA-000250

**PRIMELENDING, COMPANY,**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.

**JUAN C. ARANA; CARMEN D. LARENAS; et al.,**  
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on August 11, 2021 in Civil Case No. 2016-CA-000250, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, PRIMELENDING, A PLAINSCAPITAL COMPANY is the Plaintiff, and CARMEN D. LARENAS; OAKLEAF PLANTATION WEST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; 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

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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 September 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 105, OF WHITFIELD AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 46, PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.  
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on September 16, 2021.

(seal)  
 Tara S. Green  
 CLERK OF THE COURT  
 Amie Herrera  
 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 least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
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**AMENDED RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2019-CA-000999

**VYSTAR CREDIT UNION,**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.

**BEVERLY B. NYSEWANDER F/K/A BEVERLY N. BREEDING; ET AL,**  
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated the 24th day of February, 2021, and an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reopen Case and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated the 1st day of September, 2021, both entered in

**Notice of Sale**

Case No. 2019-CA-000999, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein VYSTAR CREDIT UNION is the Plaintiff, and BEVERLY B. NYSEWANDER F/K/A BEVERLY N. BREEDING; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BEVERLY B. NYSEWANDER F/K/A BEVERLY N. BREEDING; CLAY COUNTY'S FAIRWAY OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. F/K/A FAIRWAY OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AS TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 AS TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via electronic sale at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes on the 30th day of September, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 19, FAIRWAY OAKS, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGES 69, 70 AND 70A, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**Property Address: 127 Fairway Oaks Dr., Fleming Island, FL 32003**

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, disabled persons who, because of their disabilities needs should contact the ADA Coordinator at 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 or Telephone Voice TDD (904) 630-2564, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service not later than five business days prior to such.  
 Dated this 14th day of September, 2021.

(seal)  
 TARA S GREEN  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Rebecca Crews

Deputy Clerk

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**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.  
**2016 Toyota 4T1BF1FK4G0223680**  
**2006 Ford 3FAHP08106R203092**  
**2005 Dodge 1B3ES56C35D265351**  
 The auction will be held on 10/04/2021 at 9:00 a.m. at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

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