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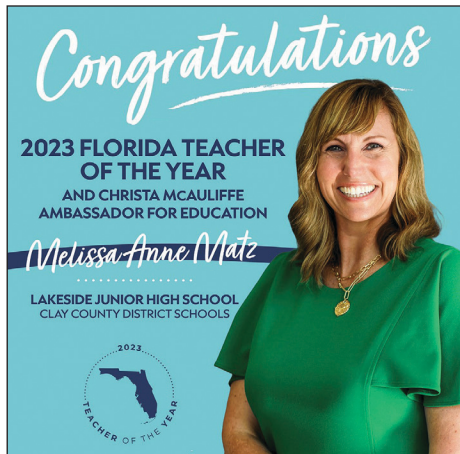
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Lakeside's Melissa Matz selected Florida Teacher of the Year

By Nick Blank
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CLAY COUNTY – Five teachers held hands on stage at the Gaylord Palms Resort for the state Teacher of the Year awards last week and they would be proud of whoever won.

When state Education Commissioner Manny Diaz Jr. called the winner and the balloons cascaded down, Melissa Matz put her hands to her face.

Matz, a Lakeside Junior High seventh-grade math teacher, was selected as the state's 2021-22 Teacher of the Year. There are 185,000 teachers in the state.

Matz was joined by finalists teachers from Gilchrist, Manatee, Sarasota and Broward counties. The five teachers spent several days together and remained in contact before the ceremony.

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Black Creek Project set to save Keystone lakes, area economy

Although lakes Geneva and Brookly won't realize the full benefits of moving water 17 miles from Black Creek to replenish the upper aquifer until 2025, Lake Region residents and business owners are thrilled construction on the long-awaited program will start next month.

The \$100 million project will bolster the Florida aquifer and Keystone Heights' ecotourism

By Faith Buckley
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva, the cardinal foundations of the Florida aquifer, are drowned in distress but now have a chance of recovery.

The Black Creek Water Resource Development Project, a plan developed by the St. Johns River Water Management District, aims to boost the recharge of the Upper Floridan aquifer in northeast Florida by using the excess flow from flood-prone Black Creek.

Water will flow from Black Creek to a

transmitter in a 17-mile pipeline before moving to Alligator Creek, which bleeds into Lake Brooklyn and Lake Geneva out of Keystone Heights, according to the SJRWMD.

The Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District approved the completion of a contract July 12 to start the first phase of the project, according to the SJRWMD.

The project will pump up to 10 million gallons of water a day from the creek to the lakes dependent on the creek's flow. Its construction will cost about \$100 million.



Lynn Rutkowski, city manager for Keystone Heights, said the project will begin in late August, and water will start pumping through the pipeline about two years after construction begins.

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Former Green Cove Springs Mayor Page elected Chairman of FMPA

Committee fosters communication between power agency, public officials

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Bob Page, the former mayor and city council member in Green Cove Springs, will continue to serve the public's interest as the new chairman of the Florida Municipal Power Agency on the Policy Makers Liaisons Committee.

The committee was formed to better connect wholesale power companies owned by municipal electric utilities and the cities they serve.

"About a dozen years ago, FMBA set up a committee to have people sort of be

an intermediary between council members and some decision makers within the organization," Page said.

Page said some cities have separate councils and utility boards, while others rely on the council to serve in both capacities. When Page's term limit expired in Green Cove Springs, the council asked him to represent them with the organization.

Now he serves 31 cities and counties that run their own electrical companies. Locally, that includes Green Cove Springs.



Bob Page

"So it was sort of meant in those cases where there were two separate entities (council and utilities boards) that was sort of a bridge between the two, and to keep the council members who maybe had a lesson or interactivity with them, a more appraised of what was going on was happening," Page said. "So that when I started, I was on the council at that point in time in Green Cove. Then upon the end of my term limits, everybody on the council were hard working people that had jobs, and they said, would you ever be an assistant policy? It was a good fit for me."

James Hilty Sr. of Ocala was elected as vice chairman. They will lead the committee in its mission of fostering communication between public officials and FMPA, their wholesale electricity provider.

Page previously served two terms as vice chair and has been a member of the Policy Makers Liaisons Committee since 2013. Hilty served on FMPA's Policy Makers Liaisons Committee for four years until the end of his city council term in 2017. He rejoined the committee earlier this year after winning the 2021 election for his district's representation to the city council. Florida Municipal Power Agency is a wholesale power agency owned by municipal electric utilities in Florida. FMPA's mission is to provide low-cost, reliable and clean power, plus value-added services for FMPA's owner-customers that benefit their communities and customers. The 31 members of FMPA serve nearly 2.7 million Floridians and employ nearly 3,700 people.

Commissioners earn Advanced County Designation, Presidential Advocacy awards

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – District 3 Commissioner James Renninger and District 4 Commissioner Betsy Condon recently received the Advanced County Commissioner Level I designation from the Institute for County Government. They were recognized for their achievement at the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference and Educational Exhibition in Orange County.

Also, the Florida Association of Counties presented District 1 Commissioner Mike Cella with the Presidential Advocacy Award for his work during the 2022 Legislative Session at the Annual Conference and Educational Exhibition.

The FAC Presidential Advocacy Award recognizes county commissioners who have shown exceptional leadership during the legislative session to advance counties' legislative agenda and preserve home rule.

Renninger said, The Institute for County Government sponsored by the Florida Association of Counties provides professional training for new county commissioners. Formal training provides the new commissioner with foundational instruction on county government organization and operation as well as concepts which assists in formulating solutions to issues such as affordable housing, opioid addiction, resiliency, and other challenges facing local government. Most importantly is the inter-

action provided by a congregation of commissioners throughout the state."

"I am honored to have earned this distinction. Putting in the commitment and hard work to become a better commissioner is a worthwhile endeavor," Condon said.

Cella received the award for his efforts on the FAC Health, Safety, and Justice Committee, which makes recommendations on public policy to address issues on behavioral and mental health, healthcare and human services, emergency management, and law enforcement, among others. Cella received ACC II certification in 2020, and this is his second time receiving the Presidential Advocacy Award for his work.

"I was honored to be recognized at the FAC annual conference," Cella said. "I appreciate the opportunity to work with commissioners from around the state and advocate for our individual counties in pro-



Betsy Condon



Mike Cella



Jim Renninger

"I was honored to be recognized at the FAC annual conference. I appreciate the opportunity to work with commissioners from around the state and advocate for our individual counties in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of our residents."

– Mike Cella

teen years and has offices in all 67 Florida counties.

To learn more about the ACC program and other education programs offered through the Institute for County Government, please visit <https://flicg.org>.

The ACC I designation signifies the commissioner's completion of a comprehensive study program designed by ICG. The ACC I education program, consisting of three two-day seminars and 27 hours of total coursework, focused on leadership development with an emphasis on the future of Florida. Commissioners Renninger and Condon received their Certified County Commissioner Designation in July of 2021, making them eligible to take the advanced level training. The Institute for County Government's Executive Director, Eric Pool said, "This program brings together commissioners who are committed to facing Florida's greatest challenges and allows them to collaborate and grow as they learn new strategies, which they may use to better their communities."

protecting the health, safety, and welfare of our residents."

The ACC I education program was launched in 2006 and commissioners must fully commit to the coursework to graduate from the program. Participants are challenged to act, think and lead during times of uncertainty and adversity.

Alongside commissioners Condon and Renninger, 16 other Florida commissioners earned the designation in 2022 and a total of 285 commissioners have earned the designation since the inception of the program.

The education program is made possible in partnership with the University of Florida/IFAS Extension, which has sponsored this program for the last fif-

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Deadline to vote in August 23 primary is July 25

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Supervisor of Elections, Chris H. Chambless, reminds voters the last day to register to vote for the Primary Election is Monday, July 25. The primary election day is Aug. 23. July 25 is also the deadline to change your party affiliation. Florida is a Closed Primary state, which means voters are limited to choosing candidates of their own party:

- Democrats may only vote for Democratic candidates.
- Republicans may only vote for Republican candidates.
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Paper applications must be signed and postmarked by July 25 to be valid for the Primary Election. All voters are encouraged



to review their information and make any updates prior to Election Day.

If you have questions, or need more information, call the office at (904) 269-6350 or visit [ClayElections.gov](https://www.ClayElections.gov) your source for verified election information.

Clay County Community, Social Services relocates to College Drive

MIDDLEBURG – The Clay County Community and Social Services Department has relocated to 420 College Dr., Suite 107, in Middleburg. This area of College Drive is also known as the 'Helping Highway' and is the central location of a variety of non-profit organizations and community service providers. The area is also easily accessible by the JTA red and blue lines, which offer reduced fares for veterans and seniors.

The department is dedicated to the overall well-being of Clay County residents by providing quality services, access to resources, and a support network that leads to self-sufficiency, and preserves the dignity of all Clay County individuals and families.

The Community and Social Services

Department can assist Clay County residents with obtaining individual financial assistance including rental and utility payments, and Community Development Block Grant funding for housing rehabilitation or emergency home repairs.

The Community Services Department also offers a referral program to connect those in need with local non-profit and volunteer organizations to help meet their individual needs.

Veterans' Services, Volunteer Services, the Community Paramedicine Program, and the Clay County Grants Department also have offices at the College Drive location, making this facility a centralized, one-stop location for residents to get the help they need to improve their quality of life

and strengthen their families.

To contact the Clay County Community and Social Services Department, email claycares@claycountygov.com or

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DeSantis' new anti-woke fight: Men can't get pregnant

By Renzo Downey
For FloridaPolitics.com

Gov. Ron DeSantis is joining the chorus of conservatives criticizing the use of gender-neutral terms like "birthing people" when describing pregnancies.

The national debate on abortion spawned a secondary front in the culture war in recent weeks as some on the left ditched phrases like "pregnant mothers" to be more inclusive to transgender men and nonbinary people. During a Senate Judiciary Committee meeting on abortion access on Tuesday, a University of California, Berkeley law professor called Missouri Republican U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley's comments "transphobic" when he questioned references to "people with a capacity for pregnancy," an exchange that garnered significant media attention.

Speaking in Putnam County on Thursday, Florida's Republican Governor took the opportunity to opine on gender-neutral language when asked about implementing stricter anti-abortion laws.

"Some of the people in Washington, like, can we actually agree that women get pregnant and not men? Because they don't seem to say that," DeSantis said. "It's just unbelievable, some of the stuff that you're hearing about that."

The Hawley exchange wasn't the only time language around pregnancy entered the national debate. In outlining President Joe Biden's budget proposal for the 2022 fiscal year more than a year ago, the administration swapped references to "mothers" with "birthing people," drawing criticism. And last month, in anticipation of the U.S. Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups used gender-neutral language when describing abortion.

DeSantis has made a point to combat "woke" culture. Last year, he signed legislation banning transgender women and girls from competing in women's and girls' sports. And in April, he signed what he called the "Stop WOKE Act" (HB 7) to prohibit lessons and training which tell students and employees that they're inherently racist, sexist or oppressive because of their race, color, sex or national origin.

He also has derided "woke" corporations like Disney, which came out against Florida's law restricting discussions about gender and sexual identity by teachers.

DeSantis in April signed a 15-week abortion ban (HB 5) into law, which Florida Republicans based on similar Mississippi legislation the U.S. Supreme Court upheld 6-3 in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*

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OPINIONS



Vicious cycle:

Major drug arrests becoming routine at this time of year

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

Compiling information for This Week in History is tedious. It requires pouring through old editions of Clay Today and The Crescent, going page by page looking for interesting stories from five, 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

In the process, you quickly learn how things have changed. Hamburger meat used



Don Coble

to cost less than \$1 a pound. Even more telling is the fact most of the grocery stores from 20 years ago are no longer in business.

The most-problematic epidemic was the scourge of cocaine and methamphetamine. While today's biggest threats now are methamphetamine and fentanyl, the threat of drug abuse remains the same.

A year ago this week, the Clay County Sheriff's Office announced 44 people had been arrested in the Middleburg/Clay Hill area as part of a program called "Hammer and Hope." In the first week, more than 100 charges were filed, including 80 felonies.

"If you are a drug dealer understand

SEE DRUGS, 5



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.

Farinaceous: (fer-a-NAY-shus) an adjective that means consisting of or containing starch.

"Risotto is my favorite farinaceous dish."

This Week in History

20 years ago, 2002

- Rhonda Taylor of Middleburg is arrested after she made false claims about being sexually assaulted by a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy.

- A man walks away uninjured after his pickup truck stalled on the train tracks on Peoria Road and is struck by an Amtrak train.

- The third Florida Youth Challenge Academy opens at Camp Blanding to provide life skills, physical fitness and academic and leadership experience to high school dropouts.

30 years ago, 1992

- Administrative assistant Diane Saunders resigns from the county manager's office.

- Clay County firefighters win a 3% pay increase from the Clay County Board of Commissioners.

- A block grant means residents who live in the area of Ennison, Wall, Palm, Franklin, Walnut and Lemon streets will see their dirt roads be paved and equipped with drainage.

40 years ago, 1982

- The Clay County Development Authority asks the county commissioners not to exclude plans for a general airport in the future.

- Merrill Glisson, president of the Clay County Cattleman's Association, announces plans for Cracker Day.

- County commissioners agree to allow for private ambulances to provide transfers so county ambulances won't be tied up during an emergency.

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Opinions ...

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PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT: FENTANYL KILLS

The State of Florida is responding to an increase in fentanyl overdoses. All Floridians are advised to remain vigilant of current public risk.

SIGNS OF OVERDOSE

- Small, constricted "pinpoint pupils."
- Falling asleep or losing consciousness.
- Slow, weak, or not breathing.
- Choking or gurgling sounds.
- Cold and/or clammy skin.
- Discolored skin, especially lips and nails.
- Limp body.

WHAT TO DO

1. Call 911 Immediately.
2. Administer naloxone, if available.
3. Try to keep the person awake and breathing.
4. Lay the person on their side to prevent choking.
5. Stay with the person until emergency assistance arrives.

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Drugs

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that we have a highly trained and professional team of patrol deputies and detectives who love our community and will not allow you to prey upon our children and families," Sheriff Michelle Cook said.

The sweep led to the confiscation of 188 grams of methamphetamine, 61.5 grams of cocaine and 72.6 grams of fentanyl.

Hammer and Hope not only focused on getting drug dealers off the streets, but it offered help to help addicts and their families escape kick their habits.

Ten years ago this week, we reported a two-day drug sweep near Foreman Circle in Middleburg that resulted in the arrest of 47 people. The Clay County Sheriff's Office's Drug Task Force spent a year investigating drug sales in the area. They compiled surveillance and used confidential informants to compile enough information to arrest nearly four dozen people for pushing pills and crack cocaine. Twenty years ago this week, 27 drug dealers were arrested in operation "Old Timers." Agents with the sheriff's office, Green Cove Springs and Orange Park police departments and the Drug Enforcement Agency worked for eight months to put together the raids.

Fast forward to last week. Again proving the third week of July continues to be a big week for law enforcement in their never-ending fight to end drug abuse.

There were eight arrests for trafficking

in methamphetamine and fentanyl. There also were 12 arrests for possessing methamphetamine and three for fentanyl.

"I think it's more coincidence," Cook said Tuesday. "Our actions are driven by tips, information and the cases we make."

Cook said there were no organized drug sweeps last week. "The patrol guys made some nice arrests," she said.

The sheriff admitted fentanyl has become a bigger problem since it's so easy to find – and so deadly.

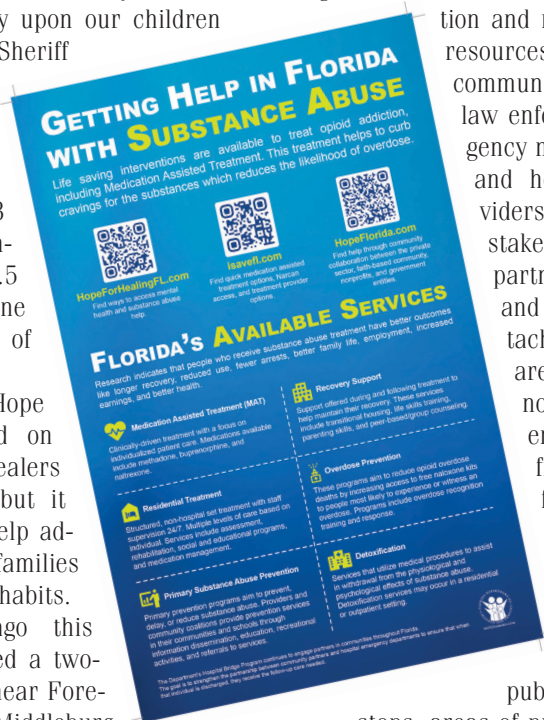
"As long as the border is open, we're going to have a problem with fentanyl," she said. "Right now, it's coming across like candy."

In response, the Florida Department of Health and Florida Department of Children and Families are working in tandem to develop materials to address the current overdose crisis affecting not only Floridians but the nation.

According to a release, responding to overdose requires education and readily available resources at the hands of communities, families, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and health care providers. All agencies, stakeholders and partners can print and display the attached materials in areas such as, but not limited to: law enforcement offices, health care facilities, emergency rooms and hospitals, parks, fire departments, businesses, public areas, rest stops, areas of public transit and educational institutions.

The health department said reported overdoses are increasing, especially with the use of fentanyl.

"These are our family members, these are our community members and these are our people dying because of drugs," Cook said shortly after announcing the creation of Hammer and Hope. "We cannot arrest our way out of this drug issue. Do not delay in seeking help for your addiction. I am urging you to come forward and get the help you need. We're going to continue to make arrests but across our county, there are countless people that need a bridge, a bridge to hope, and tomorrow, we'll help them cross that bridge."



DeSantis

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Organization. But by a slimmer 5-4 margin, a majority of the Court also overturned Roe v. Wade, opening the possibility for Florida and other states to enact stricter laws.

However, Florida's constitution directly outlines a right to privacy, which the Florida Supreme Court has previously ruled includes the right to abortion for up to 24 weeks of pregnancy. Republicans and the DeSantis administration expect litigation over the 15-week law to make its way to the state Supreme Court, where they hope Justices will overturn the state's right to abortions.

DeSantis called the 15-week abortion ban the "best pro-life legislation" Florida has seen in decades.

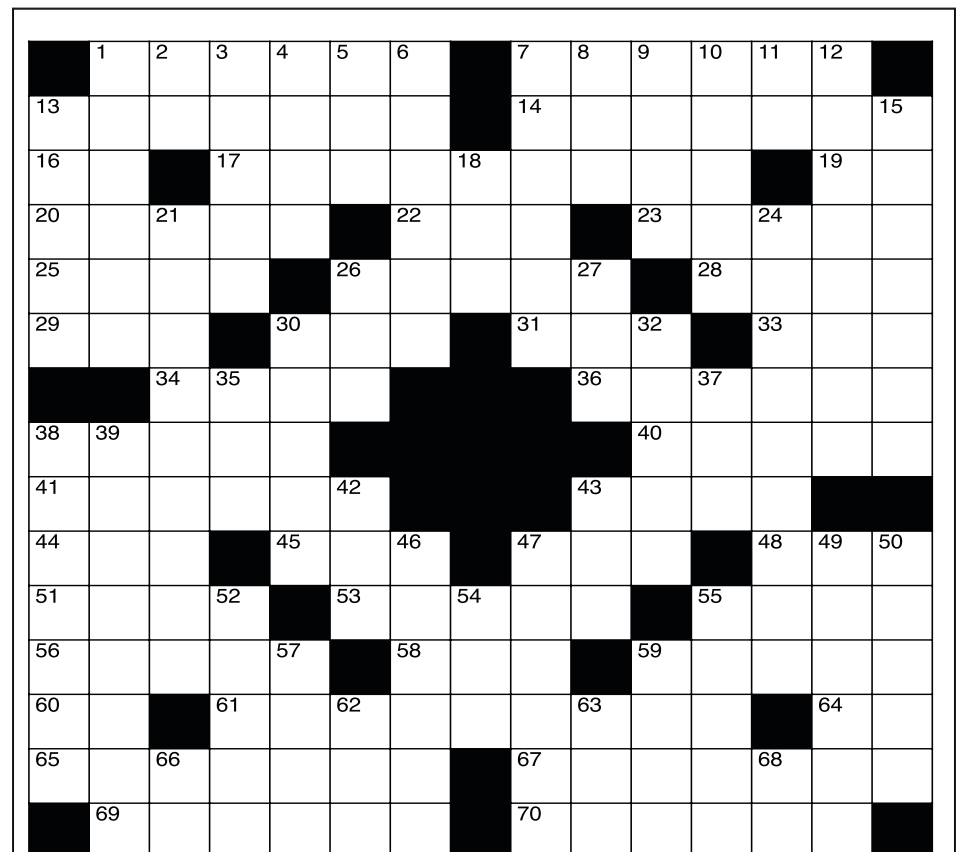
"Basically, we've had, for many decades now, very radical state-level judicial decisions that really makes us closer to China

and North Korea when it comes to being very radical with abortion policy, and so that's not the appropriate thing for courts to be imposing on the state of Florida," DeSantis said.

The DeSantis administration appealed a lower court's decision that initially ruled the abortion ban unconstitutional. The Governor expects an appellate court to advance the case soon, and the next question is whether the Florida Supreme Court will take the case.

"I think that they probably will because I think this is a really important thing for them to decide," DeSantis said.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Eurasian shrubs
7. Strikes and rebounds
13. Group of advisers
14. Modern necessity
16. Top lawyer in the land
17. Philadelphia university
19. Of I
20. Functions as a laser
22. Basketball phenomenon Jeremy
23. Famed island
25. Parent-teacher groups
26. Distributes
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
29. Ad ___
30. Circulation problem (abbr.)
31. Brother or sister
33. A famous 'Squad'
34. Stage actor Anthony
36. Violent seizure of property
38. Saclike cavities
40. Sound units
41. Counts on
43. Dad
44. Woman (French)
45. A digital tape recording of sound
47. Polish Baltic peninsula

48. Recipe measurement
51. Requests out of dire need
53. Precious stone weight unit
55. The immaterial part of a person
56. Anoint
58. Golf score
59. Supernatural
60. Northwest Territories
61. Can be made suitable
64. A professor's helper
65. Having a toothlike edge
67. Got atop a horse
69. Judged
70. Static balance between opposing forces

CLUES DOWN

1. Flowing
2. Computer department
3. Lasts
4. DiFranco and Samsyan are two
5. ___ de sac
6. Merchant
7. Hosts film festival
8. State of agitation of fuss
9. A way to praise
10. Opaque gems
11. McKinley is one
12. Smallest interval in classical
13. Famed designer Lauren
15. Occupies
18. Small island (British)
21. Misuse of the sacred
24. Covers with a thin sheet
26. Most valuable player
27. Title of respect
30. Investigated discreetly
32. Belonging to the bottom layer
35. Black tropical American cuckoo
37. Music genre
38. Indicates one is in mourning
39. Secured forever
42. Bodily cavity
43. A dog is one
46. Chose to do something
47. Annoy persistently
49. Large hotel rooms
50. Beg
52. Docket
54. Subway dwelling rodent
55. Sources
57. Mild Dutch cheese
59. Spanish city
62. Consumed
63. Ballplayer's tool
66. Midway between north and east
68. Atomic #3

Local law enforcement shed light on pedestrian safety

By Nick Blank
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CLAY COUNTY – Interactions between drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians are a bit of a gray area – and are potentially fatal.

According to the 2022 Dangerous By Design study, pedestrian deaths increased in the U.S. by 4.7%, or 6,529 to an estimated 7,265 deaths. Florida is listed as the second most dangerous state behind New Mexico. The Jacksonville metro area has the sixth-highest average fatality rate of metro areas in the country.

In Clay County, the study documented approximately 40 pedestrian deaths between 2008-2020.

Clay County Sheriff's Office Deputy Joel Smith has been with the agency for 10 years. As a traffic deputy, he can handle traffic enforcement and crashes. The county is growing, and with distracted driving, more traffic can lead to more accidents, he said.

Though the agency is first on scene and stages crashes across the county, Smith said Blanding Boulevard, County Road 220 and U.S. Highway 17 are high-frequency crash areas.

"Primarily, what we see is speed and inattentiveness," Smith said. "... We're data-driven, it's going to be your most congested roadways that are the most dangerous."

Smith advised bicyclists and pedestrians to wear visible clothing, lighting and use sidewalks though vehicles need to keep three feet away due to state law. He said vehicles turning are susceptible to striking bicyclists and pedestrians.

"Utilize the infrastructure and the tools that are there," Smith said. "It's about paying attention."

The Florida Highway Patrol investigates traffic fatalities in the county. Florida Highway Patrol Sgt. Dylan Bryan said numerous distractions can derail someone's day or their life.

"The key is getting various road users, whether on foot or on a bicycle, to use those lanes and crosswalks in an efficient way," Bryan said. "A bike can move to the sidewalk if it's the safer option."

Other than staying out of the road, Bryan also urged pedestrians to wear reflective clothing, carry lights and be aware of "conflict points" on their route.

"Anything that brings attention (to pedestrians) in close proximity to vehicles is certainly a good idea," he said.

Pedestrian safety is also important for two municipal police departments responsible for large swaths of U.S. 17.

Green Cove Springs Police Department

Chief John Guzman said the agency conducts traffic enforcement on U.S. 17 year-round. He said most of the traffic stops are in reference to traffic infractions and end in written or verbal warnings. Locating impaired drivers is another key task for the agency.

The department maintains regular contact with the state Department of Transportation, he said.

"We advise drivers to obey the speed limits, avoid using their phones while driving and to wear their seatbelts," Guzman said. "Pedestrians are advised to use designated crosswalks to cross U.S. 17."

Gary Goble, Town of Orange Park Police Chief, said many people have had no real driver's training when they begin driving, usually taught how to drive by their parents or friends. Law enforcement plays a large role in educating drivers, he said.

"... It's about education and enforcing the traffic laws in an effort to help drivers become better at driving defensively and being aware of what's around them to keep them safe," Goble said.

He cautioned motorists to drive cautiously and said speed and distracted driving are leading causes of crashes.

"Put the phone down, the text can wait," Goble said. "There are enough things going on around us to distract us while driving, answering a text doesn't need to be one of them."



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Obituaries

Marie Yvonne Ehle

Marie Yvonne Ehle, 60, of Fleming Island, Florida, passed away on June 19th, 2022.

Marie was born to Max Edward Ehle and Yvonne Evelyn Acchote on August 28th, 1961, in Manila, the capital of the Philippines. The family moved to Riva, Maryland, in 1961.

Marie graduated from Anne Arundel Community College in 1981 - AA/General Studies, Florida Community College at Jacksonville in 2001 - AS/Legal Assisting, and Jacksonville University in 2003 - BS/Sociology, Summa Cum Laude. She was a proud Phi Theta Kappan since 2000.

Marie worked as Office Assistant and Executive Administrator for KBJ Architects 2003-2011, as Executive Assistant for University of Jacksonville Healthcare 2011-2013, and as District Aide for District 18 of the House of Representatives 2013-2022.

Married to George Arthur Chamberlain, Jr. in 1982, Marie had daughter Erica Suzanne Chamberlain in 1985, son Jeffrey Elbert Chamberlain in 1987, and son Mark Ehle Chamberlain in 1989. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1999.

Marie's favorite activities were bargain hunting with her sister at garage sales and thrift stores, playing Mah-Jongg and Shanghai Rummy with her friends, annihilating all challengers at Scrabble, watching Saturday night college football, going to the movies on Sundays, and above all serving her community. The picture included here shows Marie at her desk doing what she loved most: helping others as a district aide. She loved her childhood in Maryland and was especially fond of crabs, mermaids, sailing ships and lighthouses.

Marie will be remembered as a fearless advocate, a supportive ally, a treasured friend, a discreet confidante, a prudent counselor, and on occasion, a brilliant sparring partner. She possessed an unwavering moral compass that guided her



Marie Yvonne Ehle

every action. Steadfast in her love and support, she was always there when we needed her; day or night, rain or shine, through thick and thin, she would answer the call, no matter what.

Marie was a wonderful, caring and tenacious public servant who faithfully served the People of Florida and the Florida House of Representatives for the past 11 years. It didn't matter to her who you were or what your story was; if you were a constituent of HD18 she would move heaven and earth to help you.

Marie was, quite simply, a person of the highest caliber. She was the best mother a son, daughter, or grandson could ever ask for. Her stalwart devotion to her friends and family, and her lifelong legacy of service to others over and above her own needs, reflects the highest possible credit upon her. She will be sorely missed.

Preceded in death by her father Max Edward Ehle and her stepfather Elbert Leroy Harden; may she enjoy peaceful eternity in their company.

Survived by her mother Yvonne Harden; sister Suzanne Holland & her husband Tim; daughter Erica Chamberlain & her son Andrew; son Jeffrey Chamberlain & his wife Irene; son Mark Chamberlain & his wife Natalie; may her memory be cherished by those who were fortunate to have known her.

Although her life took her body out of Maryland, nothing could ever take the Maryland out of her soul. Marie's final wish is for her ashes to be returned by her heirs to the South River in her hometown of Edgewater, MD, to ebb and flow with the tide of the Chesapeake Bay forevermore.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Children's Home Society of Florida - Community Partnership Schools.

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Dolores Skelt

Dolores Skelt, 88, of Orange Park, Florida passed away July 13, 2022.

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Velma Mettel

Velma Mettel, 88, of Orange Park, Florida passed away July 15, 2022.

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Orange Park Hospital's Inpatient Rehabilitation Center earns international accreditation

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, an international, non-profit accrediting body has announced that HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital's Inpatient Rehabilitation Center has been accredited in the areas of general medicine and stroke. The organization's mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services that will enhance the lives of patients. CARF evaluates health and human services in the areas of aging services, behavioral health, child and youth services, vision rehabilitation services, medical rehabilitation, and opioid treatment programs.

"Our patients come to us at their most vulnerable state. Most have just experienced a traumatic event and have lost their independence," said Jane Maynard, Orange Park Hospital's Director of Inpatient Rehabilitation Services. "Our team of nurses, patient care technicians, physicians, and physical, occupational and speech therapists do incredible work to get their life back."

The accreditation represents the highest level of accreditation that can be given to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards.

An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer-review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an

on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

"Being a trauma center and comprehensive stroke center, we see a lot of high-acuity patients recovering from traumatic injuries or severe stroke," said Dr. Vorbes Aleger, geriatric and internal medicine physician and Orange Park Hospital's Inpatient Rehabilitation Services Medical Director.

"Our community can take comfort knowing that if they find themselves in need of rehabilitation care after an injury or illness, they have a team behind them that exceeds the standards of inpatient rehabilitation care."

The inpatient rehabilitation center has been providing care to the community for six years. The center provides a combination of medical care, therapy, and education for commonly treated conditions such as stroke, orthopedic fractures, traumatic injuries, amputation, back injuries, and neuromuscular disorders –to help patients achieve independence. The facility is equipped with 20 private rooms, a gym, and a space where patients practice their activities of daily living in a real-life home setting.

For additional information about HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital's Inpatient Rehabilitation Center, contact visit HCA-FloridaHealthcare.com or call (904) 639-1800.

Book sale coming to Middleburg-Clay Hill Library

MIDDLEBURG – The Friends of the Middleburg-Clay Hill Library will host another book sale on July 28-30.

Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 28; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 29; and, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 30. Library

Friends members will be allowed to shop for books at 9 a.m. on Thursday and Saturday.

Donations will help support the library at 2245 Astor Ave. in Middleburg. For more information, call (904) 254-7891.

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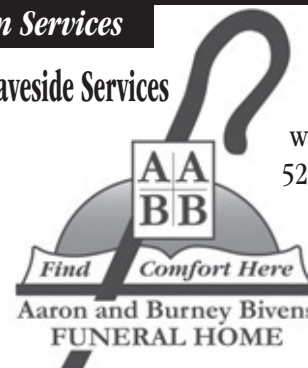


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Sheriffs pay homage to their Alma Mater

Submitted by
Clay County Sheriff's Office

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Most of us will never forget our time in high school. In fact, a lot of us refer back to those years as the “good ol’ days.”

But whether you consider your experience good or bad, it holds a piece of your past and, in some way, influenced the path of your future.

Sheriffs celebrated five Clay High alumni whose paths led to successful careers in law enforcement. The five individuals have served, or are currently serving as Sheriffs in the state of Florida.

But what is a Sheriff? Say the word “sheriff,” and most of us think back to a time when the west was “wild,” and the American frontier was filled with cowboys riding horseback on unpaved roads.

Old movies and television shows have

emphasized the role of the 19th Century American sheriff to where it is virtually impossible to imagine sheriffs existing in any other era.

Surprisingly enough, the office of sheriff has existed for more than 1,000 years and is known as the oldest law enforcement position in the United States. In today’s society, the sheriff is an elected official who serves a county or independent city. Although the sheriff’s duties vary by jurisdiction, the overall responsibility is serving their community by enforcing law and order.

Sheriffs Murrhee, Lancaster, Beseler, Ivey and Cook are all paying homage to their alma mater by reflecting on their time at Clay High and celebrating the rarity of this occasion. Their hope is to continue being positive role models for future generations and to be an example of limitless opportunities.



From left, Rick Beseler (2000-2017), Class of 1972; Jennings Murrhee (1964-1988), Class of 1942; Michelle Cook (2020-to-present), Class of 1987; Wayne Ivey (Brevard County Sheriff (2013-to-present), Class of 1980; and, Scott Lancaster (1993-2004), Class of 1972, returned home to celebrate their connection as graduates of Clay High School.

National suicide hotline changes its phone number

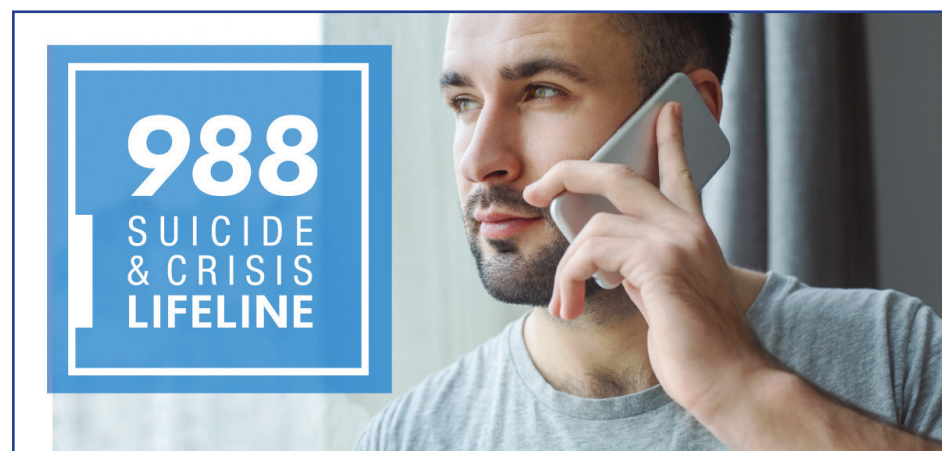
By Nick Blank
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CLAY COUNTY – The national suicide hotline has rebranded and changed its number to 988 in an effort to simplify the process and cut back on unnecessary law enforcement visits in cases where someone is having a mental health crisis.

In October of 2020, then-President Donald Trump signed a bipartisan bill into law that would create a three-digit number for mental health emergencies. The United States had a death by suicide every 11 minutes in 2020, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention figures.

The previous number was (800) 273-8255 and the title of the hotline also changed from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, three federal agencies announced last week. The new number went live on Saturday.

In Northeast Florida, Clay Behavioral Center CEO Irene Toto said the nature of a person’s call determines the treatment they need. This also establishes if law en-



forcement is needed.

The goal of the change to the 988 number is to streamline the process and get people help faster, Toto said.

“I hope that it would help law enforcement,” Toto said of the change. “A mental health emergency doesn’t always require law enforcement.”

Clay Behavioral has a 24/7 Mental Health Mobile Response Team that can respond within an hour, ranging from whether the caller needs someone to talk to, or is

in danger. The response teams have been active within the past few years, Toto said.

“We’ll be ready to provide follow-up services after the initial call,” Toto said. “The (response teams) have spent the last five years developing.”

The federal government said last week the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline received about \$430 million in funding for its 160 service centers. The service received more than 3.5 million calls, chats and texts in 2021. According to the Substance Abuse

and Mental Health Services Administration, the call volume is expected to double, at the minimum, within the first calendar year after the 988 number transitions.

However, Toto adds the region didn’t see much funding to improve the area’s mental health infrastructure. She said a regional mental health providers work group is anticipating challenges and developing strategies.

Increased access, support and crisis stabilization services are important to improve mental health resources in the county, Toto said. She referenced the six-bed Adult Crisis Alternative Program on Knight Boxx Road as a way to get help for those in need.

“We’re asking what we can do to beef up that response,” Toto said. “It’s important to take that next step. A number of things can be handled by talking over the phone, but sometimes you need some face-to-face sit-down meetings to look at alternatives and their needs.

Clay Behavioral’s 24/7 Mental Health Mobile Response Team can be contacted at (904) 291-4357.

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Classroom supplies will be collected throughout Clay County

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The Clay Education Foundation in partnership with The Clay County School District and The Bailey Group kicks off its fifth annual Tools 4 Clay Schools Summer Supply Drive through Sept. 1.

It is estimated that teachers will spend more than \$500 of their own money for classroom supplies each year. That's why the Clay Education Foundation and The Bailey Group created the Tools 4 Clay School Free Teacher Store, with a main location at Garber Automall and at Keystone Heights Elementary. Tools 4 Clay Schools mission is to be a resource for Clay County public school teachers to supply their classrooms with the supplies they need for students to be successful year-round via free teacher shops throughout the year. To date, more than \$300,000 worth of school supplies has been given away to teachers, with the next free teacher shop scheduled for Aug. 3 in Keystone Heights and Aug. 8 at Garber.

You can participate by becoming a drop-off point for supply collections, donating supplies and/or volunteering time at the store to prepare for distribution to teachers. Those wanting to donate also can visit <https://clayeducationfoundation.com/>



programs/tools-4-clay-schools/ to shop our Amazon Wishlist or make a monetary contribution via the "Donate" button.

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

If you would like more information on how to get involved, please contact Heather Obermiller via email at hobermiller@clayeducationfoundation.org or visit the Foundation's website at www.clayeducationfoundation.org/.

The Clay Education Foundation creates meaningful partnerships between community, business, and Clay County public

schools by enhancing educational programs that benefit students, families, and teachers. As the recognized direct-support 501c3 organization for Clay County School District, we work collaboratively with school leaders to determine how and where private-sector investment and volunteer involvement can have the greatest impact on student success. It invests in educators, literacy, STEM education, and college and career readiness to ensure that public schools in Clay County have the resources they need to prepare students to lead successful, fulfilling lives. By working directly with schools, we can design programs and provide resources that teachers and students need — and that have a di-

rect impact on success. To stay up-to-date on the Foundation's ongoing mission to connect community to classrooms, follow them on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

A current list of drop-off locations include:

- Clay County Sheriff's Office and Jail
 - Clay County Tax Collector's Office at Administration Building
 - Clay County Utility Authority
 - Spring Park Coffee
 - Pearle Vision
 - Cultivate
 - SouthState Bank
 - Family Dollar
 - VyStar Credit Union
- Clay locations

Keystone Heights locations:

- Cedar River Seafood
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Teacher

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“It built this amazing bond a month before the announcement. We all wanted each other to win,” Matz said. “That was the best part, we all had faith in each other. On the stage, we said we’d be happy no matter what.”

Now, Matz has to fulfill the functions of a Teacher of the Year. She will take a sabbatical for the upcoming school year to serve as the state’s Christa McAuliffe Ambassador of Education. The role varies from visiting classrooms to being a keynote speaker.

From speaking to other teachers, Matz

said they face the same challenges and there is so much to learn.

“The year is going to look very different for me, but to be able to connect and unite and listen to success stories from teachers and students throughout the state, that is what I’m most excited about,” Matz said.

Each finalist was provided a \$15,000 bonus by Gov. Ron DeSantis, who said the state’s teachers go above and beyond. On Twitter, he thanked Matz for her commitment to quality education and her work as a role model.

“It was great to join some amazing teachers today and to show our appreciation for their hard work and sacrifice,” DeSantis said in a press release. “We will continue to invest in our schools and educators while putting policies in place that improve outcomes for students.”

Clay Superintendent David Broskie said Matz’s lessons applied outside the classroom and developed students.

“Melissa Matz’s students see firsthand that the skills they acquire in her classroom can be applied to a broad spectrum of fields, and therefore, they can become well-rounded members of our community,” Broskie said.

Matz has been noted for her wide variety of math applications and her tailoring of curriculum for students who have trouble in math.

Lakeside Junior High Principal Rodney Ivey said he was proud Matz could represent the school and county. However, teachers do not always receive accolades,



From left, Florida Education Commissioner Manny Diaz Jr. joins Lakeside Junior High’s Melissa Matz and Governor Ron DeSantis after Matz was selected as the state’s Teacher of the Year.

Ivey said.

“This is an opportunity to turn the spotlight around and show the work, effort, energy and time they put in,” he said.

Ivey cited Matz’s use of data and her impact on the classroom over a school year as the reasons why he thought she won.

“She opens up a lot of doors with her passion,” Ivey said. “It’s crazy how many students will say math is their worst subject ... but by the end of the year, their favorite teacher is Miss Matz. That’s an awesome testament to (Ms.) Matz.”

Matz called the past five months a dream and said the goal was to celebrate the profession of teaching. Matz said she was thankful for gaining long-lasting friendships over the process.

The teachers circling around to congratulate Matz after her win was a special moment, she said.

“It was just the love we have for each other. They were so encouraging and so proud,” Matz said. “The women I got to know over a month-and-a-half ... it meant so much to me at that moment in time.”

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State Farm gives Clothes Closet and Food Pantry much-needed support

Insurance company gives \$25,000 as part of its Neighborhood Assist program

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – A week ago the shelves were almost bare at the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry of Orange Park.

With the help of a \$25,000 check from State Farm, now they're fully stocked.

That means needy families will be able to eat. It means volunteers will be able to provide an extra \$100 in groceries compared to a year ago. But more than anything else, it was the result of a community working to find solutions.

"All of the money will go to food," said

volunteer Anita Aultman, who crafted a grant proposal as part of the State Farm Neighborhood Assist program. "It will fly out of here fast."

The program invited nonprofits to apply for a piece of the \$2.5 million being offered to recognize the insurance company's 100th anniversary. More than 4,000 applied, and the Orange Park organization finished among the top 100 in national voting.

Local and corporate officials from State Farm stopped at the pantry at 1010 Fromhart St. Tuesday for the official check presentation. They were impressed with how the money will be spent.

"I mean I'll be honest with you I've been in the area off and on probably 20 years and didn't know that this organization existed," said State Farm's Bryon Estrada, who works in the Southeastern Market Field Leader-



Clothes Closet and Food Pantry President Mandy Nelson, far right, gives a tour to (from left) Florida Rep. Sam Garrison, Joshua Perry from U.S. Rep. Kat Cammack's office, State Farm agents Joe McGhee and Barbara Coleman and State Farm Agency Field Leadership representative Byron Estrada of the non-profit organization that provides meals, clothes and household goods to needy residents. The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry won a \$25,000 grant from State Farm to further fund its food bank program.

ship program. "To me, you know, we'd like to be great neighbors, and especially partnering up with organizations like this that are giving back.

"For us, it's a huge privilege and honor to partner up with these great organizations that are doing such great things."

According to pantry president Mandy Nelson, the number of residents who utilize the opportunity to pick up free clothing, household goods and food has grown from 795 adults in 2021 to 944 – so far – this year. More critical are the needs of children, which grew from 1,474 a year ago to 1,885 this year.

On Tuesday, three new families were signing up for benefits during the State Farm visit. The Pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-through-Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on the first three Saturdays of the month.

There already has been an increase of 812 food orders this year, which has led to the need for an 855-hour increase in volunteer hours.

Food has been, and always will be, the

most-wanted items, Aultman said.

"We will be able to get more of our core items," she said. "The shelves are filling up this week. And we're giving away \$100 more than we were last year. The demand has gone up every day. We're seeing about 40 families a day, so you can understand the significance of a contribution like that. It's huge."

Local State Farm agents Barbara Coleman and Joe McGhee were part of the presentation. So were Florida Rep. Sam Garrison and representatives from U.S. Rep. Kat Cammack's and Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley's office.

The Pantry was represented by Nelson and Aultman, as well as vice presidents Kathy Wray and Carole Bright and board members David Theus and Chuck Smithers.

"I loved coming here and getting to know all this," Estrada said. "It's a blessing to know there are people like this in our community."

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From left, State Farm agent Joe McGhee, Florida Rep. Sam Garrison, State Farm Agency Field Leadership representative Byron Estrada.

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Orange Park Council tables appointee vote; focuses on trees

By Nick Blank
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ORANGE PARK— Orange Park Town Council members declined to fill their vacant fifth seat, with only three members present, at Tuesday night's meeting that lasted 75 minutes.

Mayor Randy Anderson didn't attend the meeting due to COVID complications. Town staff and council members wished him well.

Doug Benefield, Frank Ricketts and Winnette Sandlin each submitted letters to council members expressing interest in the council's vacancy. The council only needed a simple majority, three of four possible votes, to place an appointee on the dais.

Former Vice-Mayor Eddie Henley resigned on June 7, alleging racist and intimidating emails from separate senders. Council members discussed on June 28 ways to receive potential appointees with a meet-and-greet on July 13 and a decision on Tuesday.

With no Vice-Mayor, Town Attorney Sam Garrison called the situation unique. Council Member Alan Watt was tabbed to preside over the meeting. Several agenda items were tabled to the Aug. 2 meeting.

"It's probably going to be a pretty short meeting," Watt said.

Council members received a presentation on employee benefits by The Bailey



Travis Cummings, right, reviews healthcare, dental and life insurance plans with Orange Park Town council members at Tuesday night's meeting.

Group's Travis Cummings, a former State Representative. He recommended a renewal with United Healthcare for medical coverage, Humana for dental care and Dearborn National for life insurance with the same plans as last year.

Each plan was approved with a 3-0 vote.

During public comment, multiple residents expressed concern about more than reportedly 55-to-70 trees removed from

Bradley Park.

Resident Melanie Geeser asked if there were plans for new trees and said she felt deceived.

"We live in a bird and tree sanctuary, do you think it is in the best interest for the birds and other wildlife to destroy their habitats?" Geeser asked.

Resident Debra Waters said her view had been negatively altered. She said residents have the right to know how the tree

removal happened. The final public commenter, Ricketts, said he also was disappointed.

"I would like answers to my questions of who authorized all of these trees to be cut down and how much is it costing us, because we have the right to know," Waters said.

Council Member John Hauber asked Town Manager Sarah Campbell about the trees. Council Member Susana Thompson said she felt blindsided and said she heard about it after the fact. She wanted the tree removal to be discussed by the Environmental Quality Board first.

"I can tell you, I was extremely disappointed when I heard all of this," she said.

Campbell said there would be a plan for replanting that goes before the Environmental Quality Board. She said the figure she was given was 27 trees removed and the issue was invasive species or diseased trees.

"As a matter of routine business, we take down diseased and dying trees and invasive species trees on a regular basis," Campbell said.

Two invasive species, camphor and chinaberries, were removed as well as a few pine trees and one rotten live oak.

"Absolutely, any trees that were taken down will get replaced," Campbell said.



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CLAY CHAMBER: will host a program called "How to Write an Effective Press Release" during its "Lunch and Learn" on July 21 from noon-2 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott at 610 Wells Road in Orange Park. To register, visit business.claychamber.com/events.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet on July 21 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet on July 21 at 6 p.m. at Clyde's Cozy Corner Café, 195 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights.

OAKLEAF COMMUNITY PARK POP-UP LIBRARY AND NATURE CENTER: will be on July 22 from 9-11 a.m. at the Oakleaf Community Park, 3979 Plantation Oaks Blvd. in Orange Park.

MALCOLM HALL: will be taping a new comedy special "Who is Malcolm" on July 23 at 8 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr. in Orange Park. For tickets, visit thcenter.org.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: will meet on July 26 at 4 p.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC MEETING: will be on July 26 from 5-8 p.m. at the County Administration Building's Commissioner's Meeting Chambers, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs. The plan serves as an application for funding for activities and projects for the next fiscal year.

INCUBUS: will perform with Sublime with Rome and The Aquadolls on July 26 at 7 p.m. at Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily Place at TIAA Bank Field, in Jacksonville. For tickets, visit dailysplace.com.

ELDERSOURCE: will conduct its DEI Committee Meeting virtually on July 27 at 11 a.m. To join, visit [//us02web.zoom.us/j/83513414959](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83513414959). To join by telephone, call (929) 436-2866 and use Meeting ID 835 1341 4959 #.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet on July 28 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S MEET THE CANDIDATES: will be on July 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. at 2102 Palmetto St. in Middleburg. Candidates for state congressional seats will be on hand to answer questions. The event will be streamed live on the MCA Facebook page.

CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL: will meet on July 28 at 10 a.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet on July 28 at 7:30 a.m. at Camp Montgomery, 88 SE 75th St. in Starke.

HILLSONG UNITED: will play at Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily Place at TIAA Bank Field, in Jacksonville, on July 29 at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit dailysplace.com.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK: will be on July 30 at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2497 State Road 16 in Green Cove Springs. A variety of first responder, construction, agriculture and commercial vehicles will be on display. Quiet time hours are from 9-11 a.m. and lights and sound will be featured from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: will be on Aug. 2 from 5-9 p.m. This annual community-building campaign works to promote law enforcement relationships in neighborhoods. If your community or homeowner's association is interested in the Clay County Sheriff's Office making an appearance, register at www.clay-sheriff.com/departments/community-affairs/. Registration deadline is July 22.

CLAY COUNTY FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE: will meet on Aug. 2 at 1 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 321 Walnut St.

CLAY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: will meet on Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW: will meet on Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. in the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor, in the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

KEITH URBAN: will bring his The Speed of Now Tour with special guest Ingrid Andress on Aug. 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. at Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily's Place at TIAA Bank Field, Jacksonville. For tickets, visit dailysplace.com.

GRAND FUNK RAILROAD, THE GUESS WHO AND FOGHAT: will play on Aug. 6 at Wild Adventures at 3766 Old Clyattville Road in Valdosta at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are available at store.wildadventures.com/tickets, start at \$10 for general admission (plus park admission) and range from \$5 to \$15 for reserved seats.

CLAY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: will meet on Aug. 8 at 3:30-6 p.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

GARDEN CLUB OF FLEMING ISLAND: will meet on Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. at the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd.

SEE CALENDAR, 18

Orange Park's Wilson graduates U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

For Clay Today

Leon Laray Wilson Jr. of Orange Park recently graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. Wilson earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission in the U. S. Armed Forces. He also earned a Merchant Marine officer license in the U.S. flag merchant marine, qualifying him to serve as an officer on any ship in the U.S. flag merchant marine.

The Academy is one of five U.S. federal service academies. It educates and graduates licensed Merchant Marine officers to serve the nation during peace and war. In addition to the rigorous academic and physical requirements for admission, applicants must be nominated by their congressman or senator.

All USMMA graduates incur an obligation to serve the United States. The U.S. Flag Merchant Marine – manned exclusively by American mariners – is essential for securing the country's commerce in peacetime and delivering warfighters, weapons, and military supplies in times of conflict. The majority of "Kings Pointers" serve for eight years as Navy reservists in the Strategic Sealift Officer Program while working aboard U.S. flag vessels; others will serve on active duty in our nation's armed forces.

By virtue of their elite training and real-world experience, graduates are ready to go on day one in service of American military strength and economic power. As part of his four-year education, Wilson spent one year training as a cadet aboard ocean going vessels.

The Academy welcomed Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg as the commencement speaker. Secretary Buttigieg told the graduates "This Academy, which trains and educates the majority of our Strategic Sealift Officers, is vital to our na-



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tional security. And the Academy, and your service as mariners, SSO's, and members of the armed forces, might well be as important as ever in our history." "Now, more than ever, the Merchant Marine Academy is a deeply and enduringly important part of our economic and national security."

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Middleburg's Malcolm Hall to tape 'Who is Malcolm?' special at Thrasher-Horne

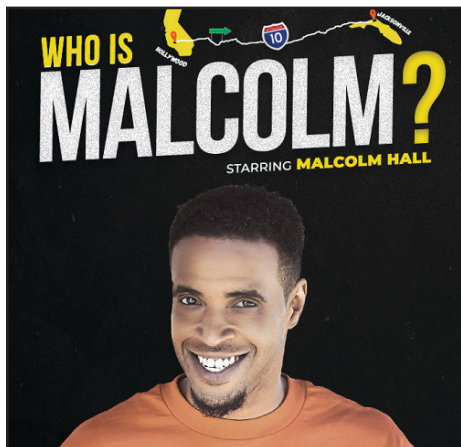
ORANGE PARK – There are comedians. And there is Malcolm Hall.

Hall, a 2005 graduate of Middleburg High, started his comedy career in 2009 at the Greensboro, North Carolina, Comedy Zone while attending college.

After creating a foundation for his stand-up comedy career, he gravitated toward the bright lights of Hollywood since 2013.

Hall will be recording a new set called "Who is Malcolm" at the Studio Theater at Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., on Saturday night. The show starts at 8 and tickets are available at thcenter.org or by calling (904) 276-6815.

Hall has performed at the world-famous



Comedy Store, Hollywood Improv and other legendary venues. He also hosts



a monthly comedy show in Bellflower, California.

If you know Malcolm he is "Cheap Not

Broke." After performing comedy all over the country he is finally coming home to let everyone know "Who is Malcolm?"



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Salvation Army offers array of services at Backpack Outreach

For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – Backpack Outreach not only was created to provide backpacks and school supplies for needy Clay County students but it's evolved into a significant community outreach.

The program is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday at the county office at 2795 Country Road 220. With nearly 20 vendors on site, the Salvation Army has created a list of check-in times, starting at 9 a.m., for those offering services.

In addition to backpacks, families with

Clay County-enrolled students can receive haircuts, eye exams, sports physicals (call Jennifer at 904-276-6677 in advance to make appointment), social and spiritual support, clothing, food, games, entertainment and other community services will be available.

The Army identified 862 students who experienced homelessness during the 2021-22 schoolyear. Of them, 622 are still without housing.

With so many vendors and needy families, the Salvation Army has enlisted overflow lots at Fellowship Bible Church and Doctors Inlet Elementary. Transportation will be provided from the lots to the event.



**LEGAL NOTICE / PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
CANVASSING BOARD EVENTS**

Notice is hereby given that all meetings for the Primary Canvassing Board will be held at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 500 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs on the following dates and times.

- August 5, 2022**
9:00 a.m. Orientation & Logic and Accuracy Test
1:00 p.m. UOCAVA Ballot Duplication (Run 1) (If necessary)
- August 8, 2022**
8:30 a.m. Public View of sealed Mail Ballots (Run 1)
- 9:30 a.m.** Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication (Run 1)
- August 9, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Process and Duplicate: Mail Ballots (Run 1)
Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 10, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 11, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 12, 2022**
8:30 a.m. Public View of sealed Mail Ballots (Run 2)
- 9:30 a.m.** Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication (Run 2)
- August 13, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 14, 2022 8:30 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 15, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Process and Duplicate: Mail Ballots (Run 2)
Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 16, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 17, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 18, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 19, 2022**
8:30 a.m. Public View of sealed Mail Ballots (Run 3)
- 9:00 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- 9:30 a.m.** Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication (Run 3)

- August 20, 2022 8:30 a.m.** Process and Duplicate: Mail Ballots (Run 3)
Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 21, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 22, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 23, 2022**
9:00 a.m. Public View of sealed Mail Ballots (Run 4)
- 10:00 a.m.** Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication (Run 4)
- 2:00 p.m.** Process and Duplicate: Mail Ballots
Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- 7:00 p.m.** Canvass of Election Returns
- August 24, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- August 25, 2022**
9:00 a.m. Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- 3:30 p.m.** Canvass Provisional Ballots, Signature Discrepancies, 1st Unofficial Results Report
Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
- Scenario 1: Official (Certification) Reports, Conduct of Election, Post-Election Audit Selection (If no Recount)
- August 27, 2022**
9:00 a.m. Scenario 1: Post-Election Audit
- 11:00 a.m.** Scenario 2: (If Recount) Logic and Accuracy Test, Machine Recount, & 2nd Unofficial Report
- August 29, 2022 9:00 a.m.** Scenario 2: Official (Certification) Reports, Conduct of Election, Post-Election Audit Selection (If no Manual Recount)
- Scenario 2B: Manual Recount, Official Certification, Conduct of Election (No Post-Election Audit necessary if conducting a Manual Recount)
- August 30, 2022 1:00 p.m.** Scenario 2: Mandatory Post-Election Audit

2022 Canvassing Board Members	
Supervisor of Elections	Chris H. Chambliss
County Judge	Timothy Collins
Alternate County Judge	Kristina Mobley
County Commissioner	Wayne Bolla
Alternate County Commissioner	Jim Renninger

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, these meetings are open to the public. Note: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

**AVISO LEGAL / AVISO DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA
EVENTOS DE LA JUNTA DE ESCRUTINO**

Se da aviso que todas las reuniones de la Junta de Escrutino de la Eleccion Primaria se llevarán a cabo en la Oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones, 500 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs en las siguientes fechas a la hora programada.

- 5 de agosto de 2022**
9:00 a.m. Orientación y prueba de lógica y precisión
1:00 p.m. Duplicación de boletas UOCAVA (Lote 1) (si es necesario)
- 8 de agosto de 2022**
8:30 a.m. Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas (Lote 1)
- 9:30 a.m.** Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas (Lote 1)
- 9 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Procesar y duplicar: boletas por correo (Lote 1)
Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 10 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 11 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 12 de agosto de 2022**
8:30 a.m. Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas (Lote 2)
- 9:30 a.m.** Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas (Lote 2)
- 13 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 14 de agosto de 2022 8:30 a.m.** Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 15 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Procesar y duplicar: boletas por correo (Lote 2)
Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 16 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 17 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 18 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 19 de agosto de 2022**
8:30 a.m. Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas (Lote 3)
- 9:00 a.m.** Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 9:30 a.m.** Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas (Lote 3)

- 20 de agosto de 2022 8:30 a.m.** Procesar y duplicar: boletas por correo (Lote 3)
Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 21 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 22 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 23 de agosto de 2022**
9:00 a.m. Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas (Lote 4)
- 10:00 a.m.** Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas (Lote 4)
- 2:00 p.m.** Procesar y duplicar: boletas por correo
Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 7:00 p.m.** Regreso de la Junta Electoral de Escrutina
- 24 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 25 de agosto de 2022**
9:00 a.m. Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- 3:30 p.m.** Escrutino de boletas provisional, discrepancias de firma, informes no oficial
Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoria (si es necesario)
- Scenario 1: Informes oficiales de certificacion, conducta de eleccion, seleccion de auditoria (si no hay recuento manual)
- 27 de agosto de 2022**
9:00 a.m. Escenario 1: Auditoria
- 11:00 a.m.** Escenario 2: (Si hay recuento) lógica y precisión, recuento de maquinas y Segundo informe no oficial
- 29 de agosto de 2022 9:00 a.m.** Escenario 2: Informes oficiales de certificacion, conducta de eleccion, seleccion de auditoria (si no hay recuento manual)
Escenario 2B: (Si es necesario) Recuento manual, certificacion oficial, conducta de eleccion, (no es necesario una auditoria al hacer un recuento manual)
- 30 de agosto de 2022 1:00 p.m.** Escenario 2: Auditoria obligatoria

Miembros de la Junta Escrutino del 2022	
Supervisor de Elecciones	Chris H. Chambliss
Juez del Condado	Timothy Collins
Juez suplente del Condado	Kristina Mobley
Comisionado del Condado	Wayne Bolla
Comisionado Alternativo del Condado	Jim Renninger

De acuerdo con la Ley Sunshine de Florida, estas reuniones están abiertas al público. Nota: La Sección 286.0105, Estatutos de la Florida, establece que si una persona decide apelar cualquier decisión de la junta, agencia o comisión con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en una reunión o audiencia, necesitará un registro de los procedimientos, y que, para tales fines, él o ella puede necesitar asegurarse de que se haga un registro literal de los procedimientos, el cual incluye el testimonio y la evidencia sobre los cuales se basará la apelación.

Calendar

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: will meet on Aug. 9 at 4 p.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW: will meet on Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor, in the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY: is Aug. 12, starting at 5 p.m. at Spring Park, 200 Spring St., in Green Cove Springs.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

will meet on Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 321 Walnut St.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW: will meet on Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. in the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor, in the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: will meet on Aug. 23 at 4 p.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

GOO GOO DOLLS: will perform with Blue October on Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily Place at TIAA Bank Field, in Jacksonville. For tickets, visit dailysplace.com.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW: will meet on Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. in the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor, in the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

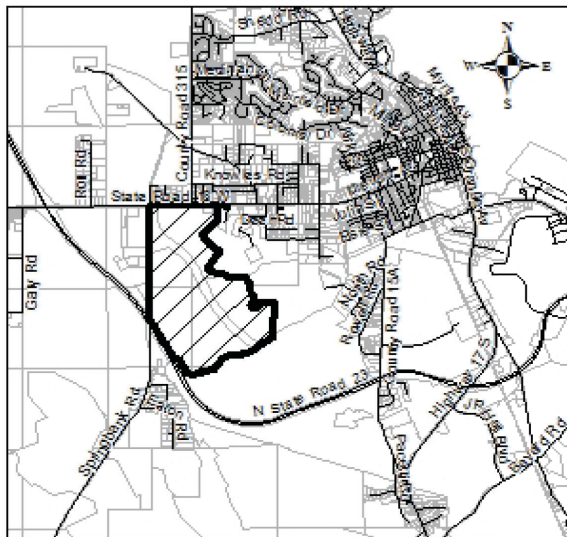
DIERKS BENTLEY: will bring his "Beers on Me" tour to Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily Place at TIAA Bank Field, in Jacksonville, on Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. Ashley McBryde and DJ Aydamn also will perform. For tickets, visit dailysplace.com.

THE NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND: will perform at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$39 and are available at 283 College Dr., Orange Park or at thcenter.org.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, both hearings taking place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The property affected by the proposed Future Land Use Map Change is depicted below. The ordinance to be transmitted is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 4 ACRES (A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 18-06-26-015601-001-00 AND A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 17-06-26-015574-001-00) FROM COMMERCIAL TO MIXED USE AND TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 6 ACRES (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 17-06-26-015574-001-06) FROM AGRICULTURE TO MIXED USE, AND TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 164 ACRES (A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 18-06-26-015601-001-00 AND A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 17-06-26-015574-001-00) FROM AGRICULTURE TO MIXED USE AND CONSERVATION, AND TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 1,089 ACRES (A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 17-06-26-015574-002-00, A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 18-06-26-015601-001-00, A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 17-06-26-015574-001-00 AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 20-06-26-015609-000-00, 29-06-26-015611-000-00, 30-06-26-015613-000-00, 19-06-26-015606-000-00, 18-06-26-015601-000-00, and 17-06-26-015574-000-00) FROM AGRICULTURE TO URBAN FRINGE AND CONSERVATION; TO ADD FLU POLICY 1.10.7 SPECIFYING THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 17-06-26-015574-001-00, A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 17-06-26-015574-002-00, A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 21-06-26-015610-000-00 AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 18-06-26-015601-001-00, 20-06-26-015609-000-00, 29-06-26-015611-000-00, 30-06-26-015613-000-00, 19-06-26-015606-000-00, 18-06-26-015601-000-00, and 17-06-26-015574-000-00, and 17-06-26-015574-001-06

Interested parties may appear at the meetings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearing the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the meetings or at any subsequent meetings to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043 or by telephone at (904) 284-6347 no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the forgoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Clay County Board of County Commissioners

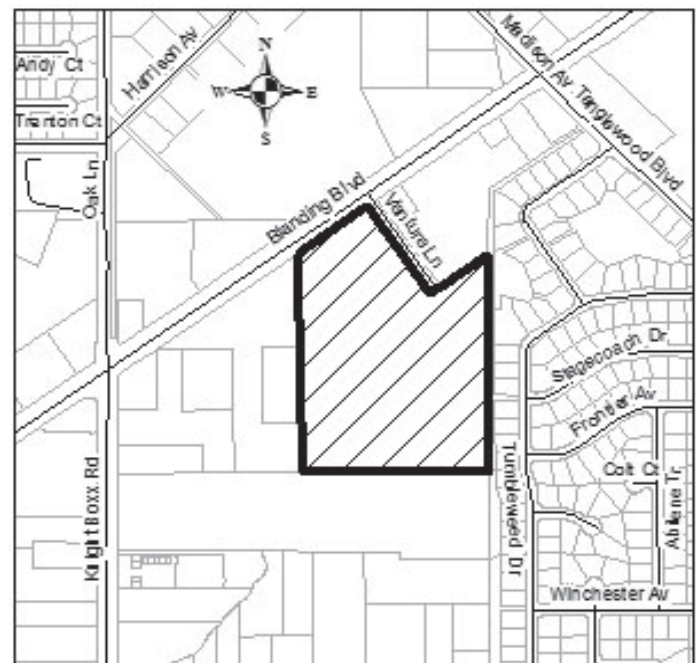
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF A SINGLE PARCEL: TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 27-04-25-008011-000-00, COMPRISING 26.4 ACRES, FROM COM (COMMERCIAL) TO UC-10 (URBAN CORE-10); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearing the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of said Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043 or by telephone at (904) 284-6347 no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the forgoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Clay County Board of County Commissioners

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New art show on display at Clay County Courthouse

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Thousands conduct business inside the Clay County Courthouse each year and, regardless of the reason for their visit, the clerk’s office wants the building to be a peaceful venue where citizens and employees feel at ease when conducting business. This new program is a partnership involving the Clerk of Court and Comptroller’s Office, Clay County Judiciary, local art groups’ amazing artists, Clay County government, civic

organizations, the school system and more.

New displays rotate into the gallery every three-to-four months.

The Clerk of Court’s public website (clayclerk.com) provides information about each art show and links to each organization. Work from the Clay County Women’s Clubs now is on display until Nov. 3. The Holiday Season Children’s Art will be featured from Nov. 18 to Jan. 31.

Art in the Courthouse Gallery is on the fourth floor at the courthouse (825 N. Orange Ave. in Green Cove Springs.) Art may be viewed also during normal courthouse business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BEING THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 93-16, AS AMENDED, AND COMPRISING THE ZONING AND LAND USE PROVISIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 3-33B.B(3)(b) TO ADD RV AND BOAT STORAGE AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE LAKE ASBURY RURAL COMMUNITY LAND USE ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

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Lakes

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She said the surface of Lake Brooklyn and Lake Geneva lie atop a sand base, allowing for water to seep into the aquifer.

The upper Florida aquifer depends on Lake Geneva and Lake Brooklyn when it's drought stressed. The lakes recharge the aquifer and supply more water.

"This is a long time coming for Keystone Heights and The Lake Region," Rutkowski said. "We are very excited that this project will not only replenish the aquifer ensuring water supply, it will also bring our lakes to a healthy level allowing for our community to enjoy the recreational activities they once did."

She said Keystone Heights' economy is built around the ecotourism partly supplied by the two lakes.

"For those of us who grew up Clay County, we've seen firsthand the drastic changes in our lake levels over the past few decades," said former state senator Rob Bradley who sits on the St. Johns River Water Management District Board. "This project will help us address that and more, all while protecting Florida's natural systems." Fueling Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva will also catalyze the rise of ecotourism in Keystone Heights.

Brandon Ludwig, 22, is a fourth-generation Keystone Heights resident and has been living in the town all his life.

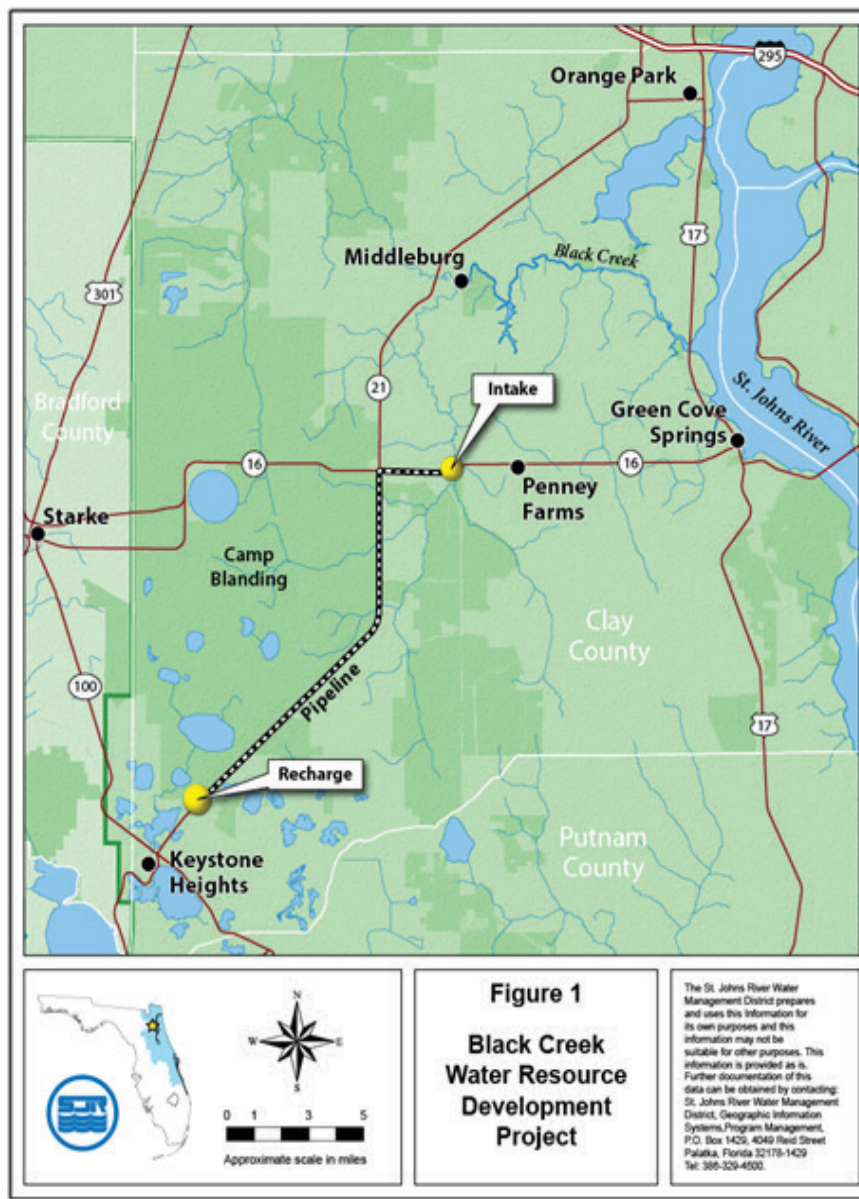
Ludwig said boat ramps at Lake Geneva haven't reached the shoreline in the last decade. People have sold their houses and moved away because of the lack of water activities.

"A lot of our lakes in the area have virtually disappeared," Ludwig said.

He lives on Lochlommond Lake, a Keystone Heights lake north of Lake Brooklyn, and noticed a drop in water levels around 2008-2009. He said he could stand in the middle of the lake, and the water would only go up to his shoulders.

Ludwig attended multiple community meetings discussing the project in its later stages of development to support the cause and be a part of the transformation.

"It's a natural solution that sort of kills two birds with one stone," Ludwig said.



"It helps alleviate flooding on Black Creek while providing a water source to Lake Brooklyn. Boating stores and restaurants on the water have gone out of business since the water level's decline on both lakes, and the economy has suffered, Ludwig said.

"To see this underway, starting in August, is going to be a huge step forward to rebuilding our community's economic vitality, and making it a place that people want to live for years to come," Ludwig said.

"As someone who grew up there [Keystone Heights] and wants to return there and raise a family there," Ludwig said,

"having a vibrant community is really at the heart of it all."

He predicts Keystone Heights won't see the results from the project until 2025, but he's very excited about what it will become.

"Seeing the recovery of those lakes among our community is something that really builds morale and makes it where people want to return to the future," Ludwig said.

Ludwig appreciates the moves Bradley pushed for to bring the project to fruition.

"Our city has really been on the upswing because of the potential that this pipeline brings to bring more stable lake

levels to our area," Ludwig said.

Middleburg residents stirred controversy in the county, as some believed the pumping would drain the Black Creek and harm it, he said.

Scott Olmstead, 48, bought a house on Lake Geneva in October 2021 to rent it out as an Airbnb. He said people complained about possible contamination, as the creek's water and the lakes' water collide through the pipeline.

"I'm not concerned by it," Olmstead said. "It's more important to see the lakes fill back up."

Vivian Katz-James, president of Save Our Lakes Organization, said the SJRWMD added the filtration system in later plans of the project to avoid the coalition of Black Creek's tea-colored water and the lakes' clear water; the decision came after public backlash.

"Once the thing's [project] moving, we'll get it up and down and start talking about getting a filtration system," she said. "In other words, that phase two of the project."

Katz-James has been the president of the Save Our Lakes Organization for 12 of the past 13 years and ensures a representative of the organization attends every Water District Governing Board meeting held monthly.

"If we run out of water, I don't care if you live in a mansion or if you live in a tent; if you don't have it, you don't have it," Katz-James said.

Every representative of the organization who attends the monthly meetings wears a solid red shirt in confidence and takes a front-row seat reserved for them. The organization asks questions and addresses concerns Northeastern Floridians may have about the project.

"If we're not doing anything, why bother with it?" Katz-James said. "This is the biggest thing in 50 years."

Katz-James said Black Creek holds excess flow 75% of the time, so it can allow for Lakes Geneva and Brooklyn to recharge the Florida aquifer.

She's excited for what's to come.

"It's the greatest thing since peanut butter," Katz-James said. "It's going to do so much for so many."

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Father Wiggins assigned to lead St. William Catholic Church



Father Mason Wiggins

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – St. William Catholic Church recently welcomed Father Mason Wiggins as its priest.

He was ordained by the bishop and assigned to be the priest at St. Williams. Though he has been a priest for two years, this is his first assignment to lead a congregation.

He was previously assigned as a parochial vicar, also known as an associate pastor, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Palm Coast and Holy Family Parish in Jacksonville.

Father Wiggins chose to become a

priest when he was attending the University of Florida in his first year of college.

“I discern there that I thought I had a calling to be a priest,” he said.

After spending six years in the seminary, he decided to pursue law. At the age of 50, he had a reckoning which resulted in him returning to his calling as a priest. He studied at Pope John the 23rd National Seminary in Massachusetts.

“The second year I went back, it seemed like everything was right. This was what I was supposed to do,” he said.

He finished his seminary and was ordained to the diocese on June 20, 2020.

On a personal level, becoming a priest meant that he can give back to God for the

blessings he has received.

“I’ve been so blessed and given so much that I would like to show Him that I can give back and if this is the best way I can do it then that’s what I want to do,” Father Wiggins said.

He was born in England and has traveled around the world due to his father being in the Air Force. He spent a lot of time in West Florida.

“I love Florida. Always have even when I was working in Washington, D.C., for those many years. I always knew that when I was ready, I would always come home to Florida,” he said.

Dr. James Minesinger has kept an eye on Keystone Heights for 48 years

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Dr. James Minesinger celebrates 48 years of providing Keystone Heights with eye care.

Although he doesn’t perform surgical procedures, he offers everything from complete eye examinations to eyeglasses and contact lenses. It was in high school that he realized his strengths and weakness and decided to become an optometrist.

“I liked the science. I liked the clinical setting. I kind of knew what was going on,” Minesinger said. “I liked the idea that I was going to be able to help people and help them right away.”

He grew up in Orlando and attended a liberal arts college for three years. Afterwards, he went to an optometry school in Memphis and graduated in 1971. In that

same year, he joined an existing practice in Starke. After working in Starke for three years, he started his business in Keystone Heights in 1974.

“I always liked Keystone. In fact, I moved here because of the schools,” he said. “The people here are nice. It’s just been a wonderful community. Even though the lakes are down, it’s still very beautiful here.”

At the beginning of his career, optometrists faced state regulations that limited the type of service they could provide to their patients. “When I got out of school, we were told that we could do whatever we felt like we were licensed or capable of doing,” he said.

Minesinger said within a year or two, optometrists were being limited in certain areas of their field and not allowed to com-



Dr. James Minesinger, center, has focused on the optic needs of Keystone Heights residents for the past 48 years.

plete certain tasks like dilating the eyes.

“We fought for the ability to do more completed examinations and do some minor surgical things like removing foreign bodies and things like that,” he said.

Throughout the years, state regulations for optometrists have loosened since Minesinger began his practice. They can now provide more services to their patients than they used to in the past.

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Community Briefs

Orange Park Women's Club to hold annual sale on July 29-30

ORANGE PARK – The Orange Park Woman's Club annual sale is July 29-30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year we are raising funds for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Clay County. Dolly donates the books but organizations need to raise the shipping cost.

So far Zip Code 32043 is open. The teachers' sorority Delta Kappa Gamma joined with the Clay County Educational Committee to spearhead this project.

Johnny Van Zant joins Rock the Box 2 lineup

ORANGE PARK – Middleburg-based St. Michael's Soldiers presents Rock the Box 2, a Free Night of Music for our Heroes on Aug. 13 at the Thrasher-Horne Center. A maximum of two free tickets are available for troops and veterans, hospital/front line workers, first responders, teachers and

linemen. The show starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets will be emailed to you as the order is processed. Please allow up to three weeks. All free tickets are on a first come first serve basis. If you want to guarantee tickets, you may purchase them.

Featured Artist will be the BBR Music Group/BMG's Wheelhouse Records Amazing Country Duo LOCASH – comprised of Preston Brust and Chris Lucas – are escaping to the "WOODS & WATER." Inspired by the wild-and-free EP out now, the WOODS & WATER TOUR 2022 launched this spring. Creating a signature sound that fuses modern Country and classic Heartland Rock with an edgy vocal blend, the Country music duo of singer-songwriters is widely known for mixing backwoods pride with big-picture positivity. Now rising up the Country ranks with a streak of hits and critical acclaim, LOCASH has two successful albums, eight charting singles, and 815 million global on-demand streams to their credit, plus a brand-new single "Beach Boys" – a collaboration

with Mike Love and Bruce Johnston of the iconic group. Their latest album, "BROTHERS" (2019), featured GOLD No. 1 "One Big Country Song," as the follow-up to the pair's Top 15 "THE FIGHTERS" (2016), which boasted "GOLD" breakout "I Love This Life" and their first No. 1 with flirtatious "GOLD" smash "I Know Somebody." Respected performers with high-profile recognition, they have a history of nods from the genre's biggest awards shows.

Joining LOCASH will be Johnny Van Zant of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Artist Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Special Guests will be MLB World Series Winner turned Country Music Artist Brett Myers and local popular group Cumberland Band. Visit thcenter.org to get free or purchased tickets.

Clay County Master Gardener Plant sale set for Aug. 6

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The UF/IFAS Extension Clay County Master Gardeners

host their annual plant sale Saturday Aug. 6 from 7:30 a.m. to noon outside at the Extension Office at 2463 State Road 16 West.

Free parking and cash/ credit cards are accepted. Thousands of reasonably priced plants, including herbs, flowering plants, and succulents, that thrive in northeast Florida are for sale. Pot sizes typically are one to three gallons and priced from \$5 to \$10. Specialty items and hanging baskets may be priced slightly higher. Master Gardener Volunteers will be happy to answer any questions you have on plant purchases and other gardening and lawn topics. All plant sale proceeds are used to educate the public in gardening and landscape management.

Learn more about Master Gardener Volunteers at <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/>. Learn more about Florida Friendly Landscaping plants at <https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/>.

Clay County looking to fill several job openings

CLAY COUNTY – The Board of County Commissioners are looking for a few good people – make that a lot of good people.

The county posted several job openings, including animal control officer, building inspector, deputy director of engineering, engineering specialist, equipment operator, firefighter/EMT, grants administration analyst, grounds maintenance technician, HVAC technician, kennel attendant, laborer, permit services technician, veterans' services officer and 4-H young development extension agent (apply through the University of Florida).

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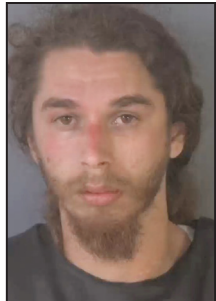
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Police Briefs

Keystone man accused of trying to kill friend with ax

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A short search for a man that included the lockdown of Keystone Heights Elementary led to the arrest of a man who is accused of attacking a friend with an ax.

Kyle Gregory Ploe, 29, of Keystone Heights, was charged with attempted murder after one of his friends was attack



Kyle Ploe

in the 300 block of S.W. Peach Street, according to the Clay County Sheriff's Office. The arrest report was heavily-redacted because it's an ongoing investigation.

Ploe was arrested after the sheriff's office set up a perimeter after the attack.

Ploe's bond was set at \$500,003. His next court appearance is set for Aug. 22.

Green Cove Springs man sentenced to 40 years for sexually exploiting children

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. District Judge Marcia Morales Howard sentenced Edward Alan Hardin, 35, of Green Cove Springs, to 40 years in federal prison for attempted production of child sex abuse material and possession of child sex abuse material. After serving his prison term, Hardin will be required to register as a sex offender and serve a lifetime of supervised release. Hardin had pleaded guilty on Feb. 17. As part of his plea agreement, Hardin also admitted to sex trafficking two children younger than 14 years old and to the online enticement of a third child to engage in illegal sexual activity.

According to court documents, at various times in 2018, 2019, and 2020, Hardin had access to three female children who were in his custody. One of those children – referred to as Minor Victim 1 – had known Hardin since she was a toddler and considered Hardin to be a father figure. Beginning when Minor Victim 1 was about 12 or 13 years old, Hardin provided money and gifts to Minor Victim 1 in exchange for the sexual abuse of Minor Victim 1.

On May 8, 2020, a deputy with the Clay County Sheriff's Office observed Hardin's truck parked at a shopping center in Orange Park. As the deputy approached Hardin's truck on foot, he observed Hardin in the driver's seat of the truck, and then observed Minor Victim 1 sit up in the passenger seat of the truck. The deputy smelled the aroma of marijuana emanating from the truck. As the deputy approached the passenger door of the truck, he could see that Hardin's pants were unzipped and that Hardin and Minor Victim 1 appeared nervous. Minor Victim 1 agreed to speak with a detective and disclosed text mes-

sages between she and Hardin that showed that Hardin, on multiple occasions, had made arrangements to pay Minor Victim 1 for sex. Minor Victim 1 stated that Hardin had been sexually abusing her in the truck prior to the deputy approaching. Hardin was arrested and admitted to engaging in sexual intercourse with Minor Victim 1 earlier that day, but he claimed it was the first time and that it had been consensual.

Minor Victim 1 also identified two other child victims who had been sexually abused by Hardin.

Minor Victim 2 was interviewed and disclosed that Hardin had transported her to Valdosta, Georgia, to visit a particular theme park in July 2018, when she was 15 years old. Minor Victim 2 informed detectives that Hardin had sexually abused her during the trip and continued to maintain a sexual relationship with her until around March 2020, during all of which time Minor Victim 2 was underage.

Minor Victim 3 was interviewed and disclosed that when she was 13 years old she had attended a sleepover with Minor Victim 1. During the sleepover, Hardin provided Minor Victim 3 and Minor Victim 1 with marijuana, and Minor Victim 3 was encouraged to allow Hardin to sexually assault her, and he did so. Hardin then gave Minor Victim 3 and Minor Victim 1 \$20 as payment for the sex act.

Hardin's phone was searched and contained photos of Minor Victim 2 engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Additionally, Hardin's phone contained text messages to Minor Victim 1 in which Hardin repeatedly requested that Minor Victim 1 produce pornographic images of herself and provide them to Hardin.

"This predator took advantage of the innocence of minor girls and sexually abused them through manipulation," said Homeland Security Investigations Tampa Special Agent in Charge John Condon. "This successful sentencing is a testament to the strength of our law enforcement partnerships and our commitment to serve and protect the community."

This case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations and the Clay County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Cofer Taylor.

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

Traffic stop leads to arrest for fentanyl, methamphetamine

MIDDLEBURG – A 47-year-old man was caught with fentanyl, methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia in his car during a traffic stop for driving with dark-tinted windows, according to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Robert Bleckley Trueblood was charged with trafficking fentanyl since he was caught with more than four grams, CCSO said. He was arrested on July 17.

After Trueblood was stopped at Long Bay Road and Blanding Boulevard on Feb. 1, K-9 Odin alerted deputies to a likely presence of illegal narcotics in his car.

Trueblood also was caught on Dec. 8, 2021, with fentanyl, methamphetamine and using a cellphone to facilitate a felony.

Trueblood's bond was set at \$201,517.

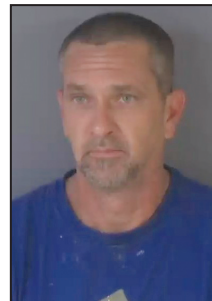
CCSO: Middleburg brothers busted for selling drugs to informant

MIDDLEBURG – Two brothers were arrested on July 16 after they sold fentanyl and methamphetamine to a confidential informant working with the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Richard Edward Finley, 51, was charged with trafficking fentanyl, while Timothy Ray Finley, 49, was charged with selling and delivering methamphetamine.

According to the arrest report, the informant bought 12.1 grams of fentanyl on July 16 at Richard Finley's home on Robert King Road, while his brother, Timothy, sold methamphetamine to an informant at the same address on Nov. 16, 2021.

The sheriff's office said Timothy Finley also was charged with selling methamphetamine and using a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony during another controlled sale to an informant on Oct. 21, 2021. Richard Finley's bond was set at \$150,003, while Timothy Finley's bond was set at \$125,009.



Robert Trueblood



Richard Finley



Timothy Finley

Jacksonville man charged with violating no contact order from jail

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Jacksonville man was arrested on July 7 for violating conditions of release for domestic violence after the Clay County Sheriff's Office said he made at least 15 calls to the victim from the Clay County Jail.

Merquis Serrod Baynard, 34, was charged with two counts of violating his release conditions after jail records showed he called the victim 15 times after he was arrested for contacting the woman after he was arrested for domestic violence.

According to the arrest report, Baynard appeared in front of Judge Collins in a pre-trial release hearing on July 8. He was told not to have any contact with the victim. Jail records show he called with woman 13 times on that day.

Baynard told deputies he tried to call the victim so he could make bail. He also said he gave another inmate his jail personal identification number, so it was possible the other inmate called the victim.

Baynard's next court hearing is scheduled for July 26. His bond was set at \$26,506.

Middleburg man charged with trafficking methamphetamine

MIDDLEBURG – With the help of a confidential informant working with the Clay County Sheriff's Office, a man was charged with trafficking methamphetamine on Feb. 9.

Robert Brian Hatcher, 52, of Middleburg, was arrested on July 18 after being arrested for trafficking 145.6 grams of methamphetamine.

According to the arrest report, the confidential informant bought 5.2 ounces (nearly one-third pound) of methamphetamine in the parking lot of a convenience store on Blanding Boulevard.

Hatcher's bond was set at \$250,003. His next court appearance is scheduled for Aug. 23.

Sheriff's office charges man with selling methamphetamine from his home

MIDDLEBURG – A 50-year-old man was arrested on July 18 for trafficking



Merquis Baynard



Robert Hatcher

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, July 19

Rocky L. West, 39, Orange Park, burglary
Ralpheal D. Nunn, 40, Middleburg, felony domestic battery by strangulation, aggravated assault with deadly weapon

Blaike C. Shine, 31, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control

Travis A.G. Wilson, 38, Orange Park, possession/display forged/stolen driver's license/ID, use/possession of another person's ID, illegally obtaining property, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, alter/destroy/conceal/remove evidence

Jeffrey D. Estima, 26, Orange Park, unauthorized use of another person's driver's license/ID, use/possession of another person's ID, illegally obtaining property, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, alter/destroy/conceal/remove evidence

Cam R.J. Dove, 20, Orange Park, shoplifting

Kamryn C. King, 21, Middleburg, aggravated assault with deadly weapon

Eugene A. Harris, 46, Green Cove Springs, aggravated domestic stalking, written/electronic threat to kill/do bodily harm

Dylan C. Fillmer, 28, Green Cove Springs, VOP-lewd/lascivious behavior

Brittany S. Swilley, 33, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR, license tag not assigned to car

Michael L. Foster, 42, Middleburg, non-support

William A.C. Marsh, 34, Orange Park, shoplifting

Hayden J. Fournier, 19, Orange Park, grand theft

Nikkita L. Campbell, 27, Middleburg, domestic battery

Monday, July 18

Henry Wimberly, 32, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Diann O. Hannon, 52, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon

Jordan M. Copeland, 30, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Brian K. Proulx, 62, Orange Park, DUI with property damage/personal injury

Simon J. Jacob, 31, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Carlos N. Channelle, 38, Fleming Island, battery, shoplifting

William F. Kutch, 20, Green Cove Springs, VOP-burglary, VOP-grand theft auto

Daniele L. Eldridge, 40, Green Cove

Springs, trafficking-methamphetamine

Ronald E. Poynor, 39, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery

Earnest S. Knight, 56, Green Cove Springs, trafficking-methamphetamine

Peter L. Washington, 44, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft

April E. Greene, 31, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA-fraudulent use of credit card, FTA-grand larceny, FTA-exploitation of elderly person

Dustin C. Bridgman, 36, Keystone Heights, operating motorcycle without valid license, failure to register motorcycle

Buddy A. Sigmon, 50, Middleburg, trafficking-methamphetamine, selling methamphetamine, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony

Robert B. Hatcher, 51, Middleburg, trafficking-methamphetamine

Brittany C. Myers, 33, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR, leaving scene of accident involving property damage

Oba C. Carter, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP-attempting to flee/elude law enforcement, VOP-DUI

Faith S. Thomas, 29, Middleburg, violation of injunction against domestic violence

Michael T. Beamish, 70, Middleburg, lewd/lascivious behavior to child

Adriene N. Griffis, 33, Green Cove Springs, non-support

Robert T. Hill, 31, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia

Sunday, July 17

Veronica J. Hartley, 29, Orange Park, child neglect, DUI with property damage/personal injury

Dave J. Steinberg, 51, Middleburg, trafficking-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia, possession-marijuana, possession-controlled substance

Clinton S. Biggs, 39, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Foulematous M. Mylla, 18, Orange Park, shoplifting

Andre K. Artis, 18, Orange Park, shoplifting

Michael B. Ursrey, 40, Starke, possession-controlled substance, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia, giving false name/ID to law enforcement, driving without valid license

Valaria R. Reuter, 32, Fleming Island, DUI

Saturday, July 16

Kayla S. Brown, 31, Orange Park, DUI

Timothy R. Finley, 49, Middleburg, two counts sale/delivery of methamphetamine, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony

Leon Hall, 38, Orange Park, burglary

Robert B. Trueblood, 47, Middleburg, two counts trafficking-fentanyl, selling

methamphetamine, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Richard E. Finley, 51, Middleburg, trafficking-fentanyl

Fredrick J. Harmon, 41, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, possession-cocaine, DWLSR, alter/destroy/conceal/remove evidence, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement without regard for safety to others

Nickolas Snell, 42, Green Cove Springs, petit theft

Donnie B. Wingate, 58, Green Cove Springs, petit theft

Aaron D. Heth, 51, Orange Park, domestic battery

Anthony L. Hawkins, 30, Middleburg, sudden snatching, shoplifting

Adriene N. Griffis, 33, Middleburg, aggravated battery

Tyler J. Christina, 25, Middleburg, possession-firearm/ammo by convicted felon

Mahran Abuayyash, 36, Keystone Heights, domestic battery, vandalism

Shon A. Kirchner, 35, Middleburg, dating domestic violence

Friday, July 15

Joel M. Martin, 40, Middleburg, DUI

Kristan M. Kodada, 33, Middleburg, shoplifting

Armani D. Nash, 21, Middleburg, shoplifting

Kyle G. Ploe, 29, Keystone Heights, attempted murder

Adriene N. Griffis, 33, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-failure to register vehicle, non-support

Coleman J. Moulton, 38, Middleburg, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Sean P. Penna, 52, Jacksonville, sexual intercourse without disclosing HIV

Thursday, July 14

Larry T. Burke, 23, Fleming Island, FTA Merquis S. Baynard, 34, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction for domestic violence, sexual cyberharassing

Haleigh B. Parrish, 24, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, DUI, DWLSR

Austin . Melville, 24, Middleburg, shoplifting

Jeneshia M. Moore, 26, Orange Park, shoplifting

Makalla J.N.L. Beeks, 24, Orange Park, shoplifting

Shannon D. Saylor, 53, Middleburg, trafficking-methamphetamine, selling methamphetamine

Kevin M. Green, 37, Middleburg, domestic battery

Charles C. Chamberlain, 49, Keystone Heights, FTA

Wednesday, July 13

Tara L. Epps, 37, Green Cove Springs, petit theft

Lindsey G. Simonds, 37, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery

Gregory Stanback, 35, Orange Park, burglary, possession-drug paraphernalia, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Terrell M. Henderson, 23, Orange Park, VOP-community control

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methamphetamine to a confidential source and an undercover deputy, according to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Buddy Alan Sigmon, of Middleburg, was charged with selling methamphetamine and using a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony on at the sheriff's office said he sold the methamphetamine from his house on two different occasions on June 13.

The sale to the undercover deputy was more than 14 ounces.

Sigmon's bond was set at \$190,009.

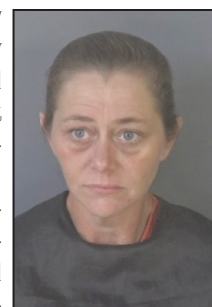
Woman on motorcycle charged with trafficking methamphetamine

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy saw a motorcycle rider run through a stop sign at the intersection of County Road 315 and Willow Springs Drive, and that led to an arrest for trafficking methamphetamine.

Daniele Lee Eldridge, 40, of Middleburg, was charged with trafficking methamphetamine on July 18 following a stop on Sandridge Road. CCSO requested the use of K-9 Odin, who alerted deputies of the likely presence of illegal narcotics. During a search, a woman deputy uncovered two baggies of meth. Her bond was set at \$100,003.



Buddy Sigmon



Daniele Eldridge

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Clay Today Sports Editor Randy Lefko and Major League Fishing pro bass fisherman Cole Hewett of Orange Park took their supreme fishing skills on the ocean for the Kingfish Media Day.

42nd Annual Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament

Lefko, Hewett go 0-1 in Media Kingfish Tourney

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - With nearly perfect fishing weather conditions, the dynamic duo of fishing; Clay Today Sports Editor Randy Lefko and Major League Fish pro Cole Hewett of Orange Park had all the intentions of showing off their rod and reel prowess at Wednesday's Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament Media Day tournament.

"It's a great honor to be able to bring my bass fishing skills to the ocean," said Hewett, who was recently featured by Lefko in a Clay Today sports page piece depicting his seventh place finish in a Virginia Pro Tour event. "I've never went after

Kingfish, so we shall see."

We shall see, said Hewett, who brought his immense water "read" skills on to the boat captained by Ronald Hilliard and his boat mate Ryan Kanabroskie; both very familiar with the endurance tactics of Lefko after his stunning two hour mano-a-mano battle with a 52 pound Jack Cravelle that stirred some dockside reaction two years ago.

"I think Lefko has proven that he can walk the walk while talking the talk when it comes to landing a big fish," said Kanabroskie. "He was masterful two years ago, then nabbed two Kingfish last year to prove his mettle."

SEE KINGFISH, 30

Raiders take Jags' Tug of War action

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ST AUGUSTINE - Orange Park High School's front five probable starters for the football offensive line took a page of stamina and strength to St. Augustine and came home with the first place trophy for the Tug of War at the Jacksonville Jaguars Nike 11-on-11 Tournament Offensive Line challenge held Saturday at St. Augustine High School.

Note: The Jacksonville Jaguars will open their 2022 Training Camp on July 24 with the team practicing at Episcopal High School due to construction at the

TIAA Bank facilities. The Jaguars, under new head coach Doug Pederson, will head to Canton, OH, on August 4 to play in the Hall of Fame game against the Las Vegas Raiders. Jaguars home preseason games are set for Fri., Aug. 7 against Cleveland Browns and Sat., Aug. 20 against Pittsburgh Steelers.

Anchored by All State offensive tackle Roderick Kearney and fronted by wingman guard Nile Thomas with Braylon Hawkins, Ean Huffaker and Amaury Gallon-Cooper in between the two, the Raiders' strong boys dispatched of Fleming Island in a bat-

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Orange Park High's offensive line contingency; from left, Nile Thomas, Braylon Hawkins, Ean Huffaker, Amaury Gallon-Cooper and anchor Roderick Kearney held fast to win the Jaguars Offensive Line Tug of War challenge at St. Augustine High School.

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Football

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tle of Clay County that lasted nearly five minutes in the trenches with the Golden Eagles holding court for the first half of the action before the Raiders maintained foot control and slowly turned the tables to win the title.

Fleming Island had an epic endurance win over Clay to advance while the Raiders had to best Raines to advance to the championship round.

In the Truck Push "Big Man" competition; five pushes of a Ford F150 from the tailgate end of the truck in relay style, saw Fleming Island nearly pull out the upset of Raines and Bartram Trail with the Golden Eagles second by less than two seconds.

On the football side of the morning, Fleming Island, Clay and Orange Park all showed off some passing prowess and secondary defensive skills against 17 other north Florida teams.

Clay was led by quarterback Merrick Rapoza and freshman wideout J'Vian Cobbert while the Raiders had Bo Durrionte at the helm and Brian Green with a handful of grabs and Fleming Island saw sophomore Cibastian Broughton slinging passes to Brenden Cook downfield.

St. Augustine defeated Sandalwood 27-13 for the camp title with Sandalwood eeking out a 21-20 win over Andrew Jackson and St. Augustine beating Terry Parker 14-6.

In prelim action, Sandalwood beat Fleming Island 32-6 and Raines beat Clay 19-12. Orange Park was beat 18-12 by Creekside. Clay beat Riverside 18-14. Fleming Island beat Bishop Kenny 16-15 in



Fleming Island's T.J. Lawrence, above left, finishes off anchor leg of five-man Truck Push event as part of Jacksonville Jaguars offensive line challenge while Clay High's big-man contingency awaits final results. Fleming Island finished close second to Raines. Below left, Clay High receiver PaytonDykas is covered after making goal line pass catch. Right: Orange Park's defense gets up in air for defense.



round two with former Orange Park coach Tom Macpherson now defensive coach at Bishop Kenny. Bartram Trail beat Clay 14-0 in round two with Raines beating the

Blue Devils 24-6 in the first round. Orange Park lost to St. Augustine 24-14 in round one. Yulee beat Fleming Island 21-17 in round one.

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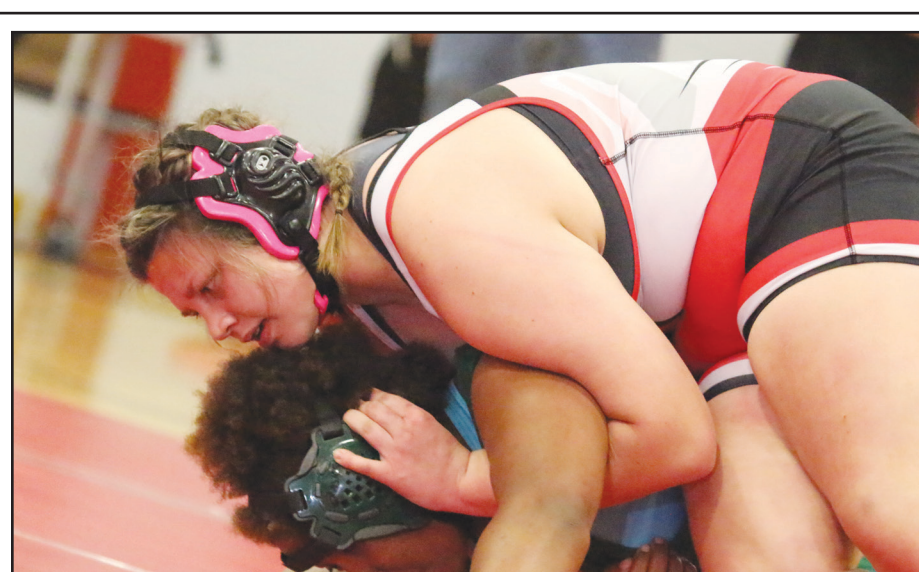
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Fleming Island's defense got some near interceptions but had some rough going in Jacksonville Jaguars 11 v 11 Tournament at St. Augustine High. Below: Orange Park quarterback Bo Durriente checks out Nolan Chambers, left, while Raider coach Marcus Wimberly watches.



Middleburg High wrestler Cheyenne Cruce, here in Florida region action last year, traveled to Fargo, ND, along with two Oakleaf Junior High standouts and came home with first-ever All American fourth place medal at the Fargo Women's Nationals.

Cruce fourth; All American wrestler, at Fargo Junior Nationals

Middleburg High wrestler Cheyenne Cruce finished as the first All American wrestler for the Lady Broncos with a fourth place finish at the mecca of wrestling; Fargo, ND, at the 2022 U.S. Marine Corps 16U and Junior National Championships.

Cruce, at 200 pounds, finished fourth in her weight class with wins of 12-2, 12-8 and 10-1 to earn a spot in the third place championship match where she lost a 6-2 match to finish fourth.

"My first ever All American, the first for Middleburg High wrestling," said Middleburg coach Coll Robertson. "Cheyenne and the other girls wrestled for Team Florida."

From Oakleaf Junior High, eighth graders Kailani Barrientos and Jayla Harrison also both wrestled at the Fargo Womens Nationals in Fargo, ND, with Barrientos, at 122, winning 10-7 in the opening rounds of the championship bracket, but losing in round two 3-1. Barrientos won 6-0 in the second round of consolations, but lost 4-2 in the round of 16. Harrison lost 10-0 in the round of 32, had a bye in consolations then lost a tough 7-6 in round two of consolations.

The Florida contingency will be joined by Orange Park High state champion Andrea Smith for more national wrestling next week.

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Clay Today Sports Editor Randy Lefko gets a team pic of his Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament Media Day crew; left, Ryan Kanabroski, Captain Ron Hilliard and Cole Hewett.



Ryan Kanabroskie points out in the ocean depths where he thinks the fish are that the Kingfish crew needed as bait.



Cole Hewett, right, has a bent rod with a big fish, but that one got away with snapped line.

Kingfish
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As the quartet ventured on to the Atlantic Ocean after departing the Jim King Docks in Sister's Creek, it became apparent quickly that the sea was not going to be friendly to the gladiators.

Hilliard, in his captain wizardry, commanded the boat to nearly Mickler's Landing to snag a net full of bait fish before heading back north to find the "Honey Spot."

"Honey Spot" yielded zilch except that Hewett caught a pole with "something big" on it and started his frenzied reel in while Kanabroskie, like a ballet dancer, unwound the rod that Hewett got tangled with in his excitement to strike first.

"I didn't realize I had crossed the other pole's line and Ryan had to do some quick

thinking with his cat-like reflexes to preserve the hooked fish," said Hewett. "When we finally danced the dance and I was free of the entanglement, the fish we had which was a biggie had snapped the line. We had a big one though."

As the morning trudged on with nary a nibble, Hilliard moved the crew to just outside the inlet off the Neptune Beach area to try and strike again.

Unfortunately, as Kanabroskie skillfully noted, there was a school of dolphins frolicking off the bow.

"Never a good sign when the dolphins are laughing at you," said Kanabroskie. "They are the expert fishermen and they were not going to let many get away for us to snag. We just had a dismal day, but any day fishing with buddies and sunshine and plenty of Kool-Aid is a good day."

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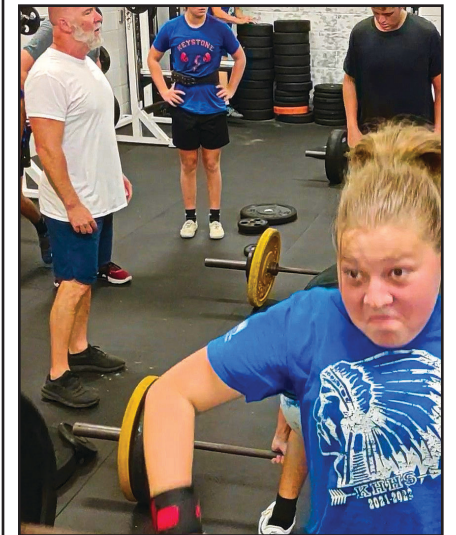
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Keystone Heights football (plus Alexis the weightlifter) were working hard under the barking of coach Lantz Lowery.



Answer: Ticket

Answer: Selena Gomez

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to vacations.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 15 = E)

A. 23 15 18 22

Clue: Cease work

B. 23 15 19 24 7

Clue: Become less tense

C. 20 1 13 23 4 15 25

Clue: A trip

D. 18 13 11 22 10 24 18 15

Clue: Bag

Answers: A. rest B. relax C. journey D. suitcase

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to vacation.

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Guess Who?

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WORDS

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- CHECK-IN
- CHECK-OUT
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- DESTINATION
- EXCURSION
- FEES
- HOTEL
- HOUSEKEEPING
- INSURANCE
- ITINERARY
- LODGING
- MANAGER
- PEAK
- POLICY
- RENTAL
- RESERVATION
- SEASONAL
- TRIP
- VACATION
- WAIVER

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

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FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") for the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District ("District") will hold the following two public hearings and a regular meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, August 23, 2022
 TIME: 6:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: The Fleming Island Plantation Amenity Center
 2300 Town Center Boulevard
 Fleming Island, Florida 32003

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 ("Fiscal Year 2022/2023"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessments") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

Description of Assessments

The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

Land Use	Total # of Units	EAU Factor	Proposed O&M Assessment (including collection costs / early payment discounts)
Lighthouse Apts	501.00	0.20	\$208.41
Autumn Glen	220.00	0.75	\$781.54
Lake Ridge North	339.00	0.75	\$781.54
Carrington Place	96.00	0.75	\$781.54
Amberwood	58.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
Lake Ridge South	104.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
Woodlands	218.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
Fairway Village	75.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
Heritage Oaks	53.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
Chatham Village	161.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
Cypress Glen	176.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
Covington	59.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
Thornhill	130.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
John's Landing	49.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
Southern Links	116.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
The Links	146.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
River Hills Reserve	99.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
Margaret's Walk	180.00	1.00	\$1,042.06
Office	55.95	3.50	\$3,647.20
Retail	84.20	7.00	\$7,294.40
Golf Course	1.00	5.00	\$5,210.29

The proposed O&M Assessments as stated include collection costs and/or early payment discounts, which Clay County ("County") may impose on assessments that are collected on the County tax bill. Moreover, pursuant to Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, the lien amount shall serve as the "maximum rate" authorized by law for O&M Assessments, such that no assessment hearing shall be held or notice provided in future years unless the assessments are proposed to be increased or another criterion within Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, is met. Note that the O&M Assessments do not include any debt service assessments previously levied by the District and due to be collected for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

For Fiscal Year 2022/2023, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments imposed on certain developed property. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title, or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

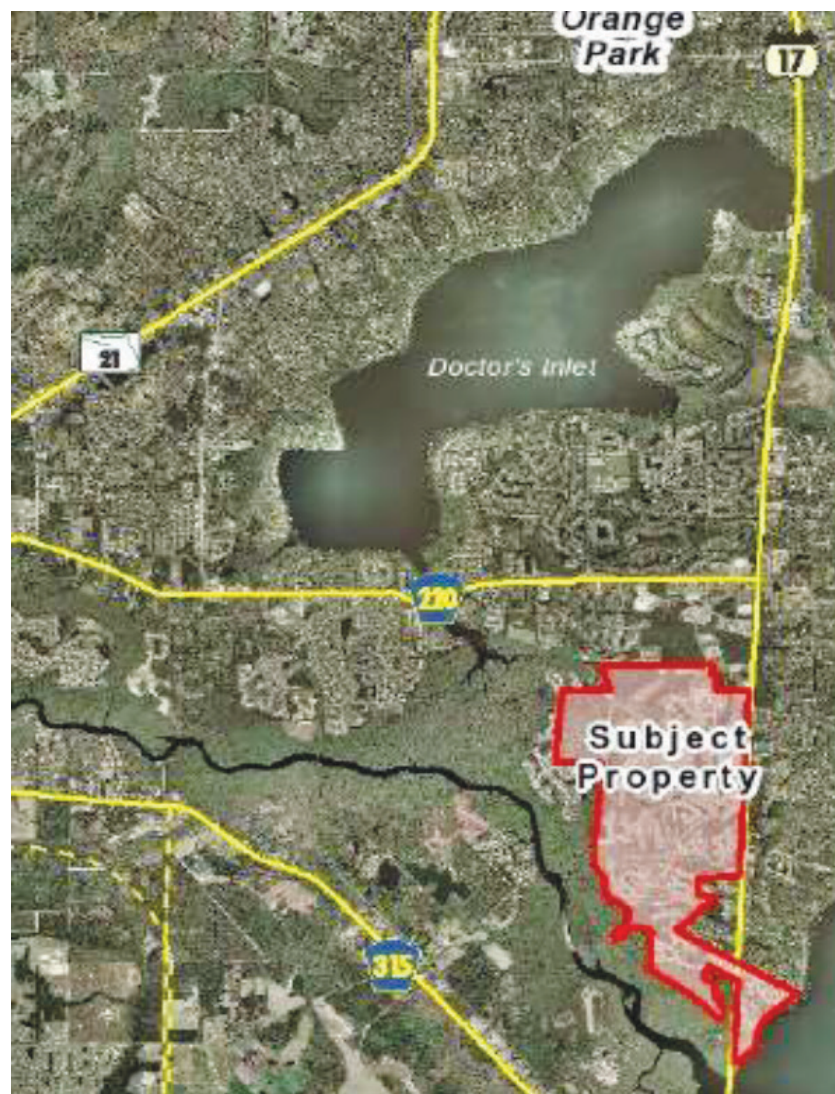
Additional Provisions

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Proposed Budget, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at c/o Inframark, Infrastructure Management Services, 210 North University Drive, Suite 702, Coral Springs, Florida 33071 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

Please note that all affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and meeting, and may also file written objections with the District Manager's Office within twenty days of publication of this notice. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Janice Eggleton Davis
 District Manager



Legal 36315 published July 21, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

CLAY LEGALS

of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, both hearings taking place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRs ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (tax parcel identification numbers 08-04-23-000073-000-00 and portions of 17-04-23-000120-008-00 and 08-04-23-000070-000-00) FROM THEIR PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF IS (INDUSTRIAL SELECT DISTRICT) TO IB (Heavy Industrial DIS-

TRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification on approximately 94.97 acres from IS (Industrial Select District) to IB (Heavy Industrial District) on the following land, the owner of the land being Frank Spencer Ltd.:
Location Address for Z-22-18
 Tax Parcel Identification Numbers 08-04-23-000073-000-00 and 17-04-23-000120-008-00 and 08-04-23-000070-000-00
 Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between

the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 284-6347 no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired

persons can access the foregoing telephone number by the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).
 Board of County Commissioners

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NOTICE OF ACTION

In the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida.
 CASE NO.: 2022CA000425
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR TO FIRSTAR TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 1997-5,
 Plaintiff,
 ESTATE OF PATRICIA A. DAVIDSON,

DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF PATRICIA A. DAVIDSON, DECEASED; RUSSELL DAVIDSON; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et.al.
 Defendant(s).
 TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF PATRICIA A. DAVIDSON, DECEASED (Current Residence Unknown) (Last Known Address) 6226 COUNTY ROAD 315C KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656
ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, INCLUDING, IF A NAMED DEFENDANT IS DECEASED, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE SURVIVING SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING, BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THAT DEFENDANT, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PER-

SONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS (Last Known Address) 6226 COUNTY ROAD 315C KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
SPANISH OAK FARMS, TRACT NO. C-1
A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29, AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 24

ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") for the Rolling Hills Community Development District ("District") will hold the following two public hearings and a regular meeting:

DATE: August 16, 2022
 TIME: 6:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: Rolling Hills Amenity Center
 3212 Bradley Creek Parkway
 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 ("Fiscal Year 2022/2023"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessments") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

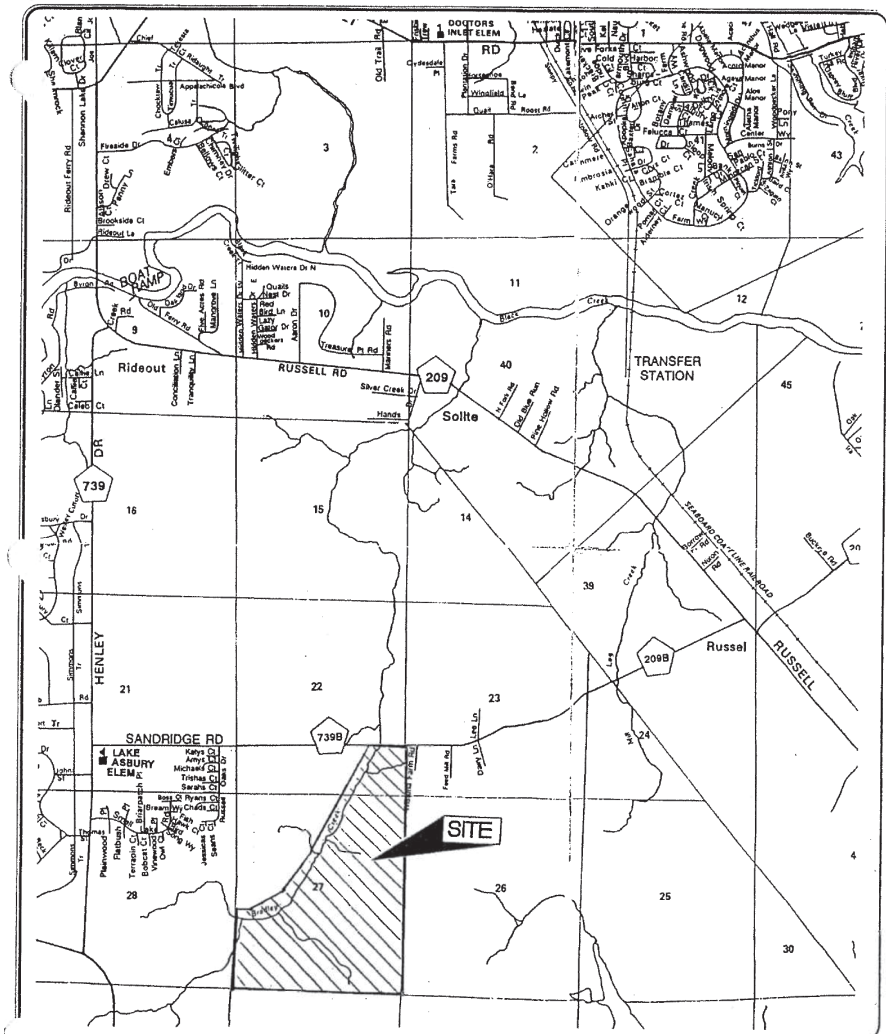
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Land Use	Total # of Units / Acres	EAU Factor	Current Annual O&M	Proposed O&M Assessment (including collection costs / early payment discounts)	Change in Annual O&M
Single Family	761 Units	1	\$1,092.90	\$1,392.90	\$300.00

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Marilee Giles
 District Manager

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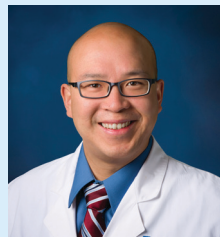
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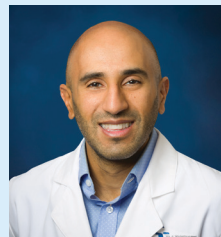
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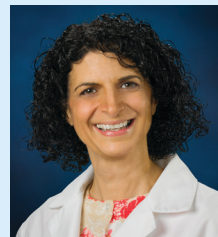
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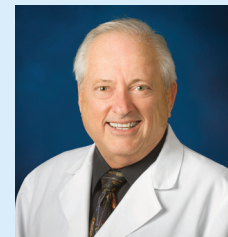
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