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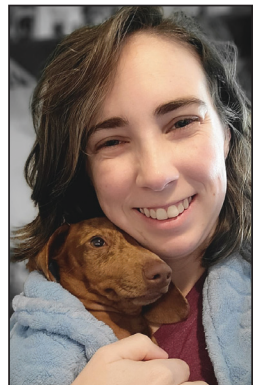
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St. Johns Country Day School girls soccer team shows off a double ones signaling the program has won their 11th straight state soccer title with a 2-0 win Wednesday over Shorecrest Prep in Deland. Senior Julia Boaventura scored two second half goals for the Lady Spartans to clinch the title. St. Johns coach Mike Pickett now has 14 state titles in girls soccer. *See story on page 23*

Who rescued who? More than 300 animals move from torturous conditions to loving homes

By Don Coble
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CLAY COUNTY – For months, Arwen slept in a tiny cage. The Dachshund was shaking from malnutrition, dehydration and fear. The tiny animal's body was covered with matted feces and fleas.



Now she sleeps soundly, comfortably and loved – often on the bathrobe of her new owner, Brianna Gilbert, next to her new four-legged sister.

Arwen has gone from living in a cage to the loving arms of her new owner Brianna Gilbert.

Hundreds of animals were rescued from deplorable conditions at a home on Old Jennings Road in Orange Park last October. They were brought to the Clay County Fairgrounds for a month of rehabilitation and recovery.

All were adopted by residents from Northeast Florida – some still feeling traumatized by their newfound freedom and

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Super Tuesday, April 12 Green Cove Springs to get at least one new face on dais

By Nick Blank
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The city will see a pair of two-candidate races and a long-time council member elected unopposed.

For Seat 2, two-term incumbent Steven Kelley seeks a final term against Darren Stutts. With Seat 4's Van Royal term-limited, Thomas Michael Smith faces Ken Mudge. Connie Butler will enter her final three-year term unopposed.

Growth and maintaining quality of life was on the mind of every candidate.

Kelley, a businessman with six years on the council, said he's pleased with the council laying the foundations for large projects and preparing for growth. He said the city must adjust with the arrival of new residents and businesses, whether in the form of small businesses or large box stores.

"I'm excited for the next phase, the vision, the culture and branding," Kelley said.

Kelley said his other goals are handling development and resolving traffic issues with U.S. Highway 17. For that to happen, council members must be proactive rather than reactive, he added. He felt the city was doing that with a parking and parks and recreation plans in addition to numerous capital improvement projects.

"We have to be prepared for anything that may happen with the right policies and development strategies, so Green Cove Springs doesn't get overrun," Kelley said. "We want to add to quality of life and not



Thomas Michael Smith

take away from it."

Stutts, who has lived and been in business in the city for more than 30 years, believed the city had to work better with its small businesses and improve blighted areas. Stutts added the city's small-town atmosphere was a main draw.

"I love the small-town atmosphere and I think we can keep the small-town attitude," he said. "It's a community where everybody gets to know everybody. I would like it to be easier to solicit more business into our town."

With present and future growth in the city, Stutts stressed maintaining the town's history and monitoring the impact of the



Darren Stutts

First Coast Expressway when the leg near the city is complete. Stutts also advocated for more family-oriented events.

"I don't want to lose the history and I think the majority of residents feel that way," Stutts said. "We don't want to come in and rebuild the town into something we don't recognize. I don't believe growth is bad. You have to balance it."

The council is guaranteed to see a new council member in the race between businessman Ken Mudge and former Green Cove Springs Police Department officer Thomas Michael Smith.



Ken Mudge

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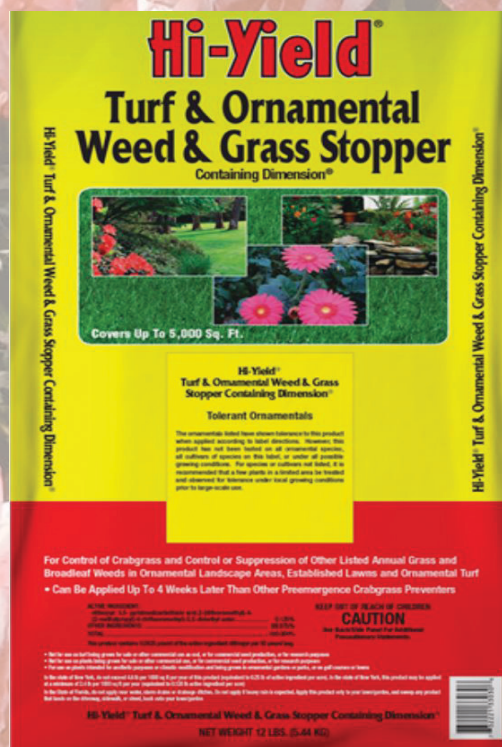


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Bill that established elections crimes unit moves to Florida House floor

By Tristan Wood
For FloridaPolitics.com

A bill establishing an election crimes investigations unit, banning ranked-choice voting, and requesting a study to look into changes to vote-by-mail forms passed its final House committee Monday.

HB 7061, sponsored by Republican Rep. Daniel Perez, passed the House Appropriations Committee along party lines. The legislation, which emerged from the House Public Integrity and Elections Committee earlier this month, contains several of Gov. Ron DeSantis' "election integrity" priorities.

An amendment to the bill during the meeting made it almost identical to SB 524, which passed its final committee last Thursday. The amendment asks supervisors of elections to maintain voter roll lists annually instead of every two years, one of DeSantis' requests.

It also removed a section requiring the last four digits of a voter's Social Security number, driver's license or photo ID on vote-by-mail ballots. The amendment also adds a fine to organizations if a person collecting voter applications on its behalf changes someone's party affiliation without consent. The fine is \$1,000 per altered application.

However, one difference between the House and Senate versions exists. The House version would erase from state law a provision prohibiting poll workers from asking voters to provide additional information or to recite their home address when presenting their ID.

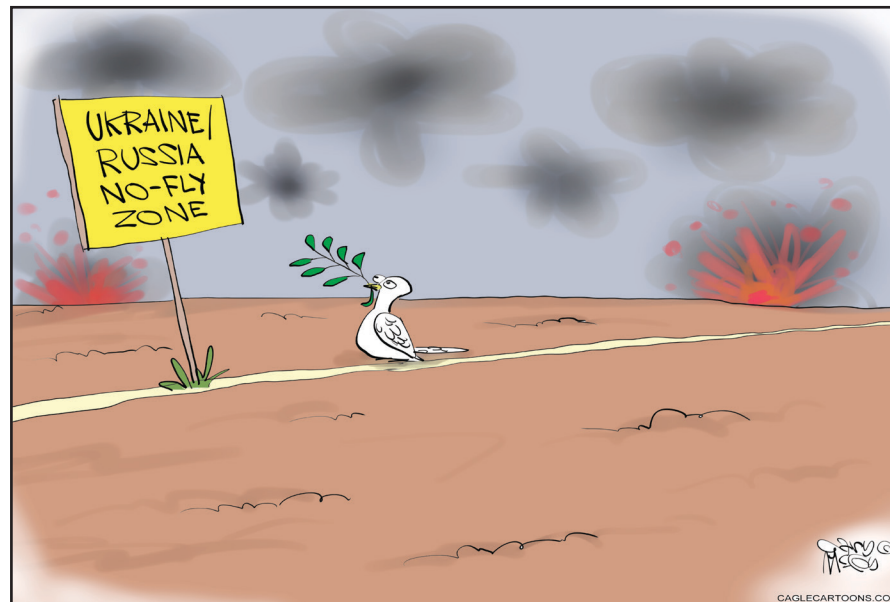
Abdelilah Skhir, a voting rights policy strategist for the ACLU of Florida, said during public comment that the legislation was a solution in search of a problem. He said that people are already being caught for voter fraud under current laws and adding investigators in the executive branch without in-statute protections could lead to partisan issues in the department.

"Individuals who broke the law were caught and held accountable for their misdeed," Skhir said. "We have real needs to address in Florida and this is not one of them."

During Monday's meeting, criticism from Democrats focused on forming the investigations unit and concerns that a part of the bill that makes ballot harvesting a third-degree felony could harm people who turn in ballots for family and friends without being aware of the law.

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OPINIONS



Bill pushing public notices to county website heads to House floor

By Tristan Wood
For FloridaPolitics.com

The House took up a bill last week that would roll back a deal in last year's public notice legislation, allowing counties to publish those notices on a county website.

HB 7049, sponsored by Republican Rep. Randy Fine (Melbourne Beach), would give governmental agencies the option to publish public notices on a publicly accessible website of a county the notice takes place in instead of in a print newspaper.

Last year's bill removed a long-standing rule requiring notices to exclusively appear in subscription-rich newspapers and allowed notices to be published online in addition to a local newspaper. The 2021 bill sought to remove the newspaper requirement altogether. However, lawmakers and the Florida Press Association hammered out a deal to allow governments to continue posting notices in newspapers as well as on the Florida Press Association website.

This year's bill undoes that requirement, allowing notices to be published on "a publicly accessible website of a county."

On the House floor Tuesday, Fine said the legislation is meant to end what he called government subsidies to newspapers through the requirement, instead giving businesses options as to where they post their public notices.

"It's simply creating options for folks to get better distributions at a lower cost," Fine said.

The bill also tries to take into account counties and people with limited internet access that could be impacted by the change to digital. It requires local gov-

ernments and governmental agencies to buy an ad once a year in a publication started shortly after the Florida Today in Melbourne posted a 2018 column "Rep. Randy Fine's bullying of local leaders is bad for Brevard County."

Additionally, the bill requires a governmental agency located in a county with a population fewer than 160,000 to first hold a public hearing to determine that its residents have sufficient access to the internet before transitioning their notices to the county website.

The bill now awaits third reading on the House floor.

From Clay Today:

The legislation includes the advertisement of public notices – things like sheriff's auctions, debt notices, foreclosures or court actions. Public notices in Clay County have been an important source of information provided by Clay Today for decades. Fine also said newspapers were from a bygone era.

"We disagree with Rep. Fine's assertion that print newspapers are no longer an important vehicle for local information," said Clay Today Publisher and FPA Board Chairman Jon Cantrell. "Clay

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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.

Acuity: (ah-KTOO-uh-dee) a noun that means sharpness or keenness of thought, vision or hearing.

"Rebecca's natural acuity made her a model student."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2017

- Core Construction is told it will be fined \$500 a day if it doesn't complete the Spring Park Restoration Project, which already was two months behind schedule, on time.

- Green Cove Springs Police Chief Robert Musco retires following an investigation into racially charged comments he reportedly made to a Black officer.

- Clay County's Teen Mock Trial Team wins a competition involving teams from Clay, Flagler and Volusia counties.

10 years ago, 2012

- The Florida Senate unanimously approves a resolution to honor Clay County Sheriff's Office Det. David White seven days after he was shot to death in a methamphetamine lab raid in Middleburg.

- John Scriven is charged with aggravated assault by the Green Cove Springs Police Department after he struck Freddie Scriven in the face with a pipe.

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office charged Erwin Terrell Marshall with kidnapping after he reportedly held a woman against her will in his SUV after giving her and her boyfriend a ride on Randall Road.

20 years ago, 2002

- Jimmie Roberts Boyd is arrested and charged with the home invasion murder of a 69-year-old Middleburg man, Willie Padgett.

- The Board of County Commissioners vote to deny spending county tourism dollars on Ham Jam because of its location at Carter Spencer Road in Middleburg.

- Hollywood's feature film Basic already has helped the county benefit by \$532,000, including \$180,000 in hotel rooms, according to the Chamber of Com-

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Opinions ...

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Community Brief

Touch a Truck coming to Middleburg/Clay Hill Library

MIDDLEBURG – Explore Clay, along with the Clay Country Libraries, is inviting residents to the Middleburg-Clay Hill Library for Touch-A-Truck. This fun, free family event is the perfect opportunity for kids of all ages to get up-close and personal with the vehicles of some of our favorite Community Helpers, from construction equipment to police cars. Afterward, pop into the library to check out books about some of your favorite vehicles, sign our guest book, and pick up a goodie bag!

Touch-A-Truck will take place on March 5 from noon to 4 p.m. Quiet Hour will be from noon to 1 p.m., to give everyone a chance to join the fun without sirens and horns.

Annual Carrie Clarke Day returns on March 13

ORANGE PARK – The Historical Society of Orange Park's annual Carrie Clarke Day event will be held on Sunday, March 13, from 1-5 p.m. at the Clarke House Park. This year's celebration will be the first in three years following lockdown challenges that came with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The historic Clarke House will be open for tours. The Clarke family were early residents of Orange Park and made significant contributions to community life. Mrs. Clarke, along with her husband, William, contributed to the social, political and business life of the community. Their contributions will be shared with all who visit.

The Clarke Park playground will be open. Volunteers are needed to host the house tours. Please contact info@ophistory.org for more information.

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merce. The film stars John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson.

30 years ago, 1992

- The Clay County Commission votes to settle Sheriff Dalton Bray's state appeal for \$70,000 after the sheriff requested a \$362,212 to his agency's budget.
- Gov. Lawton Chiles attends the change of command ceremonies at Camp Blanding.
- County officials celebrate the ribbon-

cutting ceremony for Greenwood Park in Middleburg.

40 years ago, 1982

- The Green Cove Springs City Council votes to return on Walnut Street to two-way traffic.
- Lyn Gustafson, Kris Kunchinski and Candi Parker are contestants for the Rodeo Queen at the Third Annual Clay County Cattleman's Association Championship.
- Democrat Clay County Commissioner Hance Bruce announces he will run against incumbent Frank Williams for the Florida District 25 House Seat.

Bill

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Rep. Fentrice Driskell said the punishment could be a cost not worth the offense to the taxpayers, as it costs \$100,000 to imprison someone for five years, the maximum prison time under a third-degree felony.

"That's not something to make light of," Driskell said. "Is it really that we want to punish someone for five years for trying to help people vote? It's problematic."

Rep. Ben Diamond said the legislation is not necessary because DeSantis and election officials called the 2020 Florida election the gold standard.

"My concern, very candidly, is we are making this change not based on data, not based on information, but based on politics and to fuel political points. This is not a good place to be as a legislature," Diamond said.

Perez said exceptions to the ballot harvesting law, like for family members, would limit how the punishment hike could harm good actors.

He also said he had a list of convicted election fraud cases in the state that demonstrates there is a problem that adding

the investigations unit would solve. When Driskell and other legislators asked him how many cases were on the list and what they involved, he declined to cite them or provide a total number, but offered to meet with them after the committee meeting.

Perez also pushed back against claims that the legislation would limit people's right to vote.

"I am pretty certain there is not one person in this room or in this state that can say they wanted to vote, but the laws of this state did not allow (them) to do so," Perez argued.

The legislation's next stop is the House floor.

■
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Legals

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Today is an important part of this community. Legal advertising is available in our newspapers, as well as our website."

Fine said Florida taxpayers spend about \$200 million a year advertising in county publications.

He didn't say how much it would cost for counties to create, collect and post public notices on their websites, or how much it would cost to print and mail notices.

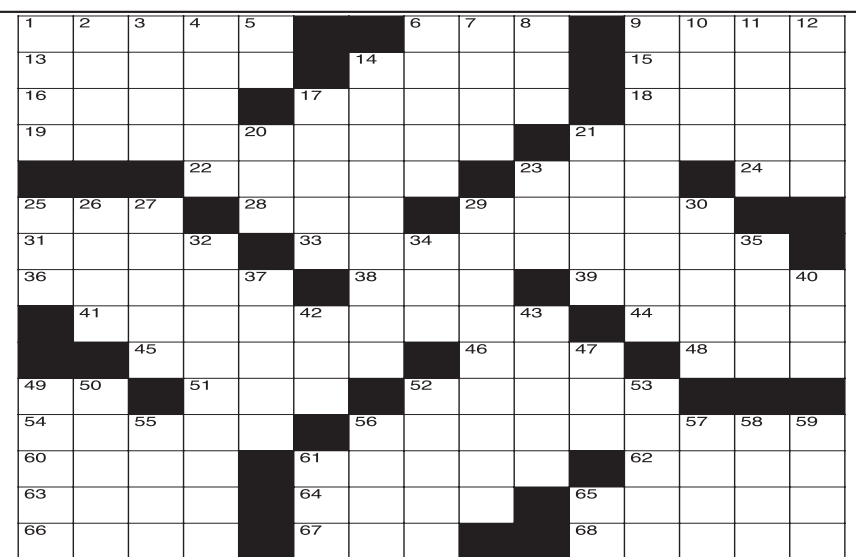
Fine's attempt to move public notices away from newspapers started shortly after the Florida Today in Melbourne posted a 2018 column "Rep. Randy Fine's bullying of local leaders is bad for Brevard County."

The editorial board of local newspaper Florida Today has criticized Fine's per-

sonal style. Their joint editorial said "Fine is obviously a hard working lawmaker who has used his watchdog skills to do good" but said that "Fine should defend what he believes in, but not by launching tirades against others as crusades on behalf of his constituents. He can look good without trying to make others look bad with personal attacks."

Fine, along with Sen. Dennis Baxley (R-Ocala), started his campaign against local newspapers less than a year later.

Clay Today is interested in what you think, and you can reach our managing editor at don@claytodayonline.com. More important, we suggest reaching out to Sen. Jennifer Bradley's office at (904) 278-2085 to voice your opinion.



CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Hillsides | 39. Asian antelope |
| 6. A way to ingest | 41. One who takes apart |
| 9. Large number | 44. Kin |
| 13. Southeastern Minnesota city | 45. Dresses |
| 14. Cronies | 46. Says something about you (abbr.) |
| 15. Having sufficient skill, knowledge | 48. Doctor of Education |
| 16. Supplements with difficulty | 49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.) |
| 17. Former VP nominee Palin | 51. Overcharge |
| 18. Cambodian monetary unit | 52. Sailboats |
| 19. Where coaches work | 54. Indian musical patterns |
| 21. Secret political clique | 56. Predisposition to a condition |
| 22. A type of lute | 60. Share a common boundary with |
| 23. Tan | 61. Wide |
| 24. Empire State | 62. Skin disease |
| 25. Where golfers begin | 63. Monetary unit of Samoa |
| 28. For each | 64. Source of the Blue Nile |
| 29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines | 65. Instrument |
| 31. Bird genus | 66. Red deer |
| 33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song | 67. Unidentified flying object |
| 36. Domesticates | 68. Bar or prelude |
| 38. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen | |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Flying insects | 32. Classifies |
| 2. Strong alcoholic spirit | 34. Young child |
| 3. Old | 35. Oh, no! |
| 4. Moves in slowly | 37. Astronomical period of about 18 years |
| 5. Symbol for tin | 40. Not or |
| 6. Having certain appendages | 42. Poke fun at |
| 7. Expression of sorrow or pity | 43. Consisting of roots |
| 8. Type of hormone (abbr.) | 47. "___ Humbug!" |
| 9. One with an unjustified mistrust | 49. A way to remove |
| 10. Hebrew calendar month | 50. A confusion of voices and other sounds |
| 11. Pure | 52. Keyed instrument |
| 12. LSU football coach | 53. Varnishes |
| 14. Unbroken views | 55. Unpleasantly sticky substance |
| 17. Fathers | 56. Unable to hear |
| 20. Part of a race | 57. A short erect tail |
| 21. Hairstyle | 58. Indicates interest |
| 23. Fifth note of a major scale | 59. Flow or leak through |
| 25. Body art | 61. British thermal unit |
| 26. Amounts of time | 65. Iron |
| 27. Designed chairs | |
| 29. Sensational dramatic piece | |
| 30. Arrangement of steps | |

Soon-to-be Eagle Scout's project helps former elementary school

By Nick Blank
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FLEMING ISLAND – An eighth-grader's final Eagle Scout project will benefit her former school.

Amelia Hart attends Orange Park Junior High and spent seven years at Fleming Island Elementary. She wanted to give back by building two benches and two picnic tables with shade at the school's playground.

She looked over her work on a hot Saturday afternoon.

"There's no seating whatsoever, so the teachers have to stand. If kids don't play, they have to stand," Hart said.

Hart added she met with school officials in November to gauge their interest. She said the labor took about two hours to complete and everything was installed Saturday.

Becoming an Eagle Scout is not an easy task with acquiring the merit badges and submitting the proposal. All Hart needs to finalize is meet with a board of review and complete some paperwork.

"It's a long process, but it is worth it," she said.

Hart tied for first place in the Earth and Environmental Sciences category at the Clay County Science Fair and she's going

to the state championship for the History Fair. She also participates in school and county soccer teams. Hart said her drive comes from a love of competition.

"In soccer, I'm trying to beat the other team. All the other stuff is competitive. It helps if your friends are in it," Hart said. "Scouts is more of a team thing."

Hart's mother, Stephanie Boccieri, said Hart's older brother was an Eagle Scout. Boccieri was proud of Hart and said the project is about coming full circle for her daughter.

"She's just dedicated. She follows through and is a go-getter," Boccieri said. "When Eagle Scout was on the table, she was going to do it."

Troop 892 is based out of Fleming Island. Scoutmaster Kerry Clark said Hart filled a need in the community. Clark said Eagle Scout projects can get chaotic, but Hart has been organized.

Clark also joked that with Hart becoming an Eagle Scout so young, she can be a mentor for the next four years.

"It's good. You gave back to a place that nurtured you," Clark told Hart Saturday. "You took your time and nurtured the kids behind you."

"The school is near and dear to my heart," Hart added. "I love this school."



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Amelia Hart returned to her former elementary school on Fleming Island to build two benches and two picnic tables as part of her Eagle Scout project.

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Author addresses group on challenge of Parkinson's Disease

By Nick Blank
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ORANGE PARK – Greg Ritscher remembers his morning appointment in April of 2011, a life shattering event for the self-described “warlord of commerce” then in his mid-50s.

He was told he had Parkinson's Disease, a neurodegenerative disorder impacting the nervous system, which affects millions of people around the world. It has no known cause of cure.

“I was facing south in (Denver's) Swedish Medical Center in Suite 510 when I heard the words, ‘You have Parkinson's,’” Ritscher said. “That changed the course for the rest of my life.”

Ritscher's experience spurred him to write “Rising Above Parkinson's” and he spoke to about 30 people at the Orange Park Library Saturday afternoon, recalling his adversity and motivations, offering encouragement and providing tips for adjusting with the disease.

He said there are about 40 types of the disease. The symptoms range from tremors, muscle rigidity, fatigue, constipation, lack of smell and difficulty speaking.

Quoting Mike Tyson, “Art of War” author Sun Tzu and referring to the parable of Noah, Ritscher said his goal is instilling control and ownership of the disease, learning its origins, understanding the disease's reach and enduring it.



Greg Ritscher used his book “Rising Above Parkinson's” to about 30 people at the OP Library.

“Parkinson's is the club you never wanted to join, but once you're in the club, let's have fun,” he said.

He broke down the history of the disease, more than 200 years of scientists building on each other's work. English doctor James Parkinson identified the disease in the 1820s and French neurologist Jean-Martin Charcot discovered the disease was neurological. Future findings emphasized the importance of dopamine with the disease. The disease causes cells to die off and creates a dopamine deficit, which impacts motor functions. Ritscher compared the disease to moving trash around a house without taking it out.

Ritscher, now based in Florida, said he's comfortable with being an ambassa-

dor for Parkinson's, unafraid to talk about the disease's uncomfortable aspects such as drooling and constipation. He said he didn't want to be a victim and the disease gives people a chance at reflection.

He reached out to family and friends and asked how they thought the disease affected him.

“To a person, they said I was a kinder, gentler person ... much more approachable,” he said, taking a long pause. “When you live your life to become an ambassador of the disease, the only way the old normal can go away is the new has to emerge, just as the plants and nature, how that works.”

To encourage the audience, he joked about his heavy use of acronyms such as Future Expectations Appear Real (FEAR)



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or Control, Ownership, Origin, Reach and Endurance (C.O.O.R.E). He spoke on the “Noah Principle,” where a person in a time of crisis can't predict rain, but they can build an ark. He deconstructed the phrase “Opportunity Nowhere,” which can be split into “Opportunity Now Here.”

“The exact same letters in the exact same language, in the exact same order,” he said. “... A totally different life, the only difference is that space right there.”

Socializing and exercising are the key, Ritscher added. Long-term goals are also important to keep going. For Ritscher, the aim is walking his granddaughter down the aisle. He said he writes letters to her when the disease is impacting his sleep.

“That's probably 20 years away,” he said. “That's a long time with Parkinson's, but if anyone can do it, it's me.”

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Obituaries

Richard James Braun

Richard James Braun, 85, of Orange Park FL passed away February 25, 2022.

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Richard Timothy "Tim" Morgan

Richard Timothy "Tim" Morgan, 69, Middleburg, FL, passed away February 14, 2022. He was born in Los Angeles, California and grew up on the Westside of Jacksonville and in Orange Park, graduating from Orange Park High School in 1970.

He is predeceased by his father, Richard F. Morgan and his brother Mike Morgan. He is survived by his loving mother Eula Morgan, sisters Rebecca Morgan and Karen Ellison along with nephews Frank Robson (Anita), Donald Ellison (Tatum) and Skyler Morgan, great niece Liddia Robson and great nephews Brady and Erik Ellison and Karter Morgan.

Tim was a welder and carpenter, equally at home in the Carolinas or the Florida Keys. He spent the last several years in Middleburg caring for his parents. Whether growing a bumper crop of butternut squash on a rocky mountainside in Western North Carolina or harvesting lobsters in Big Pine Key, Tim whistled while he worked and savored the celebration of a job well done. Tim's greatest passion was his love of music and his collection of vintage guitars.

Tim treasured his lifelong friends and will be sorely missed by them and his grieving family and neighbors. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in Tim's honor to the American Cancer Society or Haven Hospice.

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Gannon Michael Deshong

Gannon Michael Deshong (32), Died unexpectedly on February 26, 2022. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and was a resident of Middleburg, Florida. He is survived by his father Richard DeShong and his wife Michelle, his mother Sheila Garlington and her husband Jim, two sisters, Tarah Klein and her husband Colin, and Jennifer Gallina and her husband John, nieces Maci and Gwendolyn, girlfriend, Katie Fausey and her son Gabe and a wealth of friends. He attended Fleming Island High School, class of 2008.



Gannon Michael Deshong

He was a rare and beautiful soul, whose only mission in life was to love and make those around him happy. We regretfully, send this angel home, as he successfully accomplished his goal. He will be dearly missed by all who were blessed to know him.

Viewing is Saturday, March 5 at 2 pm with funeral services following at 3 pm at Aaron & Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park 32073.



Josephine Ann Breitwieser

Josephine Ann Breitwieser passed away peacefully on February 23, 2022, in Fleming Island Florida. Jo was born September 11, 1926, in Du Quoin, Illinois, to Joseph and Dominica Cicardo, both from Sicily. She was the youngest of 8 children, and her father died when she was 10.



Josephine Ann Breitwieser

Jo joined the United States Cadet Nurse Corps and received her RN at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis. She met her beloved

husband Bob on a blind date and they married in 1949. After Bob received his engineering degree, they moved to Denver and raised 3 children. The family traveled all over the west in a Winnebago, fishing, and sightseeing. Over the years, they moved and were residing in Pittsburg, Kansas when Bob died at age 55. Jo worked as a school nurse, then an Operating Room Nurse, and continued her volunteer work as County Chairman of the American Cancer Society and President of the Association of Operating Room Nurses for Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. She received the Spirit Of Mt. Carmel Award, for her dedication and support of t. Carmel's Medical Center's mission.

Retiring from nursing, Jo moved to Virginia Beach to be closer to her daughter. She became an active volunteer for Lee's friends, a cancer support group, the Red Cross, and Operation Smile, a non-profit organization operating on children with cleft lips and facial deformities. In charge of medical records, Jo traveled on 45 mission trips around the world including the Philippines, Vietnam, Russia, Ghana, Israel, China, Jordan, Jerusalem, Kenya, and Columbia. During her travels, she rode an elephant, a camel, went on a safari, and enjoyed the world! Jo's service and dedication led to many awards: Operation Smile Volunteer Award, Women In Transition YMCA Award, the J.C.Penney Golden Rule Award, Domino's Pizza Unsung Hero Award, the Jefferson Award from the American Institute for Public Service, and the Hooray for You Lee's Friends Award.

Jo moved to Orange Park in 2001 to spend time with her family. She was a member of Orange Park Methodist Church and PEO for many years. Jo loved to read, and was an avid bridge player; making many wonderful friends. Jo became involved with the Shepherd's Center, an organization for seniors, implementing an Annual Health Fair, arranging flu shots, and serving on their board. She helped with Seniors on a Mission, was a volunteer for hospice, and volunteered over 2500 hours at Orange Park Medical Center, working in day surgery, and calling bingo for the Behavioral Unit. Jo received the Golden Gala Award Service Award from the Shepherd's Center and The Humanitarian Award from Orange Park Medical Hospital. She was a wonderful cook and her famous pasta, apple pies, and cinnamon rolls were always

requested. She was a devoted and loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and friend.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, and siblings.

Her survivors include her son, Bob(Linda) Breitwieser; her daughter, Sue Wetzel; grandchildren, Matt (Sarah) Wetzel, Eric (Maddy) Wetzel, Julie (Jon) Wilson, 9 great-grandchildren and close nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Celebration Of Life will be held on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Orange Park United Methodist Church, 2051 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073. A luncheon will be held following the service.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Community Hospice of North Florida, Operation Smile, Orange Park United Methodist Church or to a or a charity of your choice.

Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073 is serving the family.



Lester Budz

Lester Budz, 94, of Orange Park, FL passed away February 28, 2022.

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



John William Moheng, Jr.

John William Moheng, Jr., passed from this earth on February 23, 2022, after being hospitalized with complications from the Covid-19 virus.

John was born on February 1, 1957 in Chicago, IL, was a life-long resident of Florida and of Middleburg for the last 37 years.

Affectionately known to his friends John William Moheng, Jr. as "Craneman", John



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Clay High's Class of '01 honors late teacher with donation

By Nick Blank
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A former Clay High School graduating class stepped up to the plate with this year's donation to the Claire McCool Memorial Scholarship Foundation. McCool was a long-time math teacher at the school and died of cancer in 2017. She was 62.

Instructors Julie Breindel-Hill and Olivia Sweat were good friends of McCool. They said the scholarship helps two to four students with about \$1,000-\$2,500. And this year, the class of 2001 is donating \$2,001.

"We're surprised every year," Breindel-Hill said of finding sponsors.

Nicole Sanders is a member of the school's graduating class of 2001. COVID-19 canceled two potential 20-year class reunions. Former student Thea Berns recommended McCool's scholarship, Sanders said.

"We asked everyone to donate part of their ticket and most people said yes.



Members of the graduating class of 2001 presented a check for \$2,001 to the Claire McCool Memorial Scholarship fund at Clay High.

That's how we got \$2,001," Sanders said. "Everyone knew Miss McCool."

Breindel-Hill said McCool coached a few sports and attended as many games as she could. Breindel-Hill described McCool

as energetic, kind and keen to keep track of students after they graduated.

"She tried to keep kids out of trouble. She tried to cheer them on," Breindel-Hill said. "People would often refer to her as

the greatest cheerleader for the students."

McCool had two large blue chairs in her room where students could relax. She was a confidant for students, Breindel-Hill said.

"People could come to her classroom and tell you their woes or share things about their lives, they would sit there and talk with her," Breindel-Hill said.

"She was always smiling," Sanders recalled. "I can see her smiling right now, coming down the hall."

Sweat said McCool had two children who attended Clay High and a classroom decorated with Florida Gators items. She said McCool always had nicknames for students and was a shoulder to lean on.

"She was so good with students that were going through something hard," Sweat said. "She would take that time to pull them aside to talk to them, to just really be a mentor to them."

When Sanders was about to leave, Sweat gave her a hug.

"We're glad you did that," Sweat told her.



"I have a passion for working with children and helping them during times of crisis and change. I am looking forward to working with the talented and dedicated staff here at Kids First."

– Sal LaRosa

Kids First of Florida selects LaRosa at its CEO

For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – The board of directors at Kids First of Florida has selected Sal LaRosa as Chief Executive Officer for the nonprofit agency. The organization serves child welfare and adoptive services in Clay County.

LaRosa comes to the agency with extensive experience in child welfare, most recently serving as an Associate Director at Daniel Memorial, a nonprofit child services organization in Duval County. He started at Kids First in early February and has been meeting with staff and becoming oriented to the system of care the agency provides in Clay County.

"I have a passion for working with children and helping them during times of crisis and change," LaRosa said. "I am looking forward to working with the talented and

dedicated staff here at Kids First."

At Daniel, LaRosa supervised all daily activity of the Family Service Counselors and Supervisors including caseloads, court functions, training, scheduling, and more. Prior to his work at Daniel, LaRosa served as Dean of Discipline at Charter Schools USA and is served in the United States Navy. He holds a Bachelors degree in Psychology and a Masters degree in Business Administration. Irene Toto, who has been the Chief Executive Officer for both Kids First of Florida and Clay Behavioral Health Center for 16 years, said she is excited about the addition of a new CEO at Kids First.

"The two agencies have grown over the past several years, and it is time that each agency had its own CEO," Toto said. "I am excited about this next chapter for all of

us and believe that there is much success ahead for KFF, our valued partners and, of course, for the children and families that we serve. This will make our system of care in Clay County even stronger."

Kids First will soon be scheduling meetings for adoptive and foster families and other community stakeholders to meet with the new CEO.

Kids First of Florida is a community-based nonprofit agency that provides child welfare and foster care services in Clay County. There are currently more than 450 children under care at Kids First of Florida. Clay Behavioral Health Center provides mental health and substance abuse disorder counseling and treatment to adults, teens, children and families in Clay County. Last year, the agency served about 4,200 clients at six locations.



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Clay Electric lineworkers who competed included, from left: apprentice lineworker coach Matt Hickey the Keystone Heights District, and apprentice lineworkers Jason LeTellier, Kaleb Hollingsworth, Tyler Shepherd, Gaige Griffis and Craig Smith and journeymen Joel Baker, David Poncher and Lee Lambert. The team's winners were apprentices Griffis and Smith and journeyman team members Baker, Poncher and Lambert.

Clay Electric lineworkers win at Lineman Competition

FORT PIERCE – Clay Electric lineworkers won first place in the crossarm change out event at the annual Florida Lineman Competition last weekend, beating competitors from across the state.

The team, consisting of David Poncher, Lee Lambert and Joel Baker, took third place overall in the Journeyman Team Competition.

Clay's apprentice lineworkers, Craig

Smith and Gaige Griffis, also did well. Smith took second place overall and Griffis placed fourth. Smith took home two other trophies, one for placing second in the hurtman rescue and one for placing third in the running angle poly bell change out event.

The annual competition brings electric lineworkers from all over the state together to demonstrate their skill and

knowledge in the craft of line work. Competitors took on various challenges, such as replacing crossarms and insulators on utility poles, changing out transformers and completing a simulation of rescuing injured lineworkers. Competitors earned points for completing the tasks as quickly as possible and lost points if safety standards and proper work practices were not followed. Journeyman teams, which in-

clude at least one lineworker who has been in the industry for five years or more, are made up of three lineworkers. Apprentices compete individually.

Six apprentice Clay Electric lineworkers and one journeyman team took part in the competition. In all, 20 journeyman linemen teams – totaling 65 journeyman competitors, 72 apprentices and 43 judges from 11 utilities participated.

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Obituaries

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was a hardworking and dedicated family man. John loved his job operating cranes, loved horses and would rather go fishing than eat.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Gloria (Davis) Moheng, three children, John William Moheng, III, Michael Paul Moheng (Candice), Ripley Shamus Moheng, and 7 grandchildren. John was also survived by his mother, Juanita Snyder, a sister, Debbie Atkinson, and numerous extended family and friends in Florida and Missouri.

He was predeceased by his father, John William Moheng, Sr., his brothers David Moheng and Scott Moheng, and a son who died at birth.

John left us too soon, but we are comforted to know that he has "gone fishing" with our Lord and Savior.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 am, Saturday, March 12, 2022 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel with Pastor Ken Webb officiating.

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

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



Mildred Carithers Bergh

BERGH—Mildred Carithers Bergh, age 99, passed away on February 21, 2022. She was born in Comer, Georgia, to Allen Candler Carithers and Ora Key Carithers on September 6, 1922. After attending the University of Georgia and Johns Hopkins University, she and her husband moved first to Pensacola, Florida and then to Orange Park, Florida, where they lived for thirteen years. In the early sixties, she moved away from Orange Park and eventually settled in Athens, Georgia, nearer her roots and the University of Georgia, where she raised and educated her six children as a single mom.



Mildred Carithers Bergh

After the last of her children were educated, Mrs. Bergh went to work for Athens Regional Hospital as a secretary in the operating room. Affectionately known as "Mom" by her coworkers, she developed friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Mrs. Bergh was a wonderful mother. Her children's friends gravitated to the warmth, humor and good food that could always be found at the Bergh house. She instilled in all her children a profound sense of honor, morality, and courage both through her words and through her ex-

ample. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters: Kathleen Harper, Ida Merla Westbrook, and Wylleen Dickerson and a son (Allen) and grandson (Cliff). She is survived by her children: Barbara Adams (Gene) of Overland Park, Kansas; Marcus Bergh (Olivia) of Brentwood, Tennessee; John Bergh of Richmond, Texas; Donna Rissman (Steve) of Wind-

ermere, Florida; Susan Barrett (John) of Athens, Georgia; and Pam Woodruff (Jack) of Jupiter, Florida. She is also survived by sixteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life is planned for this summer.

Bernstein Funeral Home, Athens, Georgia, is in charge of arrangements.



Obituaries

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Fruits - Eat 1 1/2-2 cups per day in the 1st Trimester and 2 cups per day in the 2nd and 3rd Trimester!

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Genesis Fitness still flexing its muscles after 21 years

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Genesis Fitness is celebrating 21 years of business. Owner Todd Sigmon started his business because of his love for sports and athletic activities.

"From an early age, I have always sort of been into sports and athletics and just had a passion for those kind of things," he said.

He figured that starting a gym would be a good way to work since he would be doing what he loves.

Genesis Fitness provides a variety of equipment for its members. Treadmills, ellipticals and weights are just a few of the equipment available in the gym. In addition, Genesis Fitness provides classes such as Yoga, Silver Sneakers for seniors, Hip Hop Fitness, Core, Cardio and Pilates

with instructors on hand. The gym also offers a social hub which has been a positive influence in Keystone.

"I do kind of see the gym as not only a place where you can get healthy and improve the quality of your life, but also develop friendships," Todd said. "There is a camaraderie that comes along with going to a gym and kind of learning everybody's name just getting to know each other."

Recently Genesis Fitness has seen an increase of members returning back to the gym.

"Certainly in the last six months or so I've see a pretty dramatic return to a sort of pre-pandemic membership totals," Todd said.

He said in 2020, COVID kept his older members away and the business saw a dramatic drop in memberships.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY NATALIE GILSTRAP

Although the pandemic led some to online workouts, Genesis owner Todd Sigmon said there's always will be a need for personalized training at a gym.

"Obviously in 2020 with COVID we saw fairly dramatic drop. Approximately about 20% of our membership are 65 and older. For good reason, they stayed away. Some have come back, a lot have not."

With the introduction to technology, owners who are in the same business as Todd have faced other challenges besides COVID. The introduction of computers has changed the way gyms do business and home fitness programs have made exercising at home readily available. However, Todd says that gyms will always be around.

"I think there's always going to be a place for gyms because of the social component," he said.

Todd loves his job and offers advice for possible new business owners.

"For new business owners mainly, understand that there will be set backs and there will be pit falls that you encounter along the way," he said. "Don't get discouraged."

Believe in what you have to offer. Believe in yourself and try to remember two important rules in business. No. 1, the customer is always right and No. 2, when the customer is wrong see rule No. 1."

For more information about Genesis Fitness, located at 310 S. Lawrence Blvd., go to mygenesisfitness.com or call (352) 473-7388.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Clay County Board of County Commissioners
To Consider a Petition to Establish
Shadowlawn Community Development District

DATE: March 8, 2022

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

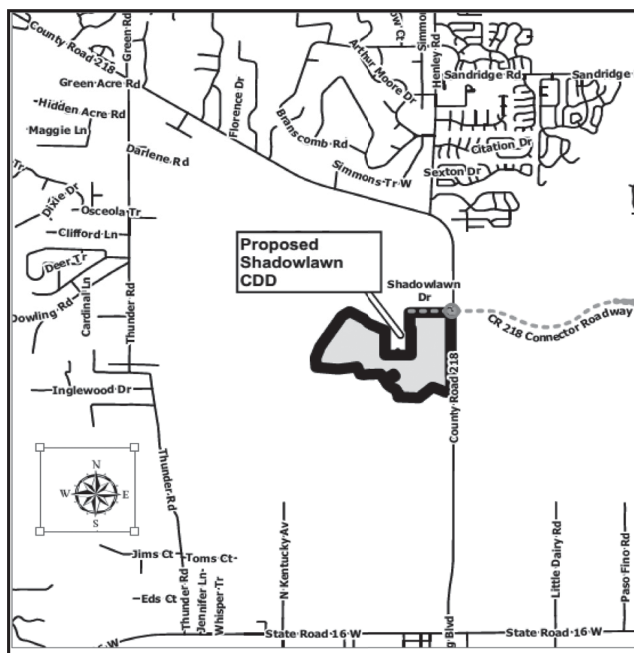
LOCATION: Clay County Administration Building
BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor
477 Houston Street
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, a public hearing will be held by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners on the 8th day of March, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, to consider a petition to establish the Shadowlawn Community Development District. The proposed Shadowlawn Community Development District is comprised of 268.82 acres, generally located south and west of County Road 218, north of State Road 16 and east of Thunder Road. The petitioner has proposed to establish the Shadowlawn Community Development District to plan, finance, acquire, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure and community facilities which may be authorized by such district under Florida law, including but not limited to: stormwater management system, roadway improvements, water, sewer and reclaimed water systems, amenity improvements, hardscaping, landscaping, irrigation, fencing and signage improvements, and other infrastructure.

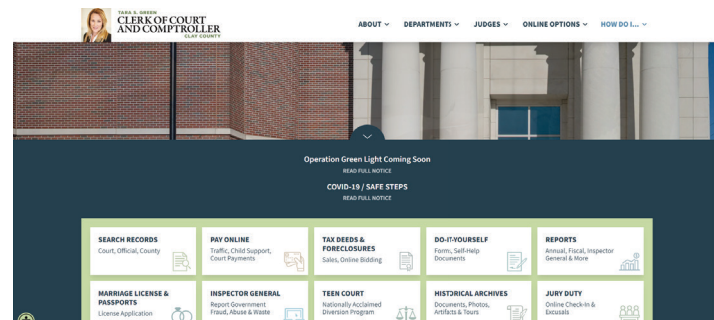
A copy of the petition is open to public inspection at the Clay County Attorney's Office, 2nd Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, (904) 269-6377.

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

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Clerk and Comptroller's Office launches new website

CLAY COUNTY – The pandemic confirmed the importance of local government services remaining easily accessible online during a crisis. The best tool for providing around-the-clock access to our justice system is our website. With enhanced navigation and expanded do-it-yourself (DIY) options, the Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office site is ready for citizens to use any time - during normal business operations but also during emergencies when access to physical office locations is limited.

The new website, clayclerk.com, features:

- Online Options section for quick access (E-File, E-Recording, E-Notify, Remote Access, Forms)
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- Clear display of Alerts, Announcements, Public Notices and Upcoming Events on home page

- How Do I menu helps users find what they are really looking for on the site

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- New partnership with our website and Rebranding Guide creators Kerigan Marketing Associates

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Orange Park council debates front yard parking

By Nick Blank
nick@claytodayonline.com

ORANGE PARK – Town council members addressed aesthetics vs. the property rights when it comes to how people park in their front yards.

In a short 75-minute meeting Tuesday night, the council moved the item to the

Planning and Zoning Committee to find the best option.

It began with Town Manager Sarah Campbell telling the board the town prohibits parking in front lawns, but nothing in code prevents expanding driveways. She presented examples of residents using gravel or pavers to extend driveways, say-

ing they were “legally circumventing” the town’s ordinances.

“If you’d like to set a certain direction you’d like to see, or you’d like this to be discussed by the Planning and Zoning Board in any way ... we’re happy to work with you on whatever you’re thinking,” Campbell said.

Vice-Mayor Eddie Henley said the homeowners are in compliance at the moment. He said it may be an improvement for residents to repair driveways in some cases and asked if the issue was an epidemic or just a small sample.

“Someone who decided they wanted to expand and resurface what’s there, it definitely would be a significant improvement for the town,” Henley said.

Campbell added this is a minor issue in the grand scheme of things, but there is no prohibition against someone paving their front yard, which raises the question about minimum green space requirements for front yards.

“Some of it is based on the current culture of our town. If we lived in Arizona, no we wouldn’t be having this conversation,” she said. “There is no grass in front yards, everything is paved, or rock or gravel. It really is up to the council.”

Council Member Susana Thompson asked if vehicles in front yards impacted the ability of emergency workers to do their jobs on calls. Council Member John Hauber warned about driveways turning into junkyards. He asked for people to show respect for one another and wanted the solution to be equitable for both sides.

“I’m all for the rights of the property owners, but with some people taking advantage of the situation, where do we draw the line?” he asked. “That’s what it really boils down to.”

Moving the matter to the Planning and Zoning Board was approved with a 5-0 vote.

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Mudge, who is also a coach at Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High, based his candidacy off of working for the business community and his displeasure with some of the city’s COVID-19 policies, he said.

“With the right leadership, I think the future is great if we do the right things and get small businesses here,” Mudge added. “We need to continue to promote small business.”

Mudge said he grew up in Orange Park, but he grew to love Green Cove Springs. He called for measured and responsible growth. He said he has some concerns with possible changes to city’s downtown and said he would try to target wasteful spending if elected.

“We can continue the growth, but we

want to have sensible growth for the small town we have and love here,” Mudge said.

Smith, a 2005 Clay High School graduate, said he has a public servant mentality. He’s worked for GCSFD and the Clay County Sheriff’s Office.

“I really wanted to serve the community in a different form,” Smith said. “I love the quality of life and want to preserve the quality of life.”

One of Smith’s platforms is growth with a purpose. That means being smart about what direction the city chooses to head in, he said. He highlighted incentives for businesses and families as well as bolstering and improving the city’s infrastructure.

“It’s about giving small businesses freedom,” Smith said. “For me, the biggest thing is getting the infrastructure in place, the parking, roadways and traffic.”

Super Tuesday is April 12.

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Penney Farms christens new historic museum

By Nick Blank
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PENNEY FARMS – At a ceremony last week, town and Clay County officials opened the Penney Farms Historic Museum for business.

The museum is in the former Penney Farms Volunteer Fire Department building on Clark Avenue. The fire station closed in 2011. The museum stores founder J.C. Penney's efforts to bring homesteaders from other parts of the country to the farm and their lives once they settled and items they used.

Last fall, some of the items were on the floor, in boxes or on tables for a soft opening, but as the crowd passed through last week, old pictures, ledgers, tools and clothes adorned the walls. A large aerial still photo of the town in the late-1920s shows the houses on an orderly grid. There is a section of the museum dedicated to New Hope, a nearby Black community.

"We got it done," Penney Farms Grant Writer Cathie Parrott said.

The Rev. Mark Davies told the crowd the building is a testament of what a previous generation has done for the future. He referenced Penney's Golden Rule stores and what they stood for.

"May all who enter it explore its memo-



STAFF PHOTOS BY NICK BLANK

Town and county officials were eager to open the new Penney Farms Museum at the old volunteer fire department. The museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ries and strengthen their resolve for our children and grandchildren like what our mothers and fathers have done for us," Davies said.

Town Manager David Cooper said the county, town council and private donations completed the project.

"I hope when you enter this museum you see the efforts made, enjoy the displays and take part of the town of Penney Farms with you when you leave," Cooper said.

County Commissioner Mike Cella lauded the efforts of County Tourism Development Director Kimberley Morgan. He repeated Penney's saying, "I do not believe in excuses. I believe in hard work as the prime solvent of life's problems."

"I can tell you David Cooper and Cathie Parrott are the personification of that quote," Cella said.

Former County Commissioner Gayward Hendry sang "Amazing Grace." He said museums are important because they re-

mind people where they come from. "It's a place to give historical perspective, when otherwise we're just floating around on the water," Hendry said.

County Commissioner Kristen Burke said the museum was an excellent opportunity to teach younger generations. County Manager Howard Wanamaker said the town has stayed true to Penney's vision.

"We think it's very important we recognize that and celebrate this historic museum," Wanamaker said.



From left, Green Cove Springs Police Chief John Guzman proudly recognized Pat Wolfe and Megan Chillingworth, the operations and assistant manager of McDonald's, Gary Lavaron and Corner Pocket's Cheri Starnes for their contributions to the police department. McDonald's and Corner Pocket both donated food and drinks to officers with GCSPD, Clay County Sheriff's Office and Clay County Fire Rescue during a hostage standoff on Dec. 4. Lavaron trailed a car following a deadly shooting on Center Street on Nov. 17, 2020. Lavaron was able to get enough of the tag number and a description of the car to help investigators arrest two men for murder and robbery.

GCS City Council fortifies its downtown designation

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The City Council better defined businesses that will need to apply for temporary permits or for special exemptions during its meeting Tuesday night to enhance the downtown area ahead of its ambitious 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

Outdoor storage, trade contractors with fleet parking, laundromats, brewpubs, vape, cigar and smoke shops and pawn shops all will operate with special exemptions, which means it can operate without zoning restrictions as long as it promotes

the public health, safety, welfare, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity or general welfare of the location, according to the city's planning and zoning director, Mike Daniels. Exemptions are granted by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Multi-family units will operate with a permit, which requires approval by elected or appointed officials.

The change to the downtown business district also allows some to do business on the sidewalk, as long as they allow for

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Green Cove Springs remembers Augusta Savage

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Spring Park was alive last Saturday with music and food, arts and crafts, and most importance, reverence to the city's cherished artist, Augusta Savage. The annual Augusta Savage Cultural Arts Festival was an afternoon-long event where patrons were sun-splashed by perfect weather and a park filled with educational and fun activities. The city co-sponsored the event with the Friends of Augusta Savage, Inc., as part of its Black History Month celebration to showcase the work of local artists. Let's Ride Brass Band, D Five, Heart & Soul Youth Fine Arts Club, Orange Park and Middleburg High Chorus, Keystone Heights Band and performances from churches across Clay County all performed and patrons were invited to support the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry, while the county health department was on hand providing COVID-19 vaccinations.



Faith Walk

Pastor Billy Register
True Life Church
Clay County

How God Speaks to Us

Many people in today's culture will claim that God is silent. I assure you, that couldn't be further from the truth! We've either forgotten how to listen or aren't sure how to do it.

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Through the prophet Jeremiah, God clearly says that if we call to Him, He will answer. Never doubt God's earnest desire to speak truth, love, and power into your heart. He longs to fill you with good things and empower you in life. His guidance can

Never doubt God's earnest desire to speak truth, love, and power into your heart. He longs to fill you with good things and empower you in life.

take you from where you are to where you are destined to be.

But how do we hear God's voice? How do we know when God is speaking to us?

It starts in your prayer time and reading of scripture. During those times, make time to listen. We tend to fill up time in our daily devotion with a lot of reading or a lot of words. But it's important to also take time to just be in the Lord's presence and listen for His voice.

My wife has a plaque in her office, it was given to me, and I gave it to her. It simply says, "Be Still". It's a great reminder of this scriptural teaching.

Psalms 46:10 says, "Be still and know I am God". In the simplicity of those words, you find an important element of hearing the voice of God.

Imagine a conversation we have with anyone else. If they are speaking to us but we are doing something else and not listening, we miss the primary thought they are trying to convey. It's the same way in our times of prayer and reading scripture in our devotions. If we don't take time and be still during these practices, we'll never hear the Lord speak in our life.

Commit to taking the time to listen to the Lord. Try to recognize His presence in every area of your life. Invite Him into your everyday routine. When you do, you can rest assured He'll show up. The main thing we can do is make time to listen, and God will speak incredible things into your life.

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS



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Laura Pavlus, Interim President
Clay County Economic Development Corporation

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March 15, 2022

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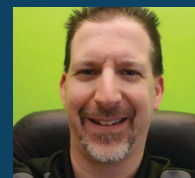
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SCOTTISH GAMES



Record crowd, long lines highlight Scottish Games at Fairgrounds

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Thousands of kilt-clad patrons filled the Clay County Fairgrounds – literally – last Saturday for the 27th annual Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival. And with the overwhelming success came traffic that was backed up past Clay High to the east and Penney Farms to the west. But once you got inside, the atmosphere was festive with Scottish heritage, music, dancing, athletics, harps, bagpipes, drums and classic food. Some of the winners included: drum major – Michael Craven (novice drum major); solo piping – Steven MacDonald (piping Grade 1), Gemma Briggs (piping Grade 2), David Spurlock (piping Grade 3), Laura Romine (piping Grade 4), Jeb Bruner (piping Grade 5) and Christopher Hanson (piping Grade 6); solo drumming – Vin Underwood (Grade 4 senior snare), William Chard (Grade 4 tenor) and Russell Davis (Grade 3 bass); Grade 5 pipe bands – Rosie O’Grady’s Highlanders (first place), City of St. Augustine Pipe Band (second place) and The Citadel Pipes and Drums (third place); and, Grade 4 pipe bands – Rosie O’Grady’s Highlanders (first place), Charleston Pipes and Drums (second place) and City of Greenville Pipes and Drums (third place).




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Sweet treats:

Clay Strawberry Fest returns this weekend

By Kathleen Chambless
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The sixth annual Clay County Strawberry Festival is coming to the Clay County Fairgrounds this weekend, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The \$6 admission price grants you access to the festival, where bounce houses, a petting farm and various classic festival activities will be spread across the grounds.

If you're looking for family friendly activities, be sure to check out the sack races, corn-hole, and relay race, as well as rock painting for the artistically inclined.

As far as contests go, there are three noteworthy entries. For fans of pageantry enter your baby in the "Berry Cute Baby" contest. You can also test your endurance with the hula hoop tournament, and if you're still hungry after browsing the vendors- try to stretch your stomach in the pie eating contest.

Obviously, food is the biggest part of the annual strawberry fest, and this year is no exception. Take a peek through the stalls to find strawberry shortcake, chocolate strawberries, strawberry fudge and more. It's not just sweets though. Beyond bulk strawberries there will be plenty of food vendors selling everything from popcorn to nachos. For adults, at least one booth promises strawberry wine slushes perfect for the weekend heat.

Those interested in attending the



Strawberry Salsa

- 1 quart of strawberries
- 2 cucumbers peeled and de-seeded
- ½ white onion
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 tbsp chopped cilantro
- Zest and juice from one lime
- 2 tsp chili powder
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Optional:
 - ½ jalapeno pepper minced and de-seeded

Instructions:

Peel and halve cucumbers before de-seeding with a spoon. Once seeds are removed, cut into a small dice, and place in a medium glass or plastic bowl.

Cut the tops off of all strawberries, then halve and dice into the same size as the cucumbers, add to the bowl and let rest for at least 15 minutes.

Dice onion, and mince garlic and jalapeno after removing the seeds.

Drain off any excess moisture that collected in the bowl, then add the onion, garlic and pepper.

Chop cilantro and add as well, then toss to combine. Add the lime zest and juice, the chili powder, and salt and pepper to taste then stir once more.

Serve with chips or on top of anything else you enjoy with salsa.

festival can visit the Strawberry Fest-Clay County facebook page which lists the event information and links to their website and further information.

Admission is \$6, but a \$1 off discount is available for those who bring a canned good to the food drive held at the entrance.

If you picked up too many strawberries at the festival this weekend? Try this versatile salsa that can be used for chips, chicken or fish, tacos, and over rice and greens for a healthy lunch bowl.

In the Spotlight

with Kathleen Chambless



Evil Woman-The American ELO electrifies Thrasher-Horne

By Kathleen Chambless
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – With all of the fantastic performers playing the Thrasher-Horne Center it can be hard to pick which shows to attend, or favorite shows you've been to. Evil Woman-The American ELO checks both of those boxes.

For fans of the hit English band of the '70s, this show hit every expectation. Lead singer Kevin Fafard embodies Jeff Lynne to a T, and when alongside vocalist Rebecca Catalana the songs became near perfect renditions. With the incredible musical talents of their very own orchestra section led by violinist Nancy Crockford, hit songs like "Don't Bring Me Down" and "Mr. Blue Sky" were lovingly performed for their audience of thrilled Electric Light Orchestra enthusiasts.

Musical director Nigel Holland intro-

duced songs with fanfare, the first half featuring some of ELO's most iconic songs. While the band shone when it played all together, the periodic spotlights on each of the elements really allowed the members to do what they did best. The piano and keyboard combined in "Living Thing" and a violin solo brought the song to life.

Though the first act focused mainly on ELO's most popular songs, the band also threw in a few of their own favorites into the setlist. "Jungle" was a favorite among the group, and with a heavy drumline that kept the audience nodding in time, it likely became a few others new favorite as well. "Evil Woman", the band's namesake drew an ovation at the end and blew our expectations out of the water.

The second half began with fanfare as the group launched into "Can't Get it Out of My Head".

Songs like "Showdown," "Sweet Talkin' Woman" and "Last Train to London" only solidified the feeling that this concert was something special. For so many, this music defined their childhood, and despite the years, it defined mine as well.

"Strange Magic," has always been one of my favorite songs. Hearing it in concert performed with the synthesizers and bass it deserved, after so long of hearing it on the radio or mixed in with other songs on my playlists was an experience I'll hold as closely as some of my older peers in the crowd.

I have always been a fan of Electric Light Orchestra, call it good genes, but I admit some of the songs played during the second half were new to me. Because of that, however, it almost felt like attending

SEE ELO, 21

Ricky Nelson Remembered

Twin sons to celebrate their father's legendary music at Thrasher-Horne

By Kathleen Chambless
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – When you hear the name Nelson, one family shines brightly. With *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*, Ricky Nelson and NELSON, the dynasty is ranked by the Guinness book of world records as the only family with three generations of hitmakers.

The legacy continues as Matthew and Gunnar Nelson twin sons of the late Ricky Nelson bring a show to the Thrasher-Horne Center of the Arts on March 10 that celebrates their father's music and his impact on the world.

Ricky Nelson Remembered is a multimedia performance that combines music with storytelling to share the history of the iconic musician to old and new fans alike, Matthew Nelson shed some light on the show and some of the stories they have in an interview with Clay Today last week.

"We have the benefit of his entire life being documented on film ... the show was put together for all of our fans who would ask us to play some of the stuff that our dad wrote. It seemed better to do a whole show rather than a few songs and an anecdote," Matthew said.

Ricky Nelson got his start as a voice actor on the radio, but he was known for a long time as a comedy actor.

"His audience watched him grow up on television. Ricky was an introvert, Elvis was an extrovert, so a lot of kids related to him for that," Matthew said.

Much of the work that he had to overcome was what made him famous in the first place.



Twins Matthew and Gunnar Nelson will play the music and tell stories of their father, Ricky Nelson, on March 10 at the Thrasher-Horne Center in Orange Park.

"It was like critics had to admit that he had all of this talent going for him as a musician. It was like them having to admit that the head cheerleader has a brain," the son continued. So much of Nelson's life was spent trying to be what other people wanted him to be and acting the way others expected of him – something Matthew remembers well.

"There are so many changes he went through that mirror how so many people's lives changed as time passes. It sort of gives you a better understanding of who he was as a guy, not just as this over-achieving musician and this spectacularly beautiful person," he said.

For Matthew and Gunnar, their family was their everything. "We didn't know that Uncle George was a Beatle. We didn't know that Mama Cass (Elliot) was this big

celebrity. To us, they were just our family. Growing up as a kid in the '60s in Hollywood, you were surrounded by that," Matthew said.

With family and friends as successful as they were, it only follows that the Nelson twins have a healthy dose of respect for hard work and practice as well as their past. "A lot of what we see happen, it happened with my dad, and hopefully it'll happen for Gunnar and I is that this carries forward," he said. "We want to leave that legacy. I look at this whole thing as a wonderful opportunity that I have to be proud of my family that came before me."

The Ricky Nelson Remembered concert will hit the stage at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$19, and can be purchased at www.thcenter.org.

Elections office warns of third party mail campaign

For Clay Today

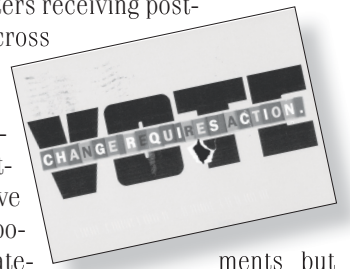
CLAY COUNTY – Clay County Elections Office has been made aware of several reports of voters receiving postcards across

the state of Florida. These custom postcards have various political statements but include the website and office phone number of the Elections Office to request Vote by Mail ballots. Many are not mailed from within Florida and are postmarked from other states.

The cards promote a specific party; however, they have been sent to voters not registered with that party, sparking confusion and complaints from voters. While these postcards may be unwelcome, we stress the fact they are from a third party and not from our office.

Clay County Elections Office encourages every eligible voter to visit ClayElections.gov to review their current information and make any updates. Remember, ClayElections.gov is your source for verified election information.

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The Polyphemus moth: A unique creature

By Carolyn Warren

Garden Club of Orange Park Birds, Bees, Butterflies and Moths Chairman

CLAY COUNTY – Winter arrived and many of our trees lost their leaves. Look up into a tree’s canopy and you may see a cocoon attached to a branch. I did recently and was surprised to see five parchment-like cocoons in my River Birch tree. I found that another cocoon had fallen to the ground and was still attached to part of the twig. There was a hole in the top of the cocoon. I did research regarding the shape and color of the cocoon and learned that the cocoon was that of a Polyphemus Moth, and the hole indicated a moth had emerged.

I learned this moth is relatively common throughout Florida. I also learned that this moth spends the winter in its cocoon and usually emerges in March. Since Florida often has relatively mild winters in January and February, it could also emerge during this time period. With our warm weather this past January, it must have emerged. This moth only lives a few days after emergence, just long enough to mate and start the next generation. The adult does not have mouth parts and cannot feed. The adult moth’s entire energy supply is what it accumulated in its caterpillar stage.



Be on the lookout this Spring and see if you can spot one of these moths, frequently seen at night around streetlights.

Learn more about the garden club by following our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Orangeparkgardenclub> and our website at: <https://site.google.com/view//orangeparkgc>.

Winn-Dixie donates \$250k to Red Cross to support Ukraine

For Clay Today

JACKSONVILLE – Southeastern Grocers Inc., parent company and home of Winn-Dixie grocery stores, together with the SEG Gives Foundation, made a donation of \$250,000 to the International Committee of the Red Cross to support Ukraine and its citizens as they fight to defend their country. As the grocer proudly stands with Ukraine and those who support peace, SEG will also donate 100% of the proceeds from its private label Ukrainian vodka to the cause for the next 31 days as a nod to Ukraine’s official declaration of independence nearly 31 years ago. Anthony Hucker, President and CEO of Southeastern Grocers, said: “At Southeastern Grocers, we are guided by doing the right thing; we recognize the people of Ukraine need our help, and they need it now. That’s why we are immediately directing funds to the International Committee of the Red Cross to support the victims of the war in Ukraine. This decision is a natural extension of our belief that there is greater power in unity than there is in division; we believe that we are all stronger together.”

SEG is proud to help those in need and to



support the international arm of the American Red Cross to globally aid the citizens of the world. Through SEG’s longstanding partnership with the American Red Cross, the grocer has aided the organization in countless disaster relief missions. With the generous support of its loyal customers, dedicated associates and valued vendor partners, SEG and the SEG Gives Foundation has donated more than \$11 million to the American Red Cross to support communities in times of need.



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Grace Episcopal takes a courtroom field trip

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Middle school students from Grace Episcopal Day School, along with their teachers and staff spent a day last week learning about the court system, military history and Clay County history. They also had a question and answer with a judge and observed live court proceedings. The Clerk and Comptroller’s Office reminds everyone if they have a group interested in touring the main courthouse or Historic Triangle, visit the Community Outreach page at clayclerk.com to make arrangements. Students were joined by Clay County Clerk Tara Green, front, and other officials at the courthouse.

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Police Briefs

School teacher accused of having sexual relationship with student

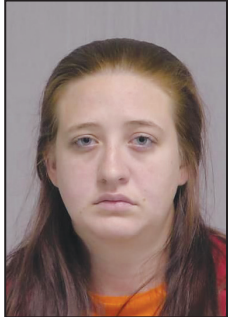
NASSAU COUNTY – A former teacher at Calvary Christian Academy in Middleburg was arrested in Nassau County on Feb. 23 after she was accused of having a sexual relationship with one of her students.

Caitlin Rose Crum, 26, was charged with promoting a sexual performance by a child and sexual battery of a child older than 12 after the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and First Coast Child Protection Team investigated a girl's claim that she started the relationship with the English teacher last year at the school. The girl said it started when Crum delivered pizzas to the school on Fridays. She later became a substitute teacher there, then was hired fulltime in January 2021 and the relationship reportedly started four months later.

The girl said she had "multiple" encounters with Crum, sometimes at homes belonging to the victim's relatives in Nassau County. The ninth-grade girl recorded one of their encounters on her cellphone, and deputies were able to recover the video.

School officials said they fired Crum when they were told of the affair, and they notified the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Crum's bond was set at \$125,000.



Caitlin Rose Crum

Man jailed after attacking family during his 'dark' times

MAXVILLE – A man, whose family said was struggling with an addiction to methamphetamine, was arrested after he used a crowbar to attack a woman and crashed his parents' car in a fit of rage.

Justin Daniel Parrish, 43, of Maxville, was arrested on Feb. 25 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, domestic battery, grand theft auto and criminal mischief after deputies found a woman said Parrish used a crowbar on her backdoor and eventually assaulted her before driving away in her car on Feb. 24. Parrish agreed to meet with officers a day after the woman was attacked, and he arrived in the stolen car, which led to his immediate arrest.

According to the arrest report, Parrish told deputies he was angry because his family wasn't showing him enough respect during his "dark" times. The report also showed Parrish sent a text message to his parents asking them to get a gun and put a "hole" in him. At 12:45 a.m. on Feb. 24, Parrish was accused of driving a pickup truck to his parent's house and ramming it into the back of their car. Later that day, he went home and attacked another family member before stealing her car, according to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Parrish's bond was set at \$60,011



Justin Daniel Parrish

Woman arrested for DUI a year after two men killed in crash

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A year after a father and son were killed south of the city, a woman was charged with two counts of DUI manslaughter and DUI resulting in bodily injury.

Danielle Angela Renee Hernandez, 44, was arrested after David John Hardie, 44, and David John Hardie Jr., 19, were killed when Hernandez lost control of her pickup truck while making a left-handed turn and slammed into a tree at the intersection of County Road 209 and Bayard Road on March 1, 2021. Hernandez's 13-year-old



Danielle Angela Renee Hernandez

daughter also suffered "incapacitating" injuries.

The Florida Highway Patrol said all four were at Corky Bell's Steak and Seafood Restaurant in East Palatka before the crash. Hernandez and Hardie Sr. were seen drinking two shots of Irish whiskey and a hard seltzer before their meal.

The Event Data Recorder recovered from the truck indicated there was a "minimal" amount of braking before the accident and her speed was 66 mph five seconds before impact.

A search warrant for medical records indicated Hernandez had a blood alcohol level of .177 – more than twice the legal limit of .08 in Florida.

An arrest warrant was issued on Feb. 18 and Hernandez surrendered at the Clay County Jail on Feb. 23, where she was being held with a \$250,000 bond.

Hernandez's next court appearance will be on March 28.

Arrests & Bookings

(Name, age, location of arrest, charges).
Key: FTA-Failure to Appear; DWLSR-Driving Without a License-Suspended or Revoked; DUI-Driving Under the Influence; VOP-Violation of Probation; BAL-blood alcohol level. There are no assumptions or representations about guilt or innocence. Anyone arrested or booked is presumed innocent.

Tuesday, March 1

Christianna M. Tarleton, 22, Green Cove Springs, petit theft, DWLSR

Joshua T. King, 34, Fleming Island, resisting law enforcement with violence, trespassing

Emily B. Gursky, 18, Middleburg, 11 counts obtaining property less than \$20,000

Kenneth G. Oliver, 28, Middleburg, armed burglary, grand theft, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon

Casey D. Brown, 32, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control

Dominique M. Collins, 34, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Hannah R. Williams, 19, Green Cove Springs, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Steven L. Price, 57, Orange Park, trespassing that exposes animals/crops/property to waste/destruction/freedom

Kady L. Freeman, 29, Keystone Heights, misuse 911 system

Jason T. Cross, 40, Keystone Heights, simple battery

James B. Smith, 52, Middleburg, VOP-community control

Samantha L. Easom, 29, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

Nicholas A. Grisham, 34, Orange Park, DUI with BAL .15 or higher

Monday, Feb. 28

Thomas B. Tyson, 48, Orange Park, two counts possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Haley A. Mullins, 30, Fleming Island, failure to register, petit theft, two counts DWLSR

Blaze D. Edwards, 20, Orange Park, possession-marijuana

Jerica LaJeunesse, 23, Orange Park, VOP-DUI with property damage/personal injury

Shaleena A. Marks, 21, Keystone Heights, simple domestic battery

Joseph A. Bowen, 52, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery

Nicole G. Ridge, 48, Green Cove Springs, FTA-possession-methamphetamine, FTA-possession-hydromorphone, FTA-possession-marijuana, FTA-possession-drug paraphernalia

John J. Williams, 50, Keystone Heights, VOP-burglary with assault/battery

Fernando Goncalves, 46, Green Cove Springs, failure to secure workman's compensation

Rafael L. DeSouza, 40, Green Cove Springs, failure to secure workman's compensation

Michael L. Foster, 41, Middleburg, non-support

Christianna M. Tarleton, 22, Fleming Island, DWLSR

Christopher L. Harris, 40, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine

Sunday, Feb. 27

Don O. Bright, 52, Middleburg, DUI

Phillip S. Pillsbury, 53, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

Alexis E. Paul, 28, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

April D. Ramirez, 44, Orange Park, petit theft

Arnold D. Mosley, 25, Orange Park, petit theft

Dustin A. Heffner, 33, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, license tag not assigned to car

Jerry W. Ward, 51, Keystone Heights,

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at least five feet of unobstructed pathway for pedestrians. The purpose was to make the downtown area livelier and to enhance business. Councilman Van Royal said he'd like to see an easier way for residents and vendors to get permits during special events like Food Truck Fridays and Third Saturday Market in the Park.

"Have a rule is great," he said. "I don't like the idea where we have to get a permit for every event. If we make it easier, it encourages them to come out and do some-

Drumm makes College of Charleston's President's List

CHARLESTON, S.C. – Orange Park's Alexis Drumm was selected to the College of Charleston Fall 2021 President's List. Drumm is majoring in Business Administration. To qualify for President's List (Highly Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher.

Four local graduates earn spots on Ole Miss Honor Roll

UNIVERSITY, Miss. – Hannah and Halley Heyer of Fleming Island earned a spot on the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester

thing."

Daniels said permits allows the city to "know what's going on."

The changes to the Downtown Business District ordinance passed, 5-0. Revisions to the Future Land Use Districts, which better defines the area, also passed, 5-0, to make a better fit with the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

In other business. The council approved a waiver of its \$25,000 bond requirement and allowed for a smaller permit fee for the 2022 Winter Rally and Swap Meet at Reynolds Industrial Park as part of the city's Military Vehicle Preservation Association rally.

GPA of 3.75-4.00, at the University of Mississippi. Also, Carolina Hollis of Orange Park and Courtney Googe of Fleming Island were selected to the university's Dean's Honor Roll. Affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university.

Orange Park's Davis makes Clark University's Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. – Maggie G.R. Davis, of Orange Park, was selected to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2021 semester. Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

and sang along. It easily drew another standing ovation for the group, and as they said goodnight more than a few members of the audience left to get to the merchandise line before the rest of the crowd.

The reaction of that evening's crowd was a shining testament to their talent. So, don't be in "Confusion" if you see tickets for Evil Woman-The American ELO anytime soon.

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the concert as it was meant to be heard. I found myself teleported to my mother's childhood living room, dancing along to "A New World Record" during Sunday morning breakfast.

The final song "Roll Over Beethoven" was definitely a crowd favorite, bringing the audience to their feet as they danced

Arrests

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simple domestic battery

Christopher A. Burgett, 36, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, possession-marijuana

Tanay L.P. Willard, 41, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Kristen F. Daley, 24, Fleming Island, DUI

Saturday, Feb. 26

Randolph C. Rangeo, 70, Orange Park, burglary, indecent exposure in public

Travis S. Turner, 34, Middleburg, shoplifting

Jared J. Donnelly, 42, Orange Park, possession-drug paraphernalia

Samantha A. Lord, 33, Middleburg, DUI with property damage/personal injury, refusal to submit to BAL test

Samantha L. Eason, 29, Fleming Island, DUI, DWLSLR

Hailey A. Jowers, 19, Middleburg, grand theft auto DWLSLR

Friday, Feb. 25

Paul R. Bircher, 32, Middleburg, felony domestic battery by strangulation

William J. Horne, 46, Middleburg, violation of injunction not to be within 500 feet of residence/school/employer

Heather M. Crews, 33, Keystone Heights, DWLSLR

James M. McConnell, 29, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Emmanuel A. Sykes, 24, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Christopher H. Baboo, 28, Middleburg, shoplifting

Isabella M. Bianco, 28, Middleburg, DWLSLR

Edgar E. Sammons, 28, Orange Park, shoplifting

Sarah A. Baker, 30, Keystone Heights, aggravated assault with deadly weapon

Shirley L. Wells, 49, Green Cove Springs, FTA-dealing in stolen property, FTA-grand theft, FTA-providing false information to pawnbroker

Colten L. Chivers, 18, Green Cove Springs, FTA-battery

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loving attention.

Gilbert had other dogs, which made for an easier transition away from her torturous past.

"The transition wasn't difficult at all our other dogs welcomed her right into the family," Gilbert said. "We have adjusted well, it's like she's always been here and she was meant for our family. She has the best personality and is super gentle with our baby. We have a 1-year-old who just adores her 'Arwoo.'"

Including babies born after the rescue, 310 animals were placed for adoption on Nov. 13. Five days later, every animal was in a new home.

Since then, only one has been returned to Clay County Animal Control for "health reasons."

Clay County officials put all of the animals taken from the 1.29-acre lot – 104 dogs, 72 chickens, 28 pigs, six goats, two turtles, six pigeons, two quail and a duck and a goose – up for adoption after a Clay County judge took custody away from Michelle Wilkie. Residents were required to apply for an appointment time in advance of the event and the order was set randomly after each applicant was vetted.

Wilkie eventually was charged with 47 counts of animal cruelty. Her next court appearance will be on March 8.

Meanwhile, the animals who survived the horrible conditions – officials found skeletal remains throughout the property and in locked cages – now have the care and attention they deserved.

Indy Sardelli adopted a dog from a litter delivered by one of the rescued dogs. She said Hazel is so happy, she also gets along with the family cat.

"She is a friend to every person she meets and loves other dogs (and) cats," Sardelli said.

Sardelli worked as a volunteer with An-



Hazel gets ready for a ride in her special car seat. The dog was part of the huge animal rescue last October in Orange Park who was adopted into a loving home.

imal Services at the fairgrounds. She saw firsthand how the animals were neglected.

"Previously I had volunteered with CCAS at the clay county fairgrounds during the massive seizure of various animals last October," she said. "I had been fortunate enough to continue my volunteering service at the shelter after the animals found their forever homes. During my time I was able to adopt from the last litter of puppies born to one of the seized momma dogs.

"Since Feb. 5 Hazel (formerly Mari-gold) has been a welcomed addition to our family of rescues. We absolutely adore her and are so grateful to have the opportunity to offer her a life of health and happiness! A huge thank you to all of the wonderful people at CCAS for everything they do for these animals."

Justin D. Parrish, 43, Maxville, grand theft auto, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, domestic battery, vandalism

Marilu P. Castelan, 33, Orange Park, DWLSLR

Thursday, Feb. 24

Kimberly L. Williams, 35, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

Ashley L. Greene, 19, Middleburg, shoplifting

Abigail F. Vesely, 20, Middleburg, shoplifting

Jennifer A. Pachmayr, 38, Middleburg, domestic battery

Mikylah C. Wright, 25, Green Cove Springs, five counts failure to redeliver hired/leased personal property/equipment

Archie D. Damon, 34, Keystone Heights, FTA-failure to register vehicle

Jesse I. O'Dell, 25, Green Cove Springs, FTA-riding motorcycle without valid license

Bobby J. Mattson, 39, Middleburg, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Noah D. Barnett, 24, Green Cove

Springs, FTA-driving without valid license, leaving scene of accident with property damage

Antonio R. Walker, 58, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSLR

Chase T. Ashcraft, 19, Middleburg, two counts FTA

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Chad A. Newton, 32, Middleburg, DWLSLR, failure to register

Danielle A.R. Hernandez, 43, Green Cove Springs, two counts DUI manslaughter, DUI with serious injury

Kyle R. Worrell, 20, Green Cove Springs, VOP-burglary, VOP-community control

Christian T. Ghee, 18, Orange Park, child abuse, simple battery

Selena M. Butler, 20, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

Robert J. Beegle, 32, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSLR

Roy E. Gibbs, 54, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Daniel D. Sexe, 46, Fleming Island, DUI, driving without valid license



Colorful picnic tables like these will be on display Friday at the Clay County Fairgrounds. The Picnic Project benefits several local charities and shows off the talents from local artists. The tables will remain on property to be featured during the Clay County Agriculture Fair from March 31-April 10.

Clay Fair to show off its Picnic Project

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Event planned for March 4 at Clay County Fairgrounds

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Agriculture Fair is inviting residents to its grounds on March 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to present its Picnic Project.

The Fair has partnered with 16 local charities and 16 local artists to raise awareness for the participating charities during the Fair. Artists and Fair volunteers will be painting picnic tables that will be branded for the charity and displayed during the 11 days of the Fair. This is the first year of the project, which is sponsored by Toco Engineering and Stay Suites Orange Park.

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St. Johns Country Day School senior Hannah Lemieux is last on the dog pile of the Lady Spartans soccer team after winning the Class 2A title; a 2-0 win over Shorecrest Prep on Wednesday, to give St. Johns an record-setting 11th straight state championship.

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

DELAND - St. Johns Country Day School senior Julia Boaventura, amidst waves of underclassmen around her for a 2022 season that saw her Lady Spartans appear to be mortal with three regular season losses, snapped a 0-0 halftime tie with Shorecrest Prep in the Class 2A

championship game with two goals out of the halftime lockers to give St. Johns an 11th straight state title; 2-0 the final.

Boaventura, by her own admission was slightly off her game in the first half but was dialed back in by her team and Spartan coach Mike Pickett.

"Especially me in the first half, I was thinking this was my last time playing,

so it was really hard," said Boaventura heading to Southern Mississippi next fall. "The second half, we all played together and I thank God I had the two opportunities to score. I am so happy right now."

In the scoreless first half, St. Johns had numerous wicked shots on goal included a missile from Kamryn Towers and

SEE SPARTANS, 28

Clay High collects five region titles

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

WAKULLA - Clay High wrestling coach Jim Reape has historically articulated a strategy of probable success that has gotten him one state championship and a historic top five string of finishes at the FHSAA state championships.

SEE CLAY, 24



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Area high school wrestlers; Clay High's Luke Boree here after winning region 1-1A championship match at Wakulla High School, will be headed to Lakeland for the FHSAA state championships on Friday and Saturday, March 4-5. See region coverage, page 24.

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Clay

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"Numbers; we get a couple of our veterans to do what they do; get to the podium, maybe with bonus point wins, and the rest of the team follow with top 10 finishes, that's the key," said Reape, who saw his 2022 squad swat away a torrid chase by Suwannee High at the region 1-1A championship won by Clay with five individual titles. "It's been a long time since we had five region champions. Josh (Kumpf) had a big match, Luke (Boree) and Dominic (Martin) did what was expected with Ethan (Larsen) showing off his athleticism with his win. Ethan's pin was the swing match. Garrett Tyre is top ranked in the state and beat a guy who is probably second ranked in the state."

Along the way, Clay, with 251-180 team title score over Suwannee and Wakulla (149.5) showed off some depth in the Blue



Josh Kumpf won a dramatic 5-2 win over Palatka's Brandon Lewis for the 138 region 1-1A title.

Devil lineup beyond his senior leadership.

"Eleven qualifiers; five region champions and some great matches from our young guys is very positive for a good run at state," said Reape. "We're seeing guys who were banged up with injuries getting back on the mat and contributing."

Clay opened the championship round with three straight third place finishes against a hard-charging Suwannee Bulldog team who opened their lightweight divisions with a region title at 106, runnerup at 113, a second region title at 126 followed by a second runnerup at 132.

"They have returned to the Suwannee High wrestling; tough and scrappy, that has been their history," said Clay 182 champion Dominic Martin. "Over the years, it was Wakulla and us battling at the top with Suwannee just behind. It keeps up sharp knowing that they are coming strong on us."

Reape noted that Clay had the meat of his lineup in the upper weights while Suwannee did not.



Left: Luke Boree executed a last second takedown to win a 3-1 decision over Yulee's Dylan Johns for the region title at 145. Right: Ethan Larsen was a pseudo-upset pin winner over Florida High's Xander Hawkes for the 170 title.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO



Top ranked Garrett Tyre got a third period pin against Raines' state placer Jamari Watson in the second thrilling championship match for the pair. Right: Clay coaches Jim Reape, left, and Hunter Hill have put together a team of veterans and new faces to put the Blue Devils in position to a top five finish at state.



With back-to-back thrillers for wins from Kumpf at 138 (a 5-2 win) and Boree at 145 (a last second 3-1 win), Clay swung the momentum pendulum back to the Blue Devils to put a bit of space on Suwannee.

Boree, who had turned a 1-1 tie with Yulee's Dylan Johns with just six seconds left in the match, blasted a single leg takedown just before the buzzer to win 3-1.

"I guess I wanted to keep people excited," said Boree, who won his second region title (138 last year). "I've learned to be a little more offensive this year. I was okay with overtime, but Coach Hill (Hunter Hill) was yelling to go big move."

Larsen, at 170 and a 170 state qualifier last year, knocked out Suwannee's James Prentice in the semifinal then came back for a late pin on Xander Hawkes of Florida High.

Larsen fought to a 4-4 score after two periods before snaring Hawkes with a pin.

"Ethan and Josh are so explosive on the mat and they are learning to use that to win matches like today," said Reape. "One of the big surprises was Wilbon (Kedric at

195) who lost in the final but is having a great end of season run using his speed and power and learning to wrestle better. He is always moving."

Reape cited his two leaders; Martin and Tyre, as keys to the team success in Lakeland.

"Both got pins in their finals and that's bonus points," said Reape. "Garrett has wrestled the Raines guy (Jamari Watson) twice and both have been brutal matches. That may be the state title match next week."

Martin, with his first region title after sixth at state finish last year at 152, faced off against a familiar foe in Tyler Edenfield of Wakulla who had Martin on his back going out of bounds in a close call in the first

period with Martin up 2-1. Martin got one more single leg takedown to go up 4-1 into the second period. Martin would build to a 13-2 score with three-point tilts at will into the third period before pinning Edenfield. "That's more bonus points," said Reape.

Wilborn would last just a minute against North Bay Haven's David Mercado (55-1, region runnerup last year at 195) before getting pinned.

For Tyre, the opportunity to get to the state meet after a debacle last year against Fleming Island that got him penalized for the district tournament and ending his junior season, has been his motivation to not let the emotion of his big matches; twice with Watson, control the match. Watson, third at 195 last year, got the double on his first shot to go up 2-0 early in the first round with Tyre escaping to go into the second period down 2-1. Ironically, Watson beat Mercado in the consolation rounds at last year's state championships. Both fought to a 5-4 score; Watson up, into the third period with 1:16 on the clock before Tyre scored off an ankle grab and pinned Watson with less than a minute to go.

"He was definitely coming at me real solid with that double leg takedown this time," said Tyre, who beat Watson in the Clay Rotary final with a late match escape. "He's making me better knowing that him and I may be the state final match next week."

Clay's thirds went to freshman Jacob Bucci at 106, freshman Braden Glavin at 113 and senior Maverick Rainwater at 120. Rainwater lost a 9-7 semifinal match to Raines' De'Quon King, third last year at 113.



Clay senior Dominic Martin won with a third period pin over Wakulla's Tyler Edenfield.

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Weird season for Fleming Island ends

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

PONTE VEDRA BEACH - As the Fleming Island High School Golden Eagles boys' basketball team; shocked from a 9-0 season start to a 12-12 finish due to a controversial illegal player situation, powered through the district and region playoffs with exciting come-from-behind wins over Buchholz High's Bobcats, Tallahassee's Lincoln High Trojans, and the Fletcher High Senators all in the comfortable confines of The Nest at Fleming Island High School, it was time to pack up the bags and head over to Ponte Vedra as the number two seeded Golden Eagles would take on the number one seeded Sharks inside the Shark Tank for the opportunity to travel to the Class 6A Final Four.

After a grueling pace, with 22.5 left in the first half, off a Sharks time out, Ponte Vedra had the throw in, worked the ball around to drain the clock, and nailed a three pointer at the buzzer to deflate the Fleming Island morale and go into the locker room up 31-30. The Golden Eagles had an error filled third quarter that was simply too much to recover from as Ponte Vedra won 60-49 to advance to the Class 6A Final Four.

"The third quarter was key," said Fleming Island Head Coach Traavis Chandler.



Fleming Island coach Traavis Chandler tries to fire up his bench for final run in fourth quarter action against Ponte Vedra.

"We came out a little flat, we let them hit some shots, and we kind of lost our rhythm on offense."

Now number two seeded, the Sharks move into the state semi-finals, to take on number three seeded Winter Haven. For the north Florida area, Ponte Vedra is joined by Andrew Jackson in 4A, North Florida Education in 2A and Bradford County in 1A as Final Four teams. Bradford was to play Hawthorne in the Class 1A final on March 2. Andrew Jackson is in its fourth straight Final Four under coach



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Fleming Island defenders D'Maurion Valmyr, hands up, and Gavin Goldblatt try to corral Ponte Vedra lead scorer Luke Pirris who rattled the Golden Eagles for 24 points in region championship win by Sharks.

James Collins with Collins owning five state titles including a 1993 championship ring as a player. Jackson beat both Fleming Island and Orange Park this year. Ponte Vedra is in their first-ever Final Four. Also from the area, 5A-Riverside and 3A-Providence both lost their region finals.

The very physical game was at break-neck speed all evening and both teams had minor issues early as two minutes came off

the board before the Sharks finally broke the ice with a two point basket, only to have Fleming Island come right back with a Gavin Rayes three-pointer to give the Golden Eagles an early 3-2 lead. The entire first half looked like everyone would be in for a last second shootout. That was until the teams went into the locker room.

SEE WEIRD, 30



Fleming Island senior guard Colton Zapp led the Golden Eagles to the region final with his three point shooting, but Ponte Vedra still got the region championship win.


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No Doubt: Golden Eagles pound region 2A wrestling

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

TALLAHASSEE - With more than 130 points difference between first place and second place, the Fleming Island High wrestling team left little doubt that they would continue to grind away against all comers as the Golden Eagles lineup bashed the region 1-2A lineup for their first region title among a slew of 3A region titles Saturday afternoon at Tallahassee Chiles High School.

"When we went to Class 2A, it was all about the different wrestling styles and new faces for our team," said Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert. "What people don't see on this team because we do have a lot of young faces is that this team just trains hard, competes hard and executes every day, every match. There really was very little anxiety by the young guys who came here today."

Young guys included twin freshman brothers Shane and Laird Duhaylungsod, both leaving as region champions; Shane Duhaylungsod, at 106, taking out Mosley sophomore sensation Derrick Williams (51-4) with a strategic 9-7 decision. Wil-

liams was a Clay Rotary champion, a Flagger Rotary champion and the district 1-2A champion prior to facing Duhaylungsod.

"Those guys are smart enough to not read about the guys they will wrestle, but to just go out there and do what they do," said Cobbert. "The whole team has that same mentality. Here is how we wrestle, beat us."

For Laird Duhaylungsod, at 120, the finals' opponent was a very familiar face in Middleburg High's freshman Wyatt Leduc, also a junior high opponent, also a Keystone Memorial opponent this year, who has also enjoyed a remarkable first varsity season with Duhaylungsod winning a 4-0 title. Duhaylungsod's main foe en route to the Leduc match was also a Mosley veteran in junior Sam Tolomeo (39-17, state qualifier at 106 2021) whom Duhaylungsod annihilated to the tune of a 14-0 major decision.

Sandwiched between the Duhaylungsod brothers is another freshman, unbeaten freshman and top-ranked in 2A Jayce Paridon at 55-0 who smoked his way through his lineup with three pins and a 12-3 major decision.

Cobbert had a string of region champi-



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Fleming Island High's Matthew Kotler is on the backside of this pinning move, "the Tulsa Ride," in his semifinal win over St. Augustine High's Christian Jackson. Kotler won the 145 pound title at the region 1-2A championships over Leon's Nolan Zirgibel in overtime 6-4.

ons after the front loaded threesome with senior Joshua Mukaddam at 132, Kaden Schaefer at 138, Matthew Kotler at 145 and Jhoel Robinson at 182 all bringing home gold. Joshua Sandoval, at 170, who is in top three ranks, lost a quarterfinal match to Matanzas' Jordan Mills on a 6-5 decision then got back to beat Niceville's Martin Black by pin for third place.

"He just gave up some points on two moves that the other guy got the call on," said Cobbert. "He's a state meet stud and will be there next week."

Cobbert got a runnerup from 285 Ethan Hoffstetter, a third from Ronan Bozeman at 160 over Trevion Sermons of Orange Park, and a third from Christopher Chop at 152 by pin over Lincoln's Connor Edwards.

"What's scary is that we get them all back but one next year," said Cobbert. "Some we will have for three more years."

Leduc, in his matches to the final, dispatched Fletcher senior Ryden Ashmore (37-9, twice the district 3-2A champion) with a 7-0 decision.

Leduc and the Middleburg High Broncos have seen a skyrocket season behind first year coach Coll Robertson, a former Ridgeview High state qualifier and a long-time Lake Asbury Junior High coach with a string of North Florida Athletic Conference and Clay County titles under his mentorship of young athletes in Clay County.

Robertson, with assistant Richard Duisenberre, have collected two girls at the FHSAA state meet plus four boys Saturday to the big show; Leduc; senior state qualifier last year Riley Girgis, second at 126 with 4-2 loss to New Smyrna Beach senior Jamey Bruner (46-4, state qualifier 126); sophomore 113 state qualifier Grady



Ridgeview High's Derrick Mosley, in black, gets set to throw Pace High's Hale Wood en route to a 33 second pin in his 220 pound semifinal. Mosley lost in the championship match to unbeaten (45-0) Cedric Farrow of Fort Walton Beach, 7-4.

Woodard at 120, and freshman Jackson Hornback at 106 who lost to Mosley's Derrick Williams in his second bout, then rolled back to a third place finish with three pins in consolation then an 18-3 tech fall in the third place match.

"It's great to see guys I had coached and coached against at the junior high level get to the state meet level so quickly at their high schools," said Robertson, who won four of five Northeast Florida Athletic Conference titles in his five years at Lake Asbury Junior High School. "I think Wyatt (LeDuc) wrestled Laird Duhaylungsod in junior high with Shane wrestling Clay's Jacob Bucci a few times."

In the team scores, Fleming Island ousted Tallahassee Lincoln 249-115.5 for the top spot with New Smyrna Beach third at 110. Middleburg scored 87.5 for sixth with Ridgeview, with 220 Derrick Mosley second after pins of 26 and 33 seconds in his prelim matches, finished 15th with 41.5 and Orange Park 21st with 16 points.

Orange Park had just two wrestlers; Trevion Sermons at 160, fourth, and Geoffrey Jules-Delice at 195 who won one match.



Fleming Island wrestling coach P.J. Cobbert has his Golden Eagles team primed to make big noise at the Class 2A championships in Lakeland on Saturday.

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Fleming Island High's wrestling team shows off the hardware won at the region 1-2A championships at Tallahassee Chiles High School.



Fleming Island 120 pounder Laird Duhaylungsod, top, holds on to Middleburg's Wyatt Leduc in the region 1-2A championship match between the two freshmen. Duhaylungsod won.



Fleming Island High's Jhoel Robinson has pinning grasp of Gulf Breeze's Blake Fluck en route to 9-1 semifinal win at 182. Robinson won 182 region title with 16-7 win over Niceville's Harrison Wall.



Middleburg High coach Richard Duisenberre has been on the side of first year coach Coll Robertson to usher in final shot for senior Riley Girgis, left, to get a state medal. Girgis lost in region final.



Oakleaf High senior Marcus McGee had to face off and beat Mandarin rival Jameel Smith, a sixth place finisher last year in Class 3A, in his consolation semifinal to advance to the state finals. McGee won his third place medal 8-1 to qualify for state.

Knights send three to state

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLAGLER PALM COAST - After a dramatic, final match win for their district 1-3A wrestling title last week, Oakleaf High was kind of expecting to storm the castle at Flagler Palm Coast in their region 1-3A championship and first year coach Rory Roderick got out of the fort with three state qualifiers in his rookie campaign.

"I appreciate the energy and support of everyone around this program to get us this far," said Roderick. "We got 10 guys to the regions and three to the state meet."

Oakleaf's three qualifiers; third place finishers Marcus McGee at 132; Jordan Mitchell at 285 and Keon Barrientos at 126 will have some company with two girls' team wrestlers; Adrienna Barrientos and Jazzmine Moore joining the squad's trip to Lakeland. McGee is a returning state qualifier, going 0-2 last year.

Barrientos had one of the more formidable paths to the third place match with a pin over Kellen Chapman of Deland (40-18) and an 8-3 win over Creekside's Conner Wright, a state qualifier last year, in the consolation semifinal in a repeat of the district championship.


McGee, who faced off with Mandarin's Jameel Smith in the consolation semifinal also in a repeat of the district final at 132 won by McGee, kept Smith, a sixth


place finisher in 3A last year, from a repeat trip to Lakeland with a 5-0 win. McGee later won 8-1 over Ryan Culbertson of Seminole High.

At 285, where Mitchell sealed the district title last week with an 11 second pin lost by pin to Timber Creek's Peter Nesheiwat (42-10) before battling back to win via pin over Ocala Forest's Cane Fernandez for third place.

Also for Oakleaf, freshman Angel Rodriguez, at 106, lost in the consolation semifinal to be one match from a state meet invitation; Ion Hortinela, at 113, in a surprise pin for the district title, got one match away with a win over Nease Jason Choi, the district final lineup won by pin by Hortinela; Lincoln Morales at 120, won one match, Ronan Polinsky, a state qualifier who was one match from a state medal last year at 152, now at 160, finished 2-2 with a loss to Apopka in the second round; Mason Ganion at 170 who won one match, Onjel Caraballo at 182, who lost in his semifinal then lost in consolations to Deland's Gavin Rodriguez-Gayro, whom Caraballo beat in his first round match, and Ben Gaddis at 220, who finished 2-2.

Also in 3A, Bartram Trail, coached by former Orange Park High coach Chad Parker and former Fleming Island High second place medalist Evan McCall, got three wrestlers to state with 120 region champion Ethan Vugman, fourth at 106 last year, leading the trio.

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Left: St. Johns Country Day School seniors Julia Boaventura, Hannah Lemieux and Kamryn Towers share a smile with the Class 2A championship trophy after beating Shorecrest Prep 2-0 in Deland. Right: St. Johns Country Day School goalie Roxy Mathews made two key saves in the final minutes to preserve the Spartans win.

Spartans

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a crossbar deflection from Lauren Mateo, but Shorecrest goalie Sonoma Kasica, just a sophomore, kept the Spartans off the scoreboard with astounding deflections and saves in front of her net.

After eight shots on goal in the first half, Kasica blanked the Spartans in the opening stanza before Pickett found her vulnerability.

“She (Kasica) was unbelievable,” said Pickett. “Crazy good. Best keeper we played all year. She kept them in the game and all they needed was one chance and they (Shorecrest) are winning the game. We needed to get the end line on her and draw her out of the middle of her goal. She was too good on shot stopping. We did it twice and cashed them in.”

After laying out the game plan to his team, the girls went out and flawlessly executed.

Once the Spartans made the adjustments to pull the keeper forward, it was all Boaventura needed to head the ball past Kasica from the top of the penalty box line,



Teammates surround Julia Boaventura after first of two goals in 2-0 Class 2A championship win.

fed from Ava Johnson in minute 56 of the competition, to put St. Johns on the board.

Asked if she saw it go in where she wanted it to, Boaventura admitted “I think I did. My heading is something I’ve been working on and getting better at.”

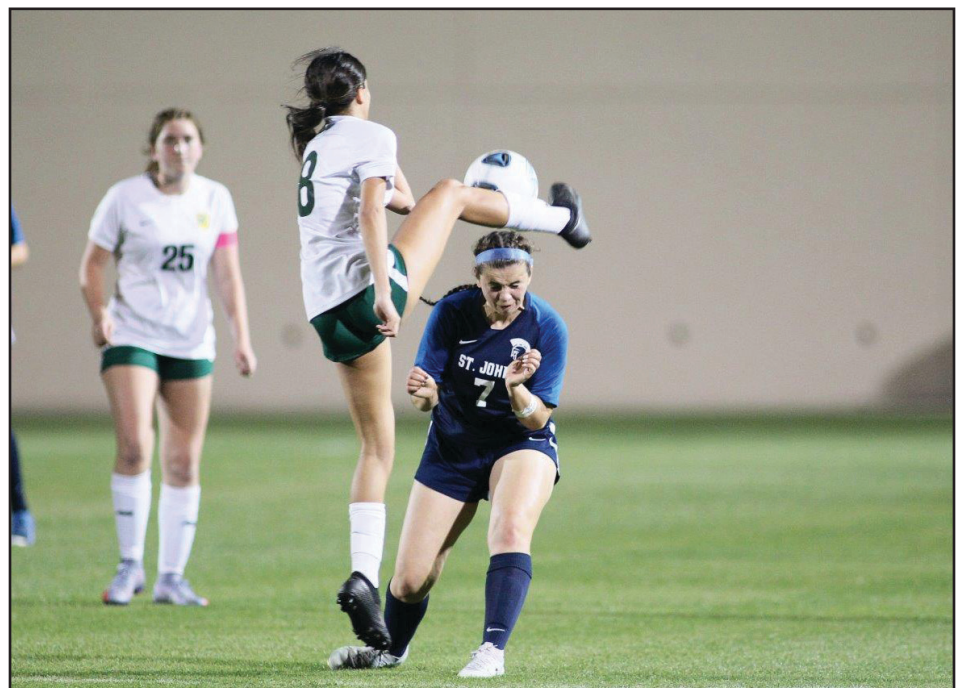
“Especially me in the first half, I was thinking this was my last time playing, so it was really hard. The second half, we all played together and I thank God I had the two opportunities to score. I am so happy right now.”

– Julia Boaventura

Just four minutes later, with a feeding pass from Towers, Boaventura, off her left foot three meters outside the penalty box line, blasted a cannon shot by Kasica to put her team out front 2-0.

With her mind still in a whirlwind, the senior commented on the second goal. “The feed was perfect. Just that opportunity for me to score again. I can’t believe it. I don’t have the words right now and just have to celebrate with my team now.”

On the far end of the field, the Spartan defense was nearly impenetrable, holding



Left: St. Johns Country Day School forward Lauren Mateo heads a ball downfield while, right, Hannah Lemieux just misses a head shot with a high kick.



St. Johns Country Day School soccer coach Mike Pickett, right, faced a rare 0-0 tie at halftime before securing his 11th straight state title; 14th overall.



One of the key young faces for St. Johns soccer is eighth grader Sydney Schmidt, in air.



Julia Boaventura celebrates her head ball goal for final 2-0 score.

the Chargers to only three shots on goal, with sophomore keeper Roxy Mathews owning shutouts in the entire seven game playoff run.

"At first I was really nervous," said Mathews. "This was the first time playing a championship not as a field player. After the first five minutes and seeing we had most of the control, I settled down and I knew I just had to do my best."

Late in the game, on one of the Chargers shots that had a laser beam for a corner, Mathews got 10 feet tall, arms up and

robbed a sure goal.

"When I made that save, I was like, wow I'm confused. Was that going in, was it not going in?," said Mathews. "At the moment, it didn't feel real," as the goal tender followed her instincts and deflected the shot that could have changed the face of the game. "I'm very happy I went for it. As a goalkeeper, you never know, should you go for it, should you not? I'm just glad I did."

Through the 2022 seven game playoff run, St. Johns amassed a total 50 points and held all seven opponents to zero goals.



Julia Boaventura heads ball into goal for second score of night.



St. Johns Country Day School soccer shows off double finger for 11th state title.

With the 11 straight state champions started in 2011, the current seniors were in first grade as the streak began. With a total now of 14 high school state champi-

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Level: Intermediate

Weird

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The momentum train boarded by the Sharks before the half just seemed to gain speed when the teams reemerged from the locker rooms. Meanwhile- the Golden Eagles chose the wrong night to come out flat from the break.

"The third quarter was definitely the difference," said Chandler.

The Sharks (26-3) smelled blood in the water and quickly took advantage. The Golden Eagles were missing typical layups and inside the arc field goals. The Sharks always had a "garbage man" stationed under the net to come away with the re-bounds and used lightening quick passes to rocket the ball down court and score.

"We had to make a decision to stop their drive or stop their three," said Chandler.

The Shark's shuffle and cut offense in the third was another issue Fleming Island had a hard time getting a handle on.

"That shuffle cut offense is tough to guard," said Chandler. "You have to make rapid decisions. At times we just didn't make the right decision."

When the Golden Eagles did come up with a stop, 11 times the Sharks came up with a steal and nearly all resulted in points. Even after timeouts and dialing it back in, Chandler could not find the secret sauce to slow down the Sharks in the third.

"I thought guys got a little fatigue and they stopped crashing the glass," said Chandler.

Out by 14 points at the end of the third, the Shark domination only needed to roll on for eight more short minutes.

With the double-digit lead, and Fleming Island going cold in three-point land, the Sharks went into passing and clock killing mode in the fourth, seemingly able to score at will any time Fleming Island would get the ball and put two more on the board. With 3:18 to play, when Fleming Island drew to only nine points back, 54-45, the Sharks simply turned up the wick and went to work. "As Coaches, maybe we could have made more adjustments, but... PV played one heck of a game."

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to agriculture.

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Answer: Farmers

Guess Who?

I am a musician born in Scotland on March 31, 1955. I moved to Australia at age 13 and left school two years later. While my first instrument was the banjo, I'm known as a guitarist, co-founding a popular hard rock band of the 1970s and 80s.

Answer: Angus Young

Answers: A. farm B. plants C. harvest D. livestock

Solve the code to discover words related to agriculture. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 19 = S)

A. 24 8 14 9

Clue: Rural area

B. 15 12 8 21 7 19

Clue: Trees, shrubs and more

C. 3 8 14 10 6 19 7

Clue: Gathering crops

D. 12 26 10 6 19 7 17 4 16

Clue: Farm animals

AGRICULTURE WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ANNUAL
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- DIPLOID
- DOMINANCE
- FERMENTATION
- FERTILIZER
- FRUIT
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- GRAINS
- GREENHOUSE
- HERBACEOUS
- HUSK
- LEAFLETS
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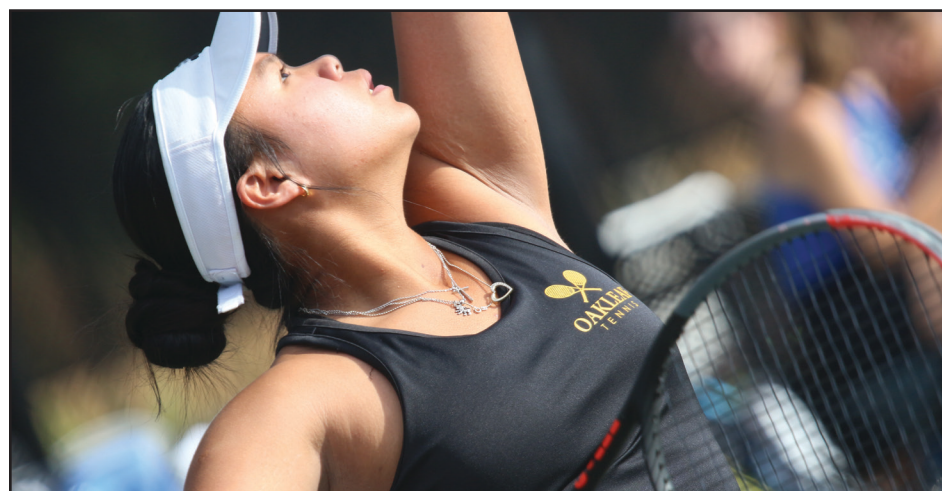
Fleming Island High baseball, fresh off a Class 6A runnerup finish, left 10 men on base in 3-0 loss to First Coast on Friday. Pictured is Abram Summers stuck at second against First Coast pitcher Dylan Cope.



Fleming Island baseball standouts Divine Valle, left, and Isaac Williams signed baseball scholarships to continue their playing days next fall at Jacksonville University.



Ridgeview High long jumper Napoleon Cion flies to 19'-7" win at the Panther Relays held at Ridgeview High School.



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Jacksonville, 414 Old Hard Road, Suite 502, Fleming Island, FL 32003, Permit No# 171682-1. The project is located in Clay County, Section 37 Township 5S Range 24E; and, Section 7.6, Township 5S, Range 25E. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 188.85 acres for Authorization to use Sovereign Submerged Lands in the form of a letter of consent for the construction of a community/multi family dock and four single family docks known as JENNINGS FARM in accordance with the plans received by the District on February 1, 2022 and as modified by plans received by the District on February 22, 2022. The receiving water body is Black Creek. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwm.com, within fourteen (14) days of the District depositing the notice of intended District decision in the mail (for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice), within fourteen (14) days of the District emailing notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District emails actual notice), or within fourteen (14) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., is not available. A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the next regular District business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at www.sjrwm.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing. The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed

by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.). If you wish to do so, please visit http://www.sjrwm.com/noticeofrights/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's intended decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Bureau Chief, Bureau of Regulatory Support (RS), 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4570. **Legal 33619 Published March 3, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000885

TIAA, FSB B/B/A EVERBANK,

Plaintiff, Vs.

JOSHUA D. GOBBY A/K/A JOSUA GOBBY; EMILY LESSEN A/K/A EMILY GOBBY; PINE RIDGE PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEPENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on February 22, 2022 in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000885, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, TIAA, FSB B/B/A EVERBANK, is the Plaintiff, JOSHUA D. GOBBY A/K/A JOSUA GOBBY; EMILY LESSEN A/K/A EMILY GOBBY; PINE RIDGE PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEPENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS and are Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com on March 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 579, PINE RIDGE PLANTATION

REPLAT PHASE 2-A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 57, PAGES 9 THROUGH 14, 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 March 1, 2022.

(seal) Tara S Green CLERK OF THE COURT Rebecca Crews Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision

of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crintrp@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. **Legal 33590 published March 3 and March 10, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF MEETING Armstrong Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Armstrong Community Development District will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. Marilee Giles, District Manager **Legal 33305 Published March 3, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper**

PUBLIC SALE

The following vehicle(s) will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs. G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept and reject any and all bids. **WBABS33462PG85604**

The auction will be held on 03/21/2022 at 9:00 a.m. at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 **Legal 33630 published March 3, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today**

NOTICE OF ACTION

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Notice is given that the following permit was issued on February 28, 2022. Issued to: The Wood Development Company of

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