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## Ian's unexpected turn takes Clay County out of its wrath

Emergency management warns against being flippant about future storms



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A large tree fell on Plainfield Avenue in Orange Park during Ian, but the county was spared the extensive damage that was forecasted.

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CLAY COUNTY – Residents brought in plants and outdoor furniture and trimmed trees. They fortified their homes with sandbags and stocked up on bottled water, diapers, gasoline and bread.

Shelters were opened and evacuations were ordered.

And just as Clay County dug in on Sept. 29 for what was supposed to be significant damage from Hurricane Ian, the massive storm made an immediate – and unexpected – hard turn to the left and passed to the south.

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The Office of Emergency Management was on alert as the storm approached.



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## Fair, CCSO organize massive relief effort for Hurricane Ian victims

Goal is to send two tractor-trailers filled with supplies to Fort Myers area

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Ralph Jones pulled a box loaded with an assortment of essentials from his car Monday and handed it over to a volunteer at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

The retired Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy knew his box that included paper towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste won't

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Sheriff Michelle Cook (l) and Fair Executive Director Tasha Hyder were overwhelmed by the county's response to help storm victims in Southwest Florida.

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# Better Business Bureau warns of hurricane scammers

## For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Hurricane Ian has left devastation throughout Southwest Florida with its record-breaking storm surge. More than two million Floridians have been impacted by Hurricane Ian, suffering from floods, power outages, home displacements and access to basic necessities such as safe water.

Many charitable organizations are seeking to provide emergency relief and assistance. To assist donors seeking to support relief efforts, BBB Wise Giving Al-

liance is providing the following giving tips along with a list of BBB Accredited Charities (i.e., those that meet all 20 of the BBB Charity Standards) that are soliciting for Hurricane Ian activities.

Is the disaster appeal clear? The contribution request should clearly identify what disaster relief activities you are supporting. There are many possibilities such as temporary shelter, food, medical care and other emergency needs. Don't assume what they do based solely on the group's name.



Does the charity already have a presence in the impacted area? Charities that already have support staff in the impacted areas are more likely to deliver help quickly at a time of immediate need.

Is the charity an experienced relief organization? Experienced relief organizations will be able to provide help with greater speed and efficiency than a newly created effort.

If considering crowdfunding, do you know its procedures? Some crowdfunding sites take measures to vet postings after a disaster, others don't. Review the site's policies and procedures to find out. If in doubt, it is always safest to donate to people who you personally know and trust.

Does the organization meet the 20 BBB Charity Standards? We recommend donating to charities that meet all 20 of the BBB Standards for Charity Accountability. Visit BBB's Give.org to access free evaluative reports on charities.

The following organizations are BBB Accredited Charities (i.e., meet the 20 BBB Standards for Charity Accountability) and currently announced on their respective websites that they are collecting funds to assist Hurricane Ian relief efforts. Additional BBB Accredited Charities will be added as we learn about their Ian-related activities.

- American Red Cross - Hurricane Ian Activities
- Direct Relief - Hurricane Ian Activities
- GlobalGiving - Hurricane Ian Activi-

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- Heart to Heart International - Hurricane Ian Activities
- Operation USA - Hurricane Ian Activities
- Salvation Army - Hurricane Ian Activities
- Save the Children - Hurricane Ian Activities

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Thank you for your understanding.



## Family Forest Awareness Day coming to Jennings State Forest

### For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – As part of Florida Forest Awareness Month, Jennings State Forest will host a Family Forest Awareness day on Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The park will highlight its offerings, including a new hiking trail called "The Sandridge Trail," archery, talk with staff and volunteers and educational displays.

The park also will have information on all Jacksonville Area State Forests, literature on recreation and equipment displays of our Wildland Fire Equipment.

The event will be at the Old Jennings Recreational Area of the park at 1337 Longhorn Road.

For more information, call (904) 406-6390.

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## Study shows Americans aren't planning for future healthcare needs

Submitted by StatePoint

If you haven't spent time considering what your healthcare needs will be in the years or even decades from now, you're not alone.

Recent research suggests that many aging Americans aren't aware of the full range of options available to them. As we age, our healthcare needs intensify, and experts say that the U.S. healthcare system will need to embrace home healthcare options to meet the demand of an aging population.

The new national survey, titled "Aging in Place: Assessing Senior's Understanding of Home Healthcare Options," conducted by Bredin on behalf of Cross Country Workforce Solutions Group, shows that while most people aged 50-79 years old would prefer at-home care as they age, 91% of respondents have not proactively researched the care they may need as they grow older. Further, 34% have not thought about their care needs, and awareness of existing managed-at-home care programs was low among the survey respondents.

"By living at home, seniors can maintain their independence and be close to their loved ones and community, and by and large, that is what they want to do. At-home care can both meet the needs of those requiring long-term care while alleviating some of the mounting challenges faced by hospitals and healthcare systems," says Pamela Jung, president of Cross Country Workforce Solutions Group, a division of Cross Country Healthcare, the nation's leading provider of in-home clinical and non-clinical care for aging seniors.

As you explore your options, consider the following tips:

- Leave no stone unturned: From transportation to medical appointments to help with household tasks, consider what your potential needs might be and research programs in your community to address them. While there are assistance programs available to help seniors age with dignity, the Cross Country Workforce Solutions Group survey found that the majority of older Americans are unaware of an important one: Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a national program of comprehensive care for adults age 55 and older who would prefer to remain living at home rather than in a nursing facility. In some communities, PACE is known as Living Independently for the Elderly (LIFE). These programs can make living at home a safer and more affordable option than institutionalized care.

"This program has provided me with

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## OPINIONS



## Judge: Lawsuit against 'defund the police' allowed to proceed

By Renzo Downey  
For FloridaPolitics.com

**A** Tallahassee circuit judge is letting a lawsuit against the "defund the police" provision in Florida's anti-riot law move forward.

Judge J. Lee Marsh of the 2nd Judicial Circuit on Tuesday allowed five of the eight cities that sued the state to continue their challenge against a provision that creates a pathway for the state to overrule a city's decision to reduce its law enforcement budget. The three remaining cities will have an opportunity to appeal to be added to the case.

The law (HB 1), which Gov. Ron DeSantis signed in August 2021, sharpens penalties against rioters in Florida. Included within the measure is an attempt to curb "defunding" the police by allowing state leaders to override budget reductions a city may propose for law enforcement.

"This goes to the heart of our state constitution, our system of government, the division of powers between the parties of government, the division of powers between the municipalities and the state," Marsh told the courtroom. "I can't think of anything more important to the people of this state, to their elected leaders, both at the local and state level."

The lawsuit is a second angle critics have taken against the anti-riot law. A separate case over First Amendment concerns is currently working its way through federal court.

It also is the latest case that addresses home rule versus the state's right to override laws passed and poli-

cies enacted at the local levels, a practice called preemption.

If a municipality proposes a budget that cuts law enforcement funding, the anti-riot law gives State Attorneys or City or County Commissioners 30 days to file an appeal to the budget after the proposal is posted online.

The municipality would then have five days to respond to the appeal, and the Governor's Office would conduct a hearing on the appeal before making a recommendation to the Administration Commission on how to handle the budget reduction. The Administration Commission may approve, amend or modify the budget proposal. That Commission's findings are deemed final.

DeSantis, who has touted Florida as a "law and order state," has routinely criticized calls to "defund the police," a slogan for a left-of-center policy to divert law enforcement resources into community support services and other forms of public safety. The anti-riot law has helped the Republican Governor claim that "in Florida, we don't defund the police" as he gears up for re-election.

Law enforcement reform advocates have called the slogan misleading. The Public Rights Project's Jonathan Miller, an attorney who represents the cities, told reporters that the case is about building a movement.

"This is about vibrancy in local communities and the ability for advocates working with local electeds to express their community preferences through policy reform, and so this is about fighting for the ability to build a movement at

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## Word OF THE WEEK

Word of the Week is a feature that aims to help readers boost their vocabulary in a meaningful way that has practical application. Each week, our editorial staff presents a word, its definition and its use in a sentence.

**Bosky:** (bosh-kee) an adjective that means covered by trees or brush.

"The mountain creek meandered between bosky banks."

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2017

- St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, which opened in 1897, was officially recognized by the National Register of Historic Places with a historic marker.

- The Florida Department of Transportation agrees to spend \$19 million to make upgrades on the often-clogged section on County Road 220 between Knight Boxx Road and Shamrock Drive.

- Orange Park business owner Scott Fisher is told by the town council he can keep his nine-foot-tall blowup figure of Super Mario in front of Gone Broke Gaming on Kingsley Avenue after both sides agreed to federal mediation.

### 10 years ago, 2012

- Despite working with a limited budget, the Clay County School Board decides to spend \$22 million to fix up 41 of its schools.

- Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler announces Klaybor & Associates will build a memorial honoring fallen law enforcement officers at the Sheriff's Office in Green Cove Springs.

- The newly formed Clay County Economic Development Board is created to attract new businesses to the county.

### 20 years ago, 2002

- Career Counselor 1<sup>st</sup> Class Glen Stromes of the U.S. Navy is selected as the Military Person of the Year by the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, while Polly Gossin is honored as the Military Spouse of the Year and U.S. Navy Cmdr. James Fossa is selected as the Reservist of the Year.

- Orange Park neurologist Dr. David Frior Scales Jr. was killed in a plain accident.

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### Send us a letter ...

We'd like to hear from you. Perhaps you are concerned about the county commission, the school board or your city council or commission, sit down and take a few moments to write us a letter. All we ask is that you keep it civil, no name-calling and write no more than 600 words. All we ask is that you stick to local issues, be clear and make a point. We reserve the right to edit for AP Stylebook errors, grammar and spelling. In your email, type Letter to the Editor in your subject and send it to Managing Editor Don Coble at don@claytodayonline.com

### Opinions ...

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## Letters to the editor

### Reader: Forgiving student loan debt sends wrong message

Editor:

I wanted to take the time to formally acknowledge and commend you for your honest and frank thoughts on the recent student loan forgiveness passage, and our responsibility to use our voting power for policies that reflect our own true values and opinions.

I was opposed to the forgiveness package for several reasons. I am a college graduate and accepted loans to help cover

education costs and ongoing living expenses. I signed the promissory note with the full intention of repaying the loan and expected that I owed the responsibility to do so. I purposely chose a degree and career path that would allow me the funds to repay my loans, and when I did enter the workforce, I worked very hard to pay off my loans.

Of course, the interest grew the balance quickly but that's what the lender gets

for taking the risk on me and my future. I remember being upset one day about the interest accruing on my student loans and the large balance I owed which seemed too big to tackle. Then my daughter, of college age herself, said, "Mom, that's what made your career, your business, and your success possible...It's the price to pay for a better life, all your life."

It was at that moment that I decided to pay extra payments every month until one day, I paid my final payment and celebrated with immense joy (and relief). I had sacrificed other spending to honor the commitment I made to someone who gave me the chance to pursue my dreams. I had made responsible choices, and sometimes sacrifices, to honor my promise and commitments. It was the right thing to do!

I thought your ideas to give people with student loans options to "work off" some of those balances with "credits," to make a difference, was ingenious. An architect

that volunteers with Habitat for Humanity; a business graduate teaching community classes to young people on budgeting and finances; a doctor or lawyer volunteering at community clinics.. These ideas serve many purposes in a positive and impactful way. Not just writing off debt for others to pay for years in the future, all with the stroke of a pen.

It's a fact that about 96% of our federal budget is funded by tax revenue. As a CPA, I understand how significantly this forgiveness will affect our tax code and the student loan debt which we will all have to pay for years to come. I did not expect my neighbors, friends, family, or adult children, to pay my student loans, much less strangers that don't know me and didn't agree to be responsible for repaying the money that I received. What a ridiculous notion! But that brings me to my second

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### Reader questions cost of living increases for commissioners; low salaries for first responders

Editor:

On next month's ballot, Nov. 8, there is a Proposed County Charter Amendment for an automatic annual Cost of Living increase in salaries for the Clay County Commissioners.

Please remember that these are part-time jobs and pay \$37,000 a year. Yet, on the Board of County Commissioners' website, they are advertising a full-time position as a first responder for an annual salary of \$42,000. Specifically, a Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic with expectations of maintaining all state certifications. Firefighters voluntarily place them-

selves in harm's way, putting their lives on the line every day.

I am sure that each of our Commissioners is a hardworking, dedicated public servant with a focus on doing what is best for all of us here in Clay County. That said, I am equally sure that every family in Clay County has had to make budget adjustments based on the soaring rate of inflation, and all without the benefit of a guaranteed annual cost of living raise.

Thank you,  
Lucy Ann Hoover  
Green Cove Springs

### Reader believes student loan forgiveness is a good policy

Editor:

Don, I read with interest your (Sept. 15) piece on student debt forgiveness. To me, it is not a bad policy to benefit a segment of the population who were burdened with exorbitant college tuition and fees and who have a high potential for contributing to the future of this country and its economy.

It is a far superior policy to the previous administration that was intent on benefitting the wealthy and already privileged. I am sure your piece played well to this community. Also, you should be proud of your achievements in putting yourself

through school. However, that is irrelevant to the issue.

New laws never go back and take care of all the folks in the past who were in similar situations or who cannot take advantage of the new law. The problem with so many arguments these days is that we fail to take the broader view and tend to consider only ourselves and our very small communities.

Thanks for publishing this paper and helping folks think about issues.

Paul Stern  
Keystone Heights

Don Jones is honored by the Clay County Commission for providing lifesaving cardiopulmonary resuscitation of county employee Michael Williams, who collapsed while working for the road and bridge crew.

#### 40 years ago, 1982

- A large delegation of Green Cove Springs residents and city officials fill the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council meeting to oppose any new plans to build more low-income homes in the city.

- Florida Gov. Bob Graham stops at J.P. Hall's Bayard Ranch for lunch while traveling to the grand opening of EPCOT Center at Walt Disney World.

- Incumbent Frank Williams defeats challenger Lee Drawdy in a run-off for the Florida District 21 House seat.

## History

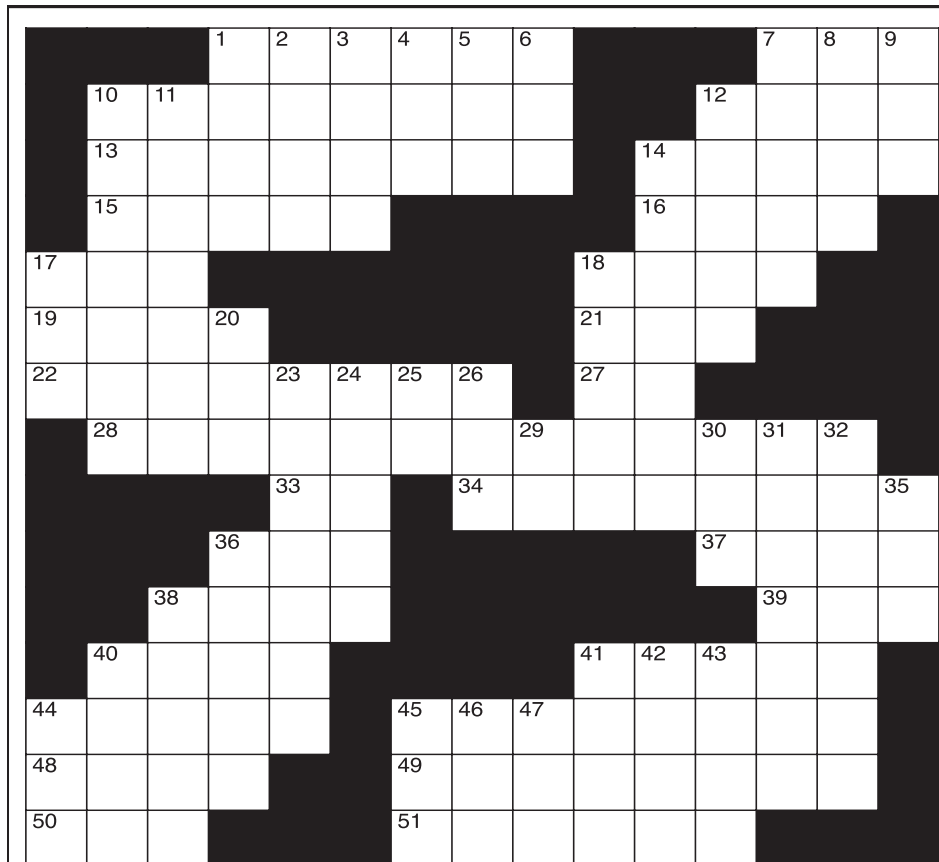
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- Robert Dunlap, 66, receives a special accommodation from Sheriff Scott Lancaster after he came to the aid of an undercover drug deputy.

#### 30 years ago, 1992

- After being forced to close for being insolvent, Gordon Management Company announces it will re-open Clay Memorial Hospital with limited services.

- Clay County Fire-Rescue use the "jaws of life" to free a night watchman after he was pinned between a chain-linked and pipe fence at the Public Works Department.
- Ex-Marine and Orange Park resident



#### CLUES ACROSS

- Grievous
- Queens ballplayer
- Honorable title
- Created
- Grillmasters do it
- Wartime German cargo ship
- Cocoplum
- Hebrew calendar month
- British thermal unit
- Brews
- One of Thor's names
- Decorative scarf
- Clothes
- \_\_\_: denotes past
- A way to address a lover
- Commercial
- Utters repeatedly
- Google certification (abbr.)
- Taxis
- Belgian village in Antwerp
- Talk excessively
- Broad volcanic crater
- Surgical instrument
- Listens to

#### CLUES DOWN

- Protein-rich liquids
- Musician Clapton
- Wine
- When you hope to arrive
- Something one can get stuck in
- Midway between east and southeast
- Mothers
- German river
- Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
- Discharged
- Areas near the retina
- Greek mythological sorceress
- Very unpleasant smell
- '\_\_\_ Humbug!'
- White poplar
- Journalist Tarbell
- Teachers
- One older than you
- Long Russian river
- Run batted in
- Beloved Hollywood alien
- Holiday (informal)
- Furniture with open shelves
- Argued
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Cars have them
- Volcanic craters
- Made of fermented honey and water
- Shelter for mammals or birds
- One who utilizes
- Moves swiftly on foot
- Builder's trough
- Architectural wing
- 12
- Pacific Standard Time

# Media veteran Farris Robinson selected Publisher for Clay Today

By Don Coble  
don@claytodayonline.com

FLEMING ISLAND – At a time when subscriptions are declining in the newspaper business, newly-hired Publisher Farris Robinson has a unique goal for Clay Today and its subsidiary publications – double the number of print readers in two years.

“We have an advantage because we are a weekly community paper, a true community newspaper, where the dailies have lost that in touch,” Robinson said. “They’re all Associated Press. They really don’t have a local feel anymore. So we have an advantage there.”

“I’ll be looking to grow and push the Osteen Media Group into the digital world. Everything will be attached to the legacy product which is Clay Today.”

Originally from Powdersville, South Carolina, Robinson has lived in Florida since 1987.

He’s been involved in sales, business development and, most recently, he was the president of Hometown News – which has a circulation of 168,000 along Central Florida’s east coast – for the past 10 years.

“And then, the Osteen family reached out to me through some contacts that we



Farris Robinson

had on some national and local newspaper association committees,” Robinson said.

**“People trust (newspapers) because they see it in print. We always tie papers and online together. That’s the plan that I have with our local businesses to put a program together that gets them everything – the digital world and print.”**

– Farris Robinson

“And they reached out to me and sounded like a good opportunity, a new challenge in life. So I figured out to give it a shot.”

“There’s so much growth potential here. So much. It’s already going forward.”

As the Publisher, Robinson said it’s his responsibility to “basically make sure that everything runs smoothly from the front door to the back door. You know to make sure that all cylinders are clicking, and cars moving in the right direction.”

He’s also the new face of Clay Today, along with the Keystone Heights Herald, School News, The Oakleaf and The Leader, as well as the 21 specialty publications.

That means working with a variety of community groups, serving on committees and creating new contacts.

And while he will always be a paper and ink man, Robinson will also create more digital options for Clay Today readers.

“People trust (newspapers) because they see it in print. We always tie papers and online together. That’s the plan that I have with our local businesses to put a program together that gets them everything – the digital world and print.”

Robinson replaced Jon Cantrell, who left Clay Today to become President of the Clay Chamber of Commerce.

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# Clay County athletic teams promote 'PINK OUT' month

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Clay County Athletics is proud to announce its partnership with the American Cancer Society and the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation to promote PINK OUT month.

In conjunction with the NFL's Crucial Catch Program and the American Cancer Society's #FirstCoastStrides initiative, Clay County Athletics looks to combine efforts for an outstanding month of fundraising and breast cancer awareness.

The flagship kickoff game is this Friday, Oct. 7, at Middleburg High at 7 p.m. as the Broncos welcome the Clay High Blue Devils.

This month at football games, fans and school communities will wear PINK to help raise funds for breast cancer awareness on the First Coast.

Also, football players will be wearing special Crucial Catch decals on their helmets from the Jaguars Foundation in support of the cause. Many schools are doing individual fundraisers to help support the cause.

The month gets capped off with the #FirstCoastStrides event on Saturday, Oct. 22, at TIAA Bank Field.

Other schools that will host PINK OUT

football games include Orange Park on Oct. 7, Clay, Fleming Island, Keystone Heights and Ridgeview on Oct. 14 and Oakleaf on Oct. 21.

In 2022, approximately 290,560 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer. The American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® movement is helping to save lives from breast cancer nationwide.

Since 1993, the 3- to 5-mile noncompetitive walks have collectively grown into the nation's largest and most impactful breast cancer movement providing a supportive community for courageous breast cancer survivors and metastatic breast cancer thrivers, including caregivers, and families alike.

This year, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer celebrates its 30th anniversary and will take place in more than 150 communities nationwide.

Currently, the American Cancer Society is funding more than \$76 million in 174 different breast cancer research grants – which means we invest even more in breast cancer research than we raise through Making Strides. The American Cancer Society's commitment to health equity includes a \$50 million investment in research to help understand cancer in-

equalities and create strategies for overcoming them.

To date, ACS has provided 3.2 million education and outreach interventions in under-resourced communities through CHANGE grants to improve screening rates, and responded to more than 1.4 million calls and live chats through its 24/7 cancer helpline.

The death rate from breast cancer dropped by more than 40% from 1989 to 2018 because of earlier detection, through both increased awareness and mammography screening, as well as advances in treatment.

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## Special Announcement!

River City Players local theatre group has created a scholarship for students who want to further their education in performing arts, primarily in the comedic field. The first scholarship, with the administration assistance of St Johns River State College, will be awarded in November 2023.

For more details on the play and to make reservations, or to make a donation to the theatre group and it's scholarship fund, call Kay Hope at 386-337-8852, or email at [rcppalatka@aol.com](mailto:rcppalatka@aol.com).

Booking on line is also

available by visiting [rcppalatka.org](http://rcppalatka.org)



# Obituaries

## Robert "Mickey" Cunningham

Robert "Mickey" Cunningham, 70, of St. Augustine, FL passed away September 30, 2022

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She is survived by her daughter, Hilda Joyce Dukes of Doctors Inlet, Florida, her granddaughter, Misty Sawdo (Chris) of Middleburg, Florida, Great Grandson, Hunter Sawdo of Middleburg, Florida, along with her brother Carlton Newberry of Georgia and Nadine (Russell) Sheasley of Pennsylvania.

There will be a private memorial service held at a later date for her to be laid to rest next to her beloved husband, D.F., in Floral Memory Gardens, Albany, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Haven Hospice in Orange Park, Florida at <https://beyourhaven.org/donate>

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

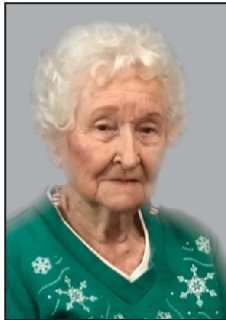
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## Edith Laverne Cook

Edith Laverne Cook, 90 years old of Doctors Inlet, Florida, passed gently from the arms of her family into the arms of Jesus on September 26, 2022. She was born to Sam Newberry and Minnie Adell Cleveland on December 28, 1931, in Newton, Georgia.

She married D. F. Cook on December 7, 1952, and retired from Flint River Textiles in Albany, Georgia. She was a member and baptized at County Line Baptist Church in Baker County, Georgia. She also was very involved with the VFW in Albany, Georgia.



Edith Laverne Cook

Laverne loved her family, the outdoors, working in her garden and flowers. She was an avid reader and was most happy while reading almost anything, especially the Almanac.

She will be remembered for her spitfire, "tell it like it is" personality. She loved being around people who treasured her honesty.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Marvin Newberry and Lamar Newberry and sisters Juanita Lunger and Shirley Gibson.

## Sheriff Jennings Murree

Sheriff Jennings Murree, 96, of Keystone Heights, FL, passed away October 1, 2022

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## Healthcare

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the best caregiver. She is a great person with a great heart, and she goes above and beyond during my home care services," says Luther Bell, PACE participant. "I feel like I have improved a lot in many ways because my caregiver meal preps for me, provide quality care, and our daily interactions bring positivity to my life."

• Start a dialogue: Talk to your family and friends about your wishes and where you would like to receive care. Also, continue to have regular conversations with your doctors about your health.

• Consider your budget: While the average senior collects just \$18,000 annually in social security, 57% of survey respondents have not considered the budget they will need for aged care services and support. Take time to learn how much various aspects of care will cost, factoring in standard living expenses.

For additional survey results and information about home healthcare, visit [www.crosscountryhealthcare.com/aging-in-place](http://www.crosscountryhealthcare.com/aging-in-place).

"At a time when the burden on hospitals and health systems has at times compromised their ability to deliver quality care, living at home with support can provide optimized care and independence to seniors," said Jung.

## Police

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at the local level that can then take hold in other places," Miller said.

"Right now, that movement is being stifled by the Governor and this administration through HB 1 and many other tactics that are being employed."

Gainesville, Lake Worth Beach, Lauderdale, Miramar, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Tallahassee and Wilton Manors sued DeSantis, Attorney General Ashley Moody and the state Administration Commission over the law, which the Legislature passed at the Republican Governor's behest.

However, Marsh dismissed the case against Moody and determined that Lake Worth, North Miami and North Miami Beach had only expressed a "generalized chilling fear" and did not face a threat of

harm.

DeSantis announced his vision for the bill the summer after nationwide Black Lives Matter protests, some of which turned violent or into riots. George Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin sparked the protests, and DeSantis signed the bill in the days ahead of Chauvin's eventual guilty verdict, citing the possibility of riots.

In all, vandalism and looting throughout 140 U.S. cities resulted in \$1 billion to \$2 billion of paid insurance claims during the demonstrations, Axios reported.

The United Nations weighed in on the anti-riot law last month. The U.N.'s Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination flagged the law as overly restrictive on the right to peacefully assemble. The committee's report also raised concerns about the use of force in the U.S. against those protesting for their rights.

## Letters

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point – the title of your article. If we don't want preposterous and ridiculous notions created in an administration that handles our current and future economy recklessly, we must vote responsibly and not be reckless with this precious power we hold. As we have seen with recent political races which can be just a few votes different to decide a final candidate – One vote DOES matter. And we shouldn't just vote, but vote educated!

Research the candidates on the ballot; their background; their ability; the positions they take on issues; their voting

record; and their "promises." We should not just vote for the candidate that we are most familiar with because we have heard and seen their names the most through advertising. Our country is at a critical "fork in the road" and November 6th will determine if we feast or famine!

Thank you, again, for the enlightening and courageous thoughts you share with your readers. It is refreshing to see someone speaking out for what is right and just for our community, our country, our families, and our future. Please continue the fight for common sense and Freedom of Speech to do so!

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# Your adoption love story could help Clay Animal Services earn \$100,000

**For Clay Today**

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Your submitted Love Story should demonstrate how the adopted pet(s) significantly changed your life for the better and should be a celebration of the love you share with them. Stories can range from the simplest things that bring joy to life every day, to one-of-a-kind, extraordinary stories.

All story submissions should be 500 words or less and include at least four high-quality photos; one photo of the pet or pets by themselves, and one photo of the adopter and their pet(s) together. Additional photos

can include pets with the whole family or a photo that further supports the story.

Great photos can tell powerful stories, so submit photos that express the essence of yours. AVI and MP4 video submissions are also welcomed. Petco will only consider Love Stories for pets that are currently living. Love Story submitters must be 18 years of age or older.

Shelter staff will choose the two best Clay County Love Stories for the contest submission. The deadline to submit your Love Story to Clay County Animal Services is Oct. 24, so don't wait.

Send your epic Love Story and four photos today to [ClayAdoptions@ClayCounty-Gov.com](mailto:ClayAdoptions@ClayCounty-Gov.com).

Pets change our lives just as much as we change theirs. Owning a pet can relieve stress, lower blood pressure, provide physical comfort and emotional support and even medical assistance. There is no limit to the joy and comfort pets bring us. You rescued them, now tell us how they rescued you.

Learn more about Petco Love Stories at [//petcolove.org/lovestories/](http://petcolove.org/lovestories/).

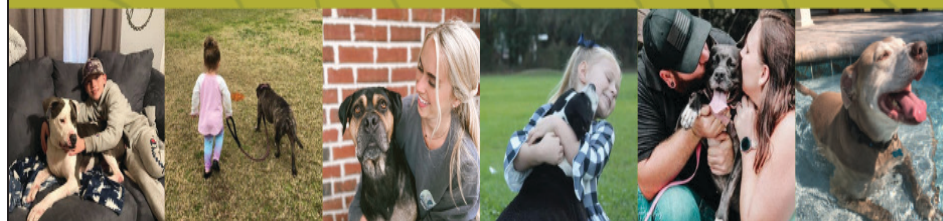


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# Magnolia Point Women's Club visits Team Room in Keystone Heights

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Members from the Magnolia Point Women's Club enjoyed afternoon tea at the Tea Room of Keystone Heights on Sept. 27.

In addition to a three-tier tray of finger



Jennifer Ford

sandwiches, fruits and dessert, members were able to choose from more than 40 teas the Tea Room carries.

Jennifer Ford, the owner and hostess, welcomed the members. She also answered questions and provided further information about the Tea Room, all while serving treats and tea. One highlight was that members were able to choose from various hats that were placed throughout the room, and there were lots of laughs as they modeled several before selecting the one they liked best.

The Women's Club organized the event after reading about the Tea Room in a recent Clay Today article, as well as through their Facebook page. The Tea Room and gift shop, located at 7433 State Road 21, has been open since October 2021 and recently held its ribbon-cutting ceremony in June.

The Tea Room is part of the Learning Center, an enrichment center and a party venue offers painting classes, tot time and yoga classes. The facility is also available for baby and wedding showers, birthday parties and children's tea parties.




The Magnolia Point Women's Club not only had an afternoon of tea, they each donned hats that were supplied by Tea Room owner Jennifer Ford.

## Area Fall Festivals

**AMAZING GRACE FAMILY FARMS FESTIVAL:** will be on Oct. 7 from 5-10 p.m. at 4251 State Road 21 in Green Cove Springs. Festival includes fall photo settings, crop maze and attractions. For more information, visit [agcropmaze.com](http://agcropmaze.com). Tickets must be purchased online.

**ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S FALL BAZAAR:** will be on Oct. 7 from 6 p.m. at 1649 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park. Tickets are \$20 for 20 game tickets. Games, concessions, handcrafts, thrift sales, book nook and plant booths will be featured. For more information, visit [www.stcatherineop.com](http://www.stcatherineop.com).

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN JAX FALL FESTIVAL:** will be 4:30-6:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at 6551 Argyle Forest Blvd., Jacksonville.



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Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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# Murky waters: CCSO's rescue teams go to extreme depths

Submitted by the  
Clay County Sheriff's Office

CLAY COUNTY – Across Florida, the scene has played out 100s of times in recent history. A driver loses control of a car and careens into a retention pond. A suspect tosses a weapon off a bridge into a lake. A boater tragically falls into a river and fails to surface. When the water claims a victim or becomes a hiding place for evidence, it takes a specialized group to search and recover under less-than-desirable conditions.

In a county surrounded by water and peppered with numerous retention ponds, the task of scouring the depths falls to an elite team of deputies in the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

The team recently conducted two days of intensive training and they showed what kind of work goes into preparing team members for this difficult job.

Early in the morning, the team unloaded their trailer and hauled their gear into a neighborhood pool that has been closed to allow for uninterrupted training. While some of the veteran divers scour the bottom of the pool looking for everything from coins to lost jewelry, the rookie divers were trained and were evaluated on their use of some of the best equipment available to divers today.

Sgt. Christopher Glenn, the team leader, spoke of a particular piece of technology that brings an extra measure of safety to the divers. The small device, a dive computer with Heads Up Display, allows the diver to clearly see the condition of his air supply, depth and other important data without having to use his hands or attempt to view his gauges through water that is often quite murky.

Another important tool for these divers is the dry suit. Inside of this suit, the diver is fully insulated from the water and whatever potential biohazards that may exist in the water. Although the dive team was practicing in only five feet of water, Zier broke away from his conversation with the reporter to direct one of the veteran divers to closely monitor the rookie diver training in the dry suit to ensure that he "doesn't



PHOTOS BY THE CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Members of the CCSO dive team recently completed two days of training at a local swimming pool and retention pond. The group worked on the skills needed to recover evidence and lost items, as well as performing water rescues.

get in trouble." When asked about how a diver could get in trouble in such shallow water, Glenn said diving in the dry suit requires careful balance and coordination because the pressurized suit can cause a diver to suddenly become inverted and unable to right himself.

As a few of the divers rested from their training, they shared what they believed to be the best and worst parts of being on the

Sheriff's Office Dive Team.

"Where else could you get paid to just dive? It's a great job," one dive team member said. Others said they enjoyed the pool on a warm summer day.

When questioned about the worst part of the job, one mentioned how they always had to be ready to race to a location and dive at any time of the day or night.

Another said it can be frustrating when

divers are unable to locate an item after an extensive search.

"Sometimes, we are searching a location based on incomplete information, and that object may have never been there to start with," a diver said. "To me, the worst part of the job is definitely when we must recover a body."

The next day, the divers left the clarity of the pool and slipped into the dark and gloomy waters of a nearby retention pond. On that day, the mission was no longer about easily locating and recovering items on the bottom. Instead, because of the grassy bottom and low visibility, divers must use technology and touch to locate everything from a disabled AR-15 to a full-size training dummy. While some of the tools and techniques of the team are not shared publicly, the ultimate tool is the meticulous and dedicated approach of these often-overlooked professionals. Though the role of a diver can often be tedious and grim, there are times when the outcome can be extremely rewarding, like the morning they found a kayaker who was reported missing on the Black Creek. Although the man was tired, he was safe and alive.



A CCSO diver is covered with grassy moss, but he completed his assignment by finding a golf ball at the bottom of the pond.

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For Clay Today

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Fifteen Class 1A-to-Class 5A Bands will be competing in accordance with FMBC rules for placement trophies in each class as well as various “Best in Class” categories and the Overall Grand Champion award.

Bands already committed to the competition include Fleming Island, Oakleaf, Ridgeway, Middleburg, Orange Park, Pedro Menendez, Providence, Trinity Christian, Bradford, Santa Fe, Yulee, Baker County, Ponte Vedra, Spruce Creek, Sandalwood and Creekside.

Fleming Island and the University of South Florida Herd of Thunder will play exhibition sets.

Concessions will be available for purchase and an ATM will be on site.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and \$7 for seniors. Children 6 and younger are free.

## Community News

### JTA offering free bus rides for four lines during October

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Jacksonville Transportation Authority Clay Community Transportation Program is offering free rides during the month of October. Passengers can board a shuttle from the designated pick-up stops and travel routes through Fleming Island, Gainesville, Green Cove Springs, Keystone Heights, Middleburg, Orange Park and Penney Farms.

The Red Line travels from Orange Park south along Blanding Boulevard to Middleburg Bluff Apartments, Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Green Line travels from Keystone Heights to the Middleburg VA Clinic, Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Blue Line travels from Orange Park south through Fleming Island down to Green Cove Springs, Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Magenta Line makes two round trips from Keystone Heights to Gainesville, Monday through Friday – one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

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There are also low-cost Flex Trips available for passengers within three-quarters of a mile from the main route. Flex Trips can be scheduled by calling (904) 284-5977.

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For more information on the Clay Community Transportation Program, please visit [www.claycountygov.com/community/clay-community-transportation](http://www.claycountygov.com/community/clay-community-transportation).

### Annual Quilt Sale coming to Advent Lutheran Church

ORANGE PARK – Quilts, Christmas décor, table runners and more will be featured on Nov. 5 at the Annual Quilt Sale at the Advent Lutheran Church.

Proceeds will benefit global and local charities. The event runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

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# Let the games begin: Operation Barnabas hosts Veterans Games

By **Kylie Cordell**  
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A day filled with a wide variety of family-fun events including a motorcycle and jeep poker run, two-person tactical teams, active shooter room clearing, weapons station, axe throwing, max deadlift competition and more will be at Boogerville Hideout on Saturday.

The second annual Veteran Games is organized by Operation Barnabas, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping veterans and first responders get back on their feet. This event is for everyone who loves supporting veterans.

“Anybody of any age will be able to join,” said Rayland Heck, the lead officer of Operation Barnabas. “There will be ax throwing, arm wrestling, paintball, a dunk tank, the bench and deadlift. Each one is five dollars, pay to play. There will also be live music from Big Engine, food by the Grub Brothers and a patriotic ceremony with a flyover at 3 (p.m.). It’s just a fun experience throughout the day.”

All proceeds will go towards helping warriors get the care and attention that they have earned and deserve.

“This is a family event. Yes, we are going to have crazy amounts of fun. However, the money raised will not just be a bandaid for a few moments. Hearts are being impacted. Lives are being changed,” Heck



Big Engine (l) is scheduled to play during Saturday’s Veterans Games at Boogerville Hideout. The event benefits Operation Barnabas and includes a motorcycle and Jeep poker run and a day of games, including ax throwing.



said. “Let’s all be for a veteran. Be an encouragement with us in your community. Take action and join us.”

The event will also spotlight several stories from veterans who overcame obstacles in their lives and achieved success. For more veteran stories, see “Operation Barnabas Makes Veterans Whole: Stories of Perseverance.”

“We are not raising funds to fund an event, we’re raising awareness,” said Heck.

“We’re building relationships through listening to people’s stories is actually changing lives right here in our community. We are not a charity showcasing victims to pluck at your heartstrings. We have real testimonies of lives being changed. Listen to just one veteran victor’s story.”

For more information visit [OperationBarnabas.com](http://OperationBarnabas.com) and click the events tab, or donate on their website, because all it takes to change a life is one person.



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## SJR State College student spotlight

# Meet Aaron Thurman

ORANGE PARK – After serving 20 years in the U.S. Navy, Aaron Thurmond, 61, was ready to take his LPN to the next level. He enrolled in the LPN Bridge to ASN program at St. Johns River State College and turned his nursing certificate into an associate in science degree (RN). The motivation behind continuing his education was to learn more, do more (for the patients) and earn more.

He took time from his busy schedule to talk about his academic career and future goals.

### What was your career before you attended the nursing program?

**Thurman:** “I spent 20 years in the United States Navy as a hospital corpsman. I enjoyed taking care of the sailors and their dependents. I’ve always had that ‘wanting to help others’ attitude as long as I can remember. When my recruiter told me I could work in the hospital if I enlisted in the Navy, I did not hesitate to sign up for military service.

“After retiring from the Navy, I was an LPN with Mayo Clinic, but then transferred to an assisted living facility to better manage my ASN classes with my work schedule.”

### What inspired you to advance your nursing career?

**Thurman:** “RNs have a more expanded range of practice than the LPNs. RNs can administer medications and perform diagnostic tests. RNs can also specialize in certain areas of the nursing field and command higher wages.”

### Why did you select SJR State for your training?

**Thurman:** “I heard positive reviews from coworkers who graduated from the SJR State nursing program, and it’s conveniently close to my home.”

### What did you enjoy most about your time at SJR State?

**Thurman:** “The help of the staff and the camaraderie of my classmates. My classmates looked up to me because of my age and experience in the medical field. The staff was very helpful - always cheering me on.”

### What is the biggest thing you have learned about yourself as a student?

**Thurman:** “No matter how difficult some of the topics were, I was able to push myself, even when I wanted to give up.”

### What was your biggest challenge during the program?

**Thurman:** “Trying to study and work full time.”

### What are your plans after you graduate?

**Thurman:** “Return to Mayo Clinic and work in dialysis, internal medicine or at the VA clinic.”

### What is your advice to others who may be considering enrolling in the program?



**Thurman:** “Make sure you are willing to give 100% and you have the backing of your family.” If you’re interested in the nursing programs at SJR State, visit [www.sjrstate.edu/alliedhealth.html](http://www.sjrstate.edu/alliedhealth.html).

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Residents lined up to donate essentials to help victims of Hurricane Ian. Ralph Jones, below, and fair executive director Tasha Hyder collected goods and stored them at the fairgrounds.

## Relief

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make a big difference in the grand scheme of the dire situation facing the survivors of Hurricane Ian in Southwest Florida. But he had to do something.

"Having grown up in Florida, when I was working with the sheriff's office I was always on call and I had to come out when there was storms," Jones said.

"It's not a lot, but if everybody does a little, then you got a lot."

Residents in the hurricane-ravaged area need a lot. So Clay County Fair Executive Director Tasha Hyder and Sheriff Michelle Cook organized Supply Drive Southwest Florida relief effort to collect essentials for designated areas that were in the storm's path.

So much is needed, Hyder said, but she's determined to send at least two tractor-trailer loads – with a sheriff's office escort – in the next day or two.

The collection drive started Monday morning at the fairgrounds and will continue as long as people want to give. Goods were being stored in a small warehouse behind the fair association's main office. By the end of the first day, the building was more than halfway filled.

"I'm so happy with the outcome so far," Hyder said. "We've collected \$7,000 and lots of supplies. It made me happy to see the turnout. It was a very emotional day."

Hyder was part of a group of fair operators formed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The group is called FairStrong and it is committed to helping neighbors.

"We're bringing it out with the hurricane because we are very strong," Hyder said. "To our friends in Southwest Florida, the fair in Collier County, our event friends in Fort Myers community project, we're all coming together. They're telling us what they need and we're making it happen."

To spread the word, the collection effort is posted on the sheriff's office, fair association and Clay Today websites.

Everything collected at the fairgrounds will be sent specifically to underserved areas in Pine Island, Matlacha, Arcadia and Harlem Heights.

"We are collecting donations where you have direct points of contact and directly to Southwest Florida," Cook said. "And so the items that are donated are already pre-arranged to go somewhere."

After one day, Hyder said the effort already has enough hand sanitizer, toothbrushes and toothpaste. But there are so many other things that are desperately needed, like air mattresses, sheets, pil-

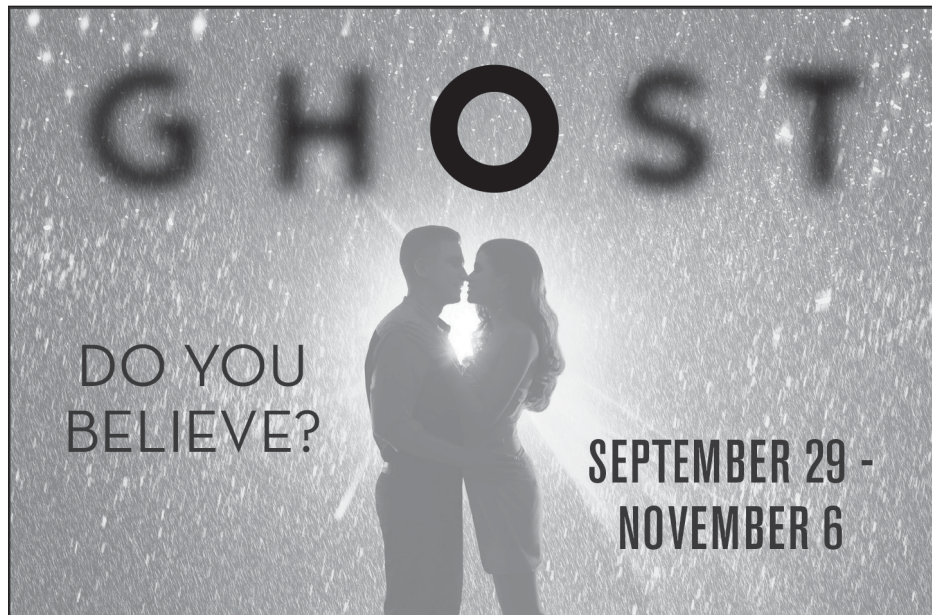


lows, small propane bottles, coolers, towels, solar-powered battery chargers, plastic baggies, light with USB charging, batteries, extension cords, heavy-duty trash bags, trashcans, gloves, bleach, Gatorade, sunscreen, bug spray, pet food, peanut butter, mops and brooms. A full list is posted on all three websites.

"If you cannot make it out to the fairgrounds, we can come to you we have vol-

unteers that will come pick stuff up from you," Hyder said. "We also have Venmo at Clay County there and we have an Amazon shopping list at (<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LBM5KK63KNA4?>)"

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# Ian

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Ian didn't follow any of the projected paths from the experts, proving again Mother Nature doesn't pay attention to forecasts or expectations.

Clay County Director of Emergency Management John Ward was relieved the area was spared the brunt of a storm that rolled over and through Fort Myers as a Category 4 storm on Sept. 28.

Now comes the challenge the reassure residents not to be dismissive of the next storm.

**“Literally before the press conference, called the hurricane center and the National Weather Service and said I’m hesitant about what I’m getting ready to do. I wasn’t comfortable. I didn’t see it. Of course, they’re the experts. They tell me we’re going to get tropical storm force winds and 15 inches of rain. I gotta go by them because they’re the experts in there who we go by and go to court with at the end of the day.”**

**– John Ward, Emergency Management Director**

“Obviously, we had to change and pivot,” Ward said. “We have to be Super Gumby and always flexible. Last week was a perfect example. We ordered evacuations and opened shelters. I always tried to wait till I’m sure on that. Like I’ve said before, I’ve got about 23 hours that I’ve got to do it to execute to be effective. I was actually well inside that. I should have done it earlier but there was so much changing information that I was unsure.

“Literally before the press confer-



Minor flooding was reported at Whitey's Fish Camp on Fleming Island.



Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies perform wellness checks in Keystone Heights after the storm. The city was expected to be ravaged by Ian, but it escaped with minor damage.



CCSO sent a convoy of relief to the Fort Myers area, while work crews at home were cleaning a few downed trees.

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There were a few downed trees reported in the county and minor flooding near Doctors Inlet and Black Creek.

Keystone Heights prepared for the worse and prayed for the best. The rural area was a primary concern since many of the homes there are older and some of the infrastructures are lacking.

“It's a weeklong preparation for the potential of a really bad storm and we are very grateful that it wasn't a really bad storm, but we were ready if it would have been,” City Manager Lynn Rutkowski said.

Keystone Heights High School was available for residents to take shelter and Clay County Animal Services provided animal shelter in the high school for pet owners while they stayed at the shelter.

The Clay County Schools District said all 52 schools were inspected and re-opened for classes on Oct. 3.

Southwest Florida wasn't as lucky. Fort Myers and its barrier islands had less than a two-day warning. Everyone expected Ian to make landfall near Tampa, but it fooled everyone with a stunning turn 125 miles south of the bay area.

“I asked (National Weather Service and hurricane center) if it was going to move or take us out,” Ward asked. “They said no. These are your impacts. Two hours later, it shifted.”

Ward said he doesn't regret deciding to tell the community to hunker down.

“I'd rather be on the safe side,” he said. “But my problem is when I issue those evacuation orders, it's almost like crying wolf. How many times do you cry wolf before the citizens don't listen anymore? That's my biggest concern.”

Ward said others were stunned by its unpredictability of Ian. Action News meteorologist Mike Buresh talked with Ward before and after the storm. Ward also talked with a friend who is about to retire after 40 years with the National Weather Service. He said neither had witnessed a storm like Ian.

“Mike (Buresh) said Clay County was literally 30 miles from some of the worst weather (in St. Augustine),” Ward said. “I'll take any criticism there is, but you got to make the decisions that you have based on the information you have at the time.”

Along with a contingent of deputies from the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Ward joined the rescue effort in the Fort Myers area. A second group from the county's emergency management team was deployed to Osceola County.

At the same time, he will maintain his vigil of watching the tropics for the possibility of another storm.

Natalie Gilstrap contributed to this report.

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Sara Evans

Evans will feature most of her hits when she plays at the Thrasher-Horne Center on May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Evans’ “stunning, country voice” has earned her the prestigious Academy of Country Music Top Female vocalist accolade as well as numerous American Music Awards, Billboard Music Awards, Country Music Association, CMT and Grammy Awards nominations.

Evans’ discography also includes the platinum-selling studio albums Real Fine Place and Restless as well as the gold-certified projects Stronger and No Place That Far. Sara has continued to forge her bold, creative path with Copy That, which opened at No. 1 on the iTunes Country chart, released on her own Born To Fly Records on May 15, 2020. Tickets, which start at \$39, are available at thcenter.org.

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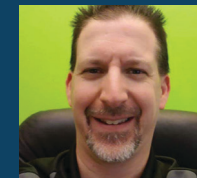
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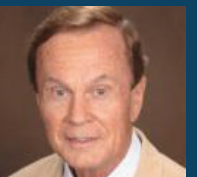
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# Police Briefs

## CCSO: Camp employee arrested for having 'inappropriate' relationship with 16-year-old girl

CAMP BLANDING – A 27-year-old Florida Youth Challenge Academy supervisor was arrested on Oct. 2 after the Clay County Sheriff's Office said she had an inappropriate relationship with a 16-year-old student at the camp.

Libby Louise Alexander Chrome, of Macclenny, was charged with being an authority figure soliciting lewd conduct with a student following an investigation that started seven months ago.

According to the affidavit for an arrest warrant, the girl's mother provided sheriff's deputies with her daughter's cellphone that was being used to communicate with Chrome. The girl graduated from the academy at Camp Blanding last May.

According to the affidavit, the relationship started on March 30. Deputies were called on April 11. Chrome met with detectives on July 28.

CCSO said cellphone messages, love notes and emails about a "relationship of a romantic nature" led to Chrome's arrest.

Chrome's bond was set at \$200,003.

## Jailed woman hit with new delivering, selling fentanyl, methamphetamine charges

MIDDLEBURG – An alert Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy stopped a woman on County Road 218 for driving with a suspended license and she wound up being arrested for possessing methamphetamine and fentanyl, which eventually led to a bevy of additional drug-related charges.

Linda June Padgett, 41, of Middleburg, originally was charged with possession of methamphetamine and fentanyl, resisting law enforcement and driving with a suspended license on Sept. 1. Following an investigation, CCSO then added delivering or distributing methamphetamine and fentanyl charges on Oct. 1.

According to the Sept. 1 arrest report, Padgett refused to get out of her SUV after she was stopped. She grabbed the steering wheel to resist the deputy's attempts to remove her from the vehicle. Deputies found two pieces of aluminum foil containing what later tested positive for fentanyl in the center console, and they found a packet of methamphetamine in her left front pants pocket.



Libby Chrome

While she sat in the Clay County Jail, detectives charged her with selling and delivering fentanyl and methamphetamine following a year-long investigation when a confidential source said Padgett sold them the drugs on March 25, 2021.

Padgett's bond was set at \$86,510.



## Man on life support after being pulled from St. Johns River

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A 67-year-old man remained on life support at a Jacksonville hospital after he was pulled from the St. Johns River during the storm associated with Hurricane Ian.

The man, who wasn't identified, jumped into the river from his boat to rescue his granddaughter who fell into the river.

Officers from the Green Cove Springs Police Department and deputies from the Clay County Sheriff's Office arrived to the scene less than two minutes after he fell. He was unconscious when they arrived.

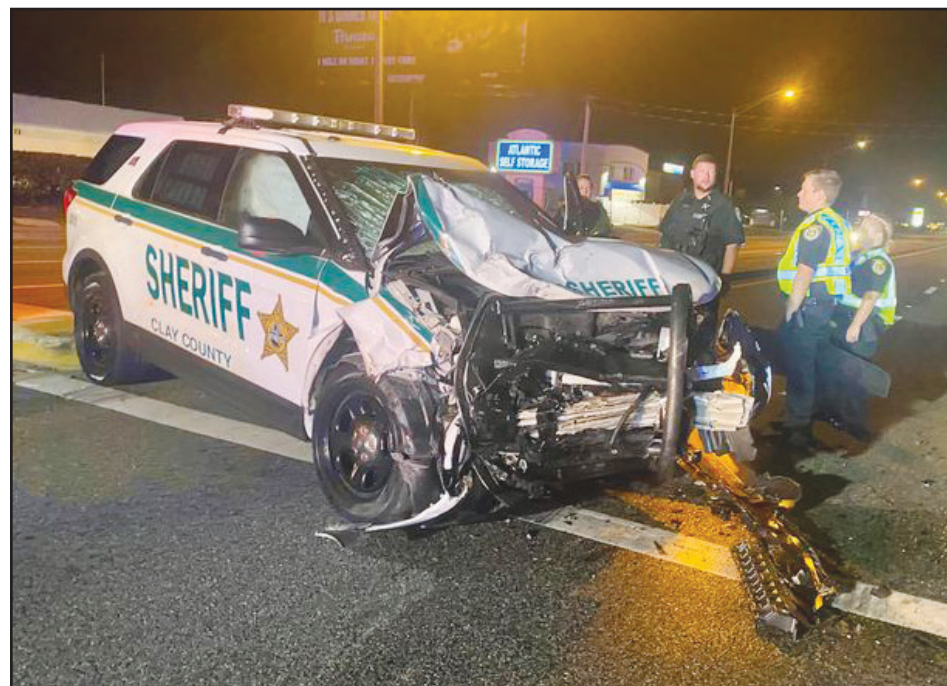
Cmdr. Shawn Hines, Sgt. Erin Vineyard, Det. Douglas Patterson with Green Cove Springs and Sgt. Chris Glenn from the Clay County Sheriff's Office began assisting in the recovery efforts. A bystander, along with Glenn, jumped into the water to assist.

The man was immediately brought to shore where life-saving measures were performed by GCSPD officer Neal Newton and Vineyard until Clay County Fire Rescue continued medical attention.

## CCSO deputy uninjured in crash involving DUI suspect

CLAY COUNTY – A Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy wasn't injured in a hard crash involving a drunk driver on Sept. 25.

Deputy Tanner Foerman was on patrol when he was struck by an impaired driver who ran a red light and slammed into his cruiser.



"Today was supposed to be just another day on the job but little did I know, someone somewhere had other plans for me," Foerman posted on social media. "After many years working on patrol (thankfully) without any incidents, that all changed this morning when a drunk driver ran a red light and crossed into my lane of travel.

"Words cannot express the gratitude I

have for my beat partners and the Florida Highway Patrol for taking care of me when I needed it ... The outcome could have been much worse. Although I am banged up and quite sore, I will overcome and this too shall come to pass.

"If you know better, do better. Don't drink and drive.

"Stay vigilant, brothers and sisters."

## 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, Oct. 4

Morgan N. Rahn, 36, Green Cove Springs, battery  
Katie M. St. Onge, 35, Green Cove Springs, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, leaving scene of accident involving property damage  
Clark W. Richardson, 48, Fleming Island, trespassing  
Bill T. Henderson, 21, Green Cove Springs, VOP arson  
Brittany M. Patrick, 23, Green Cove Springs, VOP burglary  
Vincent M. Myers, 39, Orange Park, shoplifting  
Tony M. McCord, 61, Middleburg, sexual battery of child 12 or younger  
Douglas G. Wilton, 40, Green Cove Springs, FTA failure to pay civil penalty, FTA conservation/environmental violation  
Joshua C. Dyson, 38, Fleming Island, possession-methamphetamine  
Juan D. Gomez, 37, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license  
Collie E. Stevens, 39, Orange Park, felony domestic battery by strangulation  
Levi B. Neeff, 42, Middleburg, domestic battery

### Monday, Oct. 3

Juan D. Gomez, 37, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license  
Collie E. Stevens, 39, Orange Park, felony battery by strangulation  
Levi B. Neeff, 42, Middleburg, domestic battery

### Sunday, Oct. 2

Jessie R. Gregerson, 38, Orange Park, felony battery by strangulation  
Rebecca C. Davis, 40, Fleming Island, shoplifting

### Saturday, Oct. 1

Stanley B. Pryor, 60, Fleming Island, shoplifting  
Maria A. Mendez, 57, Green Cove Springs, FTA DWLSR  
Libby L.A. Chrome, 27, Green Cove Springs, soliciting lewd conduct with student  
Michael W. Howell, 63, Green Cove Springs, battery  
Rachael M. Shuman, 31, Middleburg, causing child delinquency, unlawful disclosure of domestic violence  
Caitlin J. Davis, 20, Fleming Island, battery

### Friday, Sept. 30

Caitlin J. Davis, 20, Fleming Island, domestic battery  
Linda J. Padgett, 41, Middleburg,



## Clay County Sheriff's Office arrives to hurricane-stricken Southwest Florida to assist in recovery, rescue after Ian

A contingent of Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies joined a group from the county's Office of Emergency Management to help residents get the support they need most following the deadly landfall of Hurricane Ian. The group will assist local emergency workers in providing law enforcement, recovery and rescue.

## Community Calendar

**PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL:** will meet on Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**ZAC BROWN BAND:** with special guests Robert Randolph Band will play on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily's Place at TIAA Bank Field, Jacksonville. For tickets, visit [dailysplace.com](http://dailysplace.com).

**CHALLENGE ENTERPRISES:** will host its Food for Clay Free Distribution on Oct. 7 at Challenge Enterprise, 3530 Enterprise Way in Green Cove Springs. Food is available for all Clay County residents from 10-11 a.m. for more information, call (904) 284-9859 or visit [facebook.com/forforclaycounty](http://facebook.com/forforclaycounty).

**VETERANS GAMES:** will be on Oct. 8 will start at 9:30 a.m. at Boogerville Hideout at 6043 U.S. Highway 17 in Green Cove Springs. Event benefits Operation Barnabas and includes at motorcycle and Jeep poker run The Howling Wolf in Melrose, Lil Caesars in Interlachen and V.F.W. in Palatka, ax throwing, arm wrestling, deadlift and bench press competition, two person tactical teams, patriotic flyover, live music from Big Engine, food, vendors, games, raffle and auction. VIP passes are \$50 and includes entry to the poker run with meal and bar access.

**LAKE ASBURY MARKETPLACE:** will host a Fall Market For Makers on Oct. 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 2851 Henley Road in Lake Asbury. Event includes vendors, food trucks, shopping and family fun.

**AMAZING GRACE FAMILY FARMS FESTIVAL:** will be on Oct. 8 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and 4 p.m.-10 p.m. at 4251 State Road 21 in Green Cove Springs. Festival includes fall photo settings, crop maze and attractions. For more information, visit [agcropmaze.com](http://agcropmaze.com). Tickets must be purchased online.

**NEFL SCOTTISH GAMES KILTED GOLF TOURNAMENT:** will be on Oct. 9 at Marsh Landing Country Club, 25655 Marsh Landing Pkwy, Ponte Vedra Beach, at 1 p.m. To register, visit [www.neflgames.com](http://www.neflgames.com).

**CLAY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL:** will meet on Oct. 10 at 3 p.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**CLAY COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING DIVISION:** will host a public workshop on Oct. 10 at 6:30 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 Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd.

**CLAY COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING DIVISION:** will meet on Oct. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**CHALLENGE ENTERPRISES:** will host its Shred for Good Residential Drop-off event on Oct. 11 from 10 a.m.-noon at Challenge Enterprises warehouse, 3530 Enterprise Way in Green Cove Springs. Donations are accepted. For more information, visit [www.challengeenterprises.or/shred-for-good-residential-shred-drop-off-reboot](http://www.challengeenterprises.or/shred-for-good-residential-shred-drop-off-reboot), or call (904) 284-9859.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** will meet on Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**GOLDEN EAGLE CLASSIC:** is a competition between 16 high school marching bands on Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy, Fleming Island. Local bands include Fleming Island, Ridgeview, Middleburg, Oakleaf and Orange Park. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, seniors for \$7 and children 6 and younger are free.

**CLOTHES CLOSET AND FOOD PANTRY:** will host an open house on Oct. 13 from 1-3 p.m.

at 1010 Fromhart St. Orange Park.

**CHRIS STAPLETON:** will bring his All-American Road Show to the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Phillip Randolph Blvd., in Jacksonville, on Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. For tickets, visit [vystarveteransarena.com](http://vystarveteransarena.com) or [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

**CHALLENGE ENTERPRISES:** will host its Food for Clay Free Distribution on Oct. 14 at Challenge Enterprise, 3530 Enterprise Way in Green Cove Springs. Food is available for all Clay County residents from 10-11 a.m. for more information, call (904) 284-9859 or visit [facebook.com/forforclaycounty](http://facebook.com/forforclaycounty).

**AMAZING GRACE FAMILY FARMS FESTIVAL:** will be on Oct. 14 from 5 p.m.-10 p.m. at 4251 State Road 21 in Green Cove Springs. Festival includes fall photo settings, crop maze and attractions. For more information, visit [agcropmaze.com](http://agcropmaze.com). Tickets must be purchased online.

**BANDS, BARRELS AND BULLS:** rodeo will be on Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2497 State Road 16 in Green Cove Springs. Live country music night also includes vendors. General admission tickets are \$18.50 with weekend VIP passes costing \$53.50 and available at [eventbee.com/v/offrocker](http://eventbee.com/v/offrocker).

**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY:** will be on Oct. 14 from 5-9:30 p.m. at Spring Park and 106 St. Johns Ave. in Green Cove Springs.

## Arrests

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### Thursday, Sept. 29

Scott A. Shipley, 41, Fleming Island, domestic battery

Steven D. Garvey, 39, Orange Park, trespassing

Eric O. Lasan, 39, Middleburg, battery

Shawn M. Hensley, 23, Green Cove Springs, aggravated battery on pregnant female

Cam R.J. Dove, 20, Orange Park, shoplifting, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, trespassing

Jermaine C. Berry, 41, Orange Park, grand theft

Sarah M. Jackson, 34, Orange Park, battery

### Wednesday, Sept. 28

David J. Sares, 39, Fleming Island, child abuse, domestic battery

Shawn A. Sieling, 48, Keystone Heights, battery, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Zenen Ramos, 43, Green Cove Springs, child neglect, DUI

Susan J. Allen, 68, Keystone Heights, battery

Jermaine C. Berry, 41, Orange Park, grand theft

### Tuesday, Sept. 27

Sarah A. Miller, 44, Green Cove Springs, FTA drug trafficking

Carrie L. Tomlin, 41, Middleburg, domestic battery

Jeremy L. Cope, 41, Green Cove Springs, VOP attempted sexual battery of child 12 or younger

Justin T. Berry, 31, Green Cove Springs, possession-drug paraphernalia, possession-methamphetamine, failure to report

change in employment, new telephone number

Dean A.K. Rockwood, 30, Middleburg, battery, possession-controlled substance

Shatamra L.A. Gillyard, 24, Keystone Heights, trespassing

Micha A. Henri, 29, Middleburg, domestic battery

Idamar Mojica, 22, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT

Bert G. Jackson, 48, Orange Park, grand theft

Shawn R. West, 30, Orange Park, domestic battery by strangulation

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**October 7**  
Bartram Trail @ Fleming  
Clay @ Middleburg  
Ridgeview @ Eastside  
Orange Park vs. Columbia (Played at RHS)

Demon Deacons beat FSU In Tally



Fleming Island High grad Ryan Smenda, Jr., takes a swig in Wake Forest win over Florida State University.

## FIHS Smenda, OHS Nash rock Seminoles

Courtesy of Wake Forest Athletics

The No. 21-ranked Wake Forest football team captured its third-straight win over Florida State on Saturday afternoon, 31-21. The victory over the No. 22-ranked Seminoles (4-1, 2-1 ACC) marked the Demon Deacons (4-1, 1-1 ACC) third-straight season with a win over a ranked opponent.

Two local players on the Wake Forest roster were senior middle linebacker Ryan Smenda, Jr., out of Fleming Island High School, and senior offensive tackle Je'Vionte Nash out of Oakleaf High School. Smenda led the Demon Deacon defense

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## Class 2A wrestling just got even hotter



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island High wrestling has had a history of reloading each year starting with the 2016 team, pictured above, that featured three eventual state champions; Jason Davis (2017), Ryan Smenda and Paul Detwiler (Both 2018 with senior Briar Jackson, not in picture), plus a plethora of state medalists in Class 3A with back-to-back 3A runnerup team finishes to powerhouse South Dade 2017 and 2018. Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert has mirrored the pattern with 10 of his 11 state wrestlers returning from 2021, fourth in Class 2A.

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Let's see. Fleming Island has been tussling among the best wrestlers in the state in Class 3A; South Dade, Miami Northwest, Flagler, Winter Springs, etc., then moved to Class 2A. Coach P.J. Cobbert runs one of the toughest rooms in Florida and is reloaded this year with nearly an entire team of returning state guys with two runnerups.

"We got 10 of our 11 state guys coming back, this will be a fun year," said Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert. "Having Clay in the district means we get to see them a few more times; district duals and the invites, but the thing is, one of us will stay home. We plan to keep going."

Clay has been a dominant force in

"Having Clay in the district means we get to see them a few more times; district duals and the invites, but the thing is, one of us will stay home. We plan to keep going." - P.J. Cobbert, Fleming Island Coach



Class 1A for decades with a state title stuck in there a few years ago and four walls worth of individual champions in the Blue Devil gymnasium. With Coach Jim Reape and his wing man Hunter Hill knowing that Fleming Island now is for more of the marbles, that intense rivalry will only blossom come February.

Oakleaf churned to prominence last year with a solo run in Class 3A that saw a former wrestler turned coach push the

throttle a bit and put Oakleaf on the map of wrestling programs with muscle. Rory Roderick stamped the program with some prowess and new guy Mark DeToro, a P.J. Cobbert/Jim Reape disciple, can only bring a firebrand of wrestling that wins aggressively and with some swag.

Middleburg got a guy who ripened the vine of young incoming high school wrestlers with a program that year in

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# Athlete Of The Week



Former Fleming Island High linebacker and state champion wrestler **Ryan Smenda, Jr.**, now a senior linebacker at Wake Forest University, registered 11 tackles in a Demon Deacon ACC 31-21 win over Florida State University Saturday in Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee.



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Fleming Island High golf combines the talents of freshman Tyler Mawhinney, left, with senior Colton Swartz to attempt a second trip to the state tournament for Swartz.

## Swartz, Mawhinney chase Sharks again

By **Randy Lefko**  
*Sports Editor*

Fleming Island High's golf team has had the firepower of senior Colton Swartz as the lead guy for the past two years, but the Golden Eagles have been getting tough finishes from a pair of new faces as freshmen Tyler Mawhinney and Ryan Houch have stamped out some low scores in recent matches.

"We are pretty strong top to bottom and that's a good thing when one golfer has a bad day, we don't lose a lot of ground," said Fleming Island coach Bruce Cloud, after the Golden Eagles edged the Ponte Vedra High defending 3A state champions on September 12 at the Randy Warren Invitational then went toe-to-toe with those same Sharks nine days later in a second place finish at the Fletcher Invitational at the Atlantic Beach Country Club. "Those young guys have a great senior up top that can show them how to handle the big pressure situations and they are quick learners."

Though Ponte Vedra (3A champs, now 2A) is no longer a district, nor region opponent for Fleming Island (3A), the chase to use the Sharks as bait for preparation for a second Golden Eagle state run is definitely on Swartz mind. Additionally, Ponte Vedra's top finisher in both invitationals, Camden Smith, a transfer from Circle Christian (3rd in 1A 2021) this year, has been the thorn that Swartz and the Fleming Island team has had to see in the invitationals. Smith won both the Randy Warren and Fletcher events with Swartz second by a stroke at the Warren event. Swartz, with six bogies against five birdies, tied for 12th at Fletcher. Smith won again by one stroke at Fletcher with a four under par 67 with two behind him at 68; Miles Russell of Providence (8th grader) and Cody Tucker of Bishop Kenny (Sr) both with 68s. Swartz finished with a one over par 72 with Mawhinney at 73, falling from a first nine 35 to a second nine 38. Ryan Houch, junior Jaylen Abbas and sophomore Dylan Frein both shot 74s.

With the tight group of finishes, Fleming Island finished second to Ponte Vedra, 279-293 with a one stroke finish over Bolles at third place.

In the 3A ranks and, more specifically district 3-3A where Fleming Island is, Nease was at 302, Fletcher at 302, Bartram Trail at 313 and Atlantic Coast at 317.

In the teams at Fletcher, a high-tier gathering, Providence, Bishop Kenny, Fletcher, Episcopal and Nease

"After our state run two years ago, we kind of blew it at districts the following year," said Swartz. "These guys were not part of that and that might be good. They just play tough."

Fleming Island Golf Club will host that district championship on October 26 with the region tournament still undetermined.

In girls action, Clay High senior Taylor Young has rattled off three straight sub-40; 37, 38, 38, nine hole rounds to have the hot hand as district tournaments approach.

### Golf Results

Tues., Sept. 27  
*Clay vs. Palatka Girls*

1. Clay 232
2. Palatka 238

1. Taylor Young CHS 38
2. Rebecca Gibson CHS 50
3. Kaley Giddens PHS 51
4. Paisley Meredith PHS 61
5. Tatum Wilhite PHS 63

Mandarin vs. Oakleaf  
*Eagle Landing Girls*

1. Mandarin 183
2. Oakleaf 189

1. Jenna Leonard MHS 42
2. Emma Farrar OHS 43
2. Olivia Bass MHS 43
4. Emily Acosta OHS 44
5. Madelyn Kam MHS 46

Keystone Heights, Buchholz, Columbia  
*at Quail Heights Country Club Girls*

1. Columbia 156
2. Buchholz 168
3. Keystone Heights 213

1. Veona Osborne BHS 37
2. Braydn Smith BHS 38
3. Savannah Wroath BHS 39
3. Karlee Gainey CHS 39
3. Ashley Nelson CHS 39
7. Candace Jackson KHHS 43

Mon., Sept. 26  
*Clay vs. Keystone Heights Boys*

1. Clay 163
2. Keystone Heights 178

1. Jack Newell CHS 37
2. Robert Young CHS 39
3. Alexander Addington KHHS 40
4. John Martin CHS 43
5. Drew Ross CHS 44
5. Kenneth Guy KHHS 44
5. William Guy CHS 44

Fleming Island vs. Ponte Vedra  
*Dye's Valley Course Girls*

1. Ponte Vedra 175
2. Fleming Island 186

1. Lauren Barned PV 40
2. Chloe Blanc FIHS 43
2. Alyzabeth Morgan FIHS 43
3. Tory Barned PV 44

3. Kathy Miller PV 44
7. Cambree Hodge FIHS 48

Fleming Island vs. Bartram Trail  
*at The Golf Club at Fleming Island Boys*

1. Fleming Island 136
2. Bartram Trail 158

1. Tyler Mawhinney FIHS 32
2. Dylan Frein FIHS 33
3. Jaylen Abbas FIHS 34
4. Colton Swartz FIHS 37
4. Ryan Houch FIHS 37

Ridgeview vs. Orange Park  
*at Eagle Harbor Golf Club Boys*

1. Orange Park 187
2. Ridgeview 203

1. Gehrig Van De Water OPHS 40
2. Brock Buhnerkemper OPHS 43
3. Keegan Roach RHS 48
4. Hayden Skrzypczak 49
4. Joseph DeRosa RHS 49
6. Hayden Hooks OPHS 50

Thurs., Sept. 22  
*Clay vs. Keystone Heights Girls*

1. Keystone Heights 218
2. Clay 231

1. Taylor Young CHS 38
2. Candace Jackson KHHS 43
3. MJ Rivera KHHS 55
4. Rebecca Gibson CHS 57
5. Rexi Lewis KHHS 58

Fleming Island, Fletcher, SJCDs  
*at Golf Club at Fleming Island Boys*

1. Fleming Island 157
2. Fletcher 175
3. SJCDs 217

1. Mason Seaton FHS 38
2. Jaylen Abbas FIHS 39
2. Emmet Kuhlenkamp FIHS 39
2. Ryan Houch FIHS 39
5. Chase Ricks FIHS 40
8. Tripp Vogt SJCDs 41

Middleburg, Orange Park, Oakleaf  
*at Eagle Landing Golf Club Boys*

1. Middleburg 172
2. Orange Park 186
3. Oakleaf 189





Former Ridgeview High libero Ashlyn Halford has produced an astounding defensive record in her two years at Williston State College with her recent achievement of 1,000-plus digs. Right: Halford in action as part of consecutive district titles under coach Destiny Brightman at Ridgeview.



# RHS alumni Ashlyn Halford gets 1,000<sup>th</sup> Dig

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

Ridgeview High volleyball grad Ashlyn Halford was a mainstay for highlight reel action on the court and also on the softball field while a Lady Panther and, now as a sophomore at Williston State College in wintry North Dakota, Halford is performing the same theatrics at the college level.

Last week, the energetic libero for the Williston womens' volleyball team

achieved her 1,000th dig: the retrieval of an opponents' bomb to the back line of the volleyball defense with an objective of putting the ball in play for an offensive shot at the net.

"I'm kind of the last line of defense on the scoring shots of our opponents," said Halford, ranked second in digs per set and fourth nationally for total digs in the National Junior College Athletics Association Div. II ranks. "My just is to set the ball up so our middies can make good sets to our

hitters. My job is to take everything that I can."

As of Fri., Sept. 30, Halford, with a total of 1,026 digs in her career, grabbed 495 digs in 2022 and 531 last year thus far with the Division I leader a 651 out of Blinn Junior College in Texas.

In NJCAA Div. II, Halford has a national-leader 7.50 digs per set going with 561 digs behind national leader Kylie Kline of Iowa Lakes, whom Williston has on the upcoming schedule. Kline has just a 5.34 digs per set average but has played nearly twice as many sets as Halford; 110-66, to amass her 587 total kills compared to Halford's 495.

Last year, Halford averaged just 6.26 digs per set. Halford's game totals have included 31 digs and 40 digs in two separate matches.

Williston, coached by another Ridgeview High connection, Chelsea Hinck, an assistant to reknowned coach Destiny Brightman, who put the Ridgeview program on a slate of consecutive district titles; seven to present, that is continued under another assistant, Steven Henry, who has maintained the Brightman factor in Panther volleyball.

"I got here in 2018 after starting coaching in 2014 with Destiny Brightman," said

Hinck, now married and in her fifth year guiding the Williston program. "Ashlyn is prominently a force in my program and that is exactly why I recruited here. Her skill has molded and become even more of a force over her last two seasons at the collegiate level. Her legacy was started with coach Brightman."

Hinck's long-tenure with Halford as a coach-player started in Halford's freshman season at Ridgeview as a junior varsity player with potential.

"Our relationship has come full circle here on the opposite side of the country since that freshman year as my libero," said Hinck. "She holds true tenacity and patience that really thrives in the libero position. She was voted a captain in both her freshman and sophomore seasons."

Williston is currently 4-15, 2-5 in the Mon-Dak Athletic Conference.

Knowing Halford will leave Williston after this season, Hinck sees her four year college as getting a special athlete.

"I expect nothing but great things for Ashlyn after Williston State," said Hinck. "My network has broadened over the last 5 years around the United States, and I expect for Ashlyn to find a four year program that is exactly where she wants to be academically, and athletically."

1. Chase Carroll MHS 33
2. Brock Buhnerkemper OPHS 36
3. Lucas Wahlstrom MHS 37
4. Tanner Thompson OHS 41
5. Hayden Hooks OPHS 44

**Keystone Heights vs. Trinity Christian  
Bent Creek Golf Course Boys**

1. Keystone Heights 158
2. Trinity Christian 205

1. Alexander Addington KHHS 35
2. Ty Mitzel KHHS 40
3. Kenneth Guy KHHS 40
4. Nick Binet KHHS 43
4. Shepherd Rozier KHHS 43

**Wed., Sept. 21  
Oakleaf at Fleming Island at Golf Club at  
Fleming Island  
Girls**

1. Fleming Island 179
2. Oakleaf 219

1. Alyzabeth Morgan FIHS 38
2. Chloe Blanc FIHS 43
3. Cambree Hodge FIHS 48
3. Emma Farrar OHS 48
5. Emily Acosta OHS 50

5. Kalia Polete FIHS 50
- Tues., Sept. 20  
Clay, Creekside, Oakleaf  
Eagle Landing Golf Club Girls**

1. Creekside 186
2. Oakleaf 196
3. Clay 199

1. Taylor Young CHS 37
2. Lila Weaver Creek 40
3. Emma Farrar OHS 41
4. Kyra Gravelle Creek 44
5. Neeya Patel Creek 46

**Atlantic Coast, Middleburg, Beachside at St. Johns Golf  
and Country Club Girls**

1. Beachside 193
2. Middleburg 235
3. Atlantic Coast 244

1. Maddie Rathjen BHS 33
2. Ralienne Nacional BHS 36
3. Neva Winslow MHS 43
4. Anastasia Dimov ACHS 53
5. Emma Reeder BHS 58

**Mon., Sept. 19  
At Fleming Island Golf Club Girls**

1. Fleming Island 176

2. Keystone Heights 232
  3. Middleburg 245
1. Alyzabeth Morgan FIHS 39
  2. Chloe Blanc FIHS 42
  3. Candace Jackson KHHS 43
  4. Neva Winslow MHS 45
  5. Kalia Polete FIHS 46

**Mon., Sept. 19  
at Eagle Harbor Golf Club  
Clay vs. St. Johns Country School Girls**

1. Addy Vogt SJCDs 41
2. Taylor Young CHS 43
3. Rebecca Gibson CHS 56
4. Shyann Walters CHS 61
5. Anna Galnor SJCDs 68

**Orange Park vs. Clay  
at Magnolia Point Golf Club Boys**

1. Clay 171
2. Orange Park 213

1. Robert Young CHS 38
2. Jack Newell CHS 41
3. William Guy CHS 42
4. Brock Buhnerkemper OPHS 46
5. Gehrig Van De Water OPHS 48

**Bishop Snyder, PK Yonge, St. Johns Country Day School  
Boys at Fleming Island Golf Club**

1. Bishop Snyder +24
2. PK Yonge 182
3. SJCDs 215

1. Daniel Carpenter BS 38
2. Katelyn Huber PKY 39
3. Matthew French BS 40
4. Matthew Swain BS 42
5. Tripp Vogt SJCDs 43

**Middleburg vs. Eastside  
Boys at Ironwood Golf Course**

1. Middleburg 167
2. Palatka 195

1. Chase Carroll MHS 36
2. Ben Davis EHS 39
3. Lucas Wahlstrom MHS 43
4. Carson Meeks MHS 44
4. Will Buzby MHS 44
6. Zach Bargar EHS 51
6. Nicholas Reyes EHS 51

## Myers eighth in Georgia XC

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

Fleming Island High junior cross country runner Graham Myers added to his top 10 finishes against top competition with an eighth place finish at the Wingfoot XC Classic in Cartersville, Ga., on September 24.

With many of the top Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama teams in attendance, Myers registered a 15 minute, 27.10 second finish for eighth against the winning time of 15:06.20 set by Holy Innocents Episcopal School senior Joe Sapone. Holy Innocents boys team was second in Georgia last year. Sapone was top state finisher in sixth place last year.

Second place went to Maxwell Hardin of Auburn High in Alabama (6th in Alabama 7A last year) in 15:07.10 with Tommy Latham of Marist High, Brookhaven, GA, third at 15:14.10. Latham, only a sophomore, ran a 15:10.8 last week in Huntsville, AL.

In the packed field, the top 23 runners finished in under 16 minutes with Myers the lone Florida athlete.

Fleming Island finished seventh in the field of 24 teams with 274 points while Brentwood High (TN) won with 70 ahead of St. Anthony's 129 as runnerup. Brentwood, the Tennessee Large Class two-time state champion last year and third-ranked in the southeast in 2022 (Creekside High second and Belen Jesuit Prep, both in Florida, are number one), had three runners in the top 15. Brentwood's Brody Chapman, fifth in Tennessee last year, took fifth at Wingfoot in 15:20.50.

For the Golden Eagles, John Keester IV finished at 32nd with a 16:08.30 split for one of his fastest times of 2022 with Danny Sakowski 7u8th as the Golden Eagles third finisher in 16:47.10, also a fast time.

Fleming Island had a third finisher under 17 minutes; Jacob Campbell, a sophomore, in 16:54.70 for 90th.

In the girls championship race, Fleming Island finished 13th of 24 teams led by Katelyn Thompson's 19:54.40 for 52nd, Reese Scott at 55th in 19:55.50 and Allie Knotts in 58th in 19:58.00.

In the supercharged top finishers of the field, Marist High's Ruby Little scorched



Fleming Island two frontrunners Graham Myers, left, and John Keester IV will head to Tallahassee on Saturday for the FSU Pre State invitational.

for the win in 18:08.50 with Carmel Yonas of South Forsyth second in 18:13.30. The top 15 were all under 19 minutes.

Auburn High won the girls team title with 106 points just ahead of Brentwood at 115 and Marist at 188. Fleming Island finished with 356 team points.

In a freshman only race, Fleming Island's Brooke Reynolds won the overall title in 20:55.00 with teammate Chloe Bourre 11th in 21:35.70.

## OHS Barrera 11th at Caples XC

Oakleaf High senior Sierra Barrera finished 11th at the Katie Caples XC Invitational at Bishop Kenny High on September 24 to lead area runners at that event.

Barrera, in the elite girls race, finished in a pack of four runners that charged the finish line just under the 19:20 mark with the overall win going to Ponte Vedra junior Lindy White in 18:29.00 in a decisive front running win over Ava Wyant of Master's Academy in Orlando who was second in 18:37.34.

In the varsity boys race held separately, Orange Park finished fifth and St. Johns Country Day School was seventh behind winner Bartram Trail who missed a cross country shutout (15Pts) with 18 points. Bartram Trail had all five scoring runners in the top 10 finishers between 17:27.76 and 18 minutes.

St. Johns Richard Nichols was top area finisher in ninth at 18:32.83 with Orange Park's Ethan Cobb at 17th in 19:21.76.

In the girls varsity race, St. Johns sophomore Rebecca Stratton was third in 21:45.74 with Clay High's Kaygen William-

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## Lady Spartans go toe-to-toe with Christ's Church, 3-2

St. Johns Country Day School volleyball (13-3) somewhat avenged a 3-0 loss earlier this season to Christ's Church Academy (13-4) with a 3-2 loss on Monday. Server Kate Jacobs, No. 7, got the Spartans from 14-11 on the brink of losing to 15-15 before St. Johns lost the fifth game 17-15. Middle hitter Ashlyn Anderson, below No. 6, hit for 29 kills in the match with strong defense from back line defenders, above, Julia Moody and Nadia Al-Wady.



PET ADOPTION



**♥ STAFF PICK OF THE WEEK ♥**

This week we asked one of our kennel techs, Monte, who his favorite pup here at the shelter is. He chose his girl Lena!

One morning while pulling into work I noticed a couple of dogs that had been abandoned in the playground. Whoever left them didn't even shut the gate. One of the dogs was a very plump and confused Lena, who at that point was only about halfway through her pregnancy. Carli and myself formed bonds with her as she would not allow anyone else to get close to her. When she did eventually go into labor, she had 9 babies. Over the first 3 weeks she lost 6 of the puppies. We kept a constant watch on Lena and the babies day and night. After the fifth week I fostered the remaining 3 baby girls until it was time to adopt them out. Lena is very special and was a fantastic momma to her babies. She is great with dogs, but not with cats or other small animals. She loves group playtime with the other dogs and once she knows you she will be your loyal protector for life. She is wary of strangers though makes friends easily. She has been through a lot and deserves a forever home of her own, with people who will love and care for her. Please help us make this happen. I love you Lena.

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# Broncos roll on Ridgeview

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG – With an intensity of a county rivalry game, including a collection of penalty flags on both sides, Middleburg High football exacted a bit of its seasonal frustrations with a 44-6 knockout of Ridgeview High in a Monday night football extravaganza at Middleburg High. The game was moved due to Hurricane Ian last week. Middleburg (2-4) will turn around quickly to host Clay (2-3) on Friday.

Middleburg struck quickly and decisively on both sides of the ball with cornerback Jaden Boyd snagging two first half interceptions; one for a 50 yard to the Panther three and a score, while T.J. Lane and Mike Mitchell traded running blows to the Panthers defense, led by linebackers Hunter Creech and Rayhn Hutchinson. Mitchell scored twice in the first half; one a sideline 45 yarder, the other a 21 yarder on the Broncos initial series. The first touchdown saw three penalty flags on the field after the two point conversion run by Mitchell indicating both teams were set to defend the rivalry.

“When you have two guys like T.J. and Mike running behind that offensive line, that’s a tough call for any defense,” said Middleburg coach Ryan Wolfe. “We still have to stop the penalties.”

Boyd’s first interception came with just three minutes off the clock near midfield and the Bronco offense at the Panther 35.

Lane rocked his first carry for 16 yards off center Dakota Gober and left guard Landen Padgett.

Ridgeview quarterback Richard Lewis and running back Sheppard Bridges was successful in thwarting the Bronco defensive front of Demarion Suggs and Tucker Cody with Lewis hitting passes for two first downs to 6’-3” receiver Deshun Green, but Middleburg held on fourth down to put



Bronco cornerback Jaden Boyd nearly got a pick six interception by got pushed out of bounds at the Panther three yard line. Broncos scored on next play.

the Bronco offense back on the field near midfield. Hutchinson chased Middleburg quarterback Jaydan Jenkins and got an intentional grounding on the near-sack that put Middleburg at second and 25 to go and the Bronco 26.

Mitchell rumbled 22 yards off left tackle to make up the penalty yards to a third and three. Lane romped to the first down at the 38 yard line where Mitchell dropped a wide open pass shot at the Panther five yard line. Jenkins got bottled up by Collier Stevens to put Middleburg at third and six before Mitchell zipped left to paydirt for a 16-0 lead.

Bronco cornerback Toshombee Jenkins mishandled his own interception near the Bronco 30 before Boyd got his second pick and returned it to the three yard line where Jenkins finished the work on a plunge behind guard Khoda Moses to end the first period, 24-0.

Middleburg, off a Toshombee Jenkins interception at midfield, would get a touchdown pass to wide out Jaden Levy just before halftime before second and third stringers finished the game.



Middleburg High nose tackle Demarion Suggs gets wide-eyed to Panther quarterback with linebacker Austin Cruce setting up Bronco defense.

## Cross Country

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son sixth in 22:09. St. Johns was second to Bartram Trail, 33-64, in team points. For Middle School boys, Jack Strombeck of Oakleaf Junior High, was seventh in 10:44:82 for 3Km.

In varsity boys, 5Km, Oakleaf senior Duane Lee was top finisher in seventh at 17:55.21.

### KHHS Griffin second at Suwannee XC

Keystone Heights High junior Tyler Griffin finished second in 17 minutes, 27.20 seconds at the Suwannee County XC Invitational held September 24 at Heritage Park and Gardens in Live Oak, FL. Keystone Heights boys finished sixth in the field of eight with Suwannee landing four runners in the top 10 for the team title with 37 points; Columbia second with 51. In the girls race, Olivia Griffin, an eighth grader at Keystone Heights, was top finisher in eighth place in 22:44.80. PK Yonge had four finishers in the top 10 led by twin freshman sisters Paulina and Ellie Cervantes coming in 1-2 at 20:54.90 and 21:19.30.

### Joel Nesi tabbed as PBC Runner of the Week

By Becca Rios/FlaglerAthletics

ST. AUGUSTINE - Flagler College’s Joel Nesi was selected as the Peach Belt Conference Runner of the Week for the first time in his career, released by conference officials on Tuesday. Nesi is a graduate from Ridgeview High School in Clay County. Nesi, a two-time all-conference runner, opened his season at the Eastern Florida State College Fall Classic on Saturday, Sept. 10. Nesi crossed the finish line of the 8-K course at 26:00.5 to secure fifth place on the 78-man field. The junior ran an average 5:13.9 mile and holds the fastest 8k time in the Peach Belt this season so far by almost a full minute. Nesi helped lead the Saints to a third-place finish among seven teams.



Ridgeview High grad Joel Nesi, now at Flagler

### KHHS Guy 26:31 for Mocs

SAINT LEO, Fla. – The Florida Southern men’s cross country team used a strong team performance to take second place at the Abbey Invitational hosted by Saint Leo University Saturday morning. The top-five Moccasin finishers all placed inside the top-20 to outpace the host Lions for second. The only program to finish ahead of the Mocs was Embry-Riddle whom FSC faced in the opening meet of the season as well. Former Keystone Heights High School cross country and track standout Alex Guy, a Florida Southern senior, finished just over a second behind in eighth place in 26:22.71.

Freshman Anthony Matthew led a group of four Mocs who finished seventh through 11th to score valuable points for the team. Matthew took seventh overall after completing the 8K course in 26:21.31. Freshman Christian Giller finished two spots back in 10th at 26:31.48 while junior Bryson Yamnitz just missed out on a top-10 showing with an 11th place finish after stopping the clock at 26:33.30.



Keystone High grad Alex Guy, left.



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Wake Forest senior linebacker Ryan Smenda, Jr., eyes backfield of Florida State University. Smenda finished with team-best 11 tackles in the Demon Deacon win. Right: Wake Forest offensive tackler Je'Vionte Nash, No. 53, is strong left side power blocker for big-scoring Demon Deacon offense.

## Smenda

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with 11 tackles, one for a loss.

Offensively, with Nash a starter at left tackle, Wake Forest put on a show inside Doak Campbell Stadium on Saturday. Wake Forest outgained Florida State, highlighted by 171 yards on the ground. Additionally, the Deacs scored 28 unanswered points from the end of the first quarter until the halfway point of the third.

The 31 points scored in Tallahassee mark the fourth occasion in program history that the Deacs have posted 30-plus points on the Noles.

"I have a lot of respect for Florida State and a lot of respect for FSU coach Mike Norvell" said Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson. "They're a very improved football team and we played really well. We were fortunate to win. Any team could have won that game but we made plays."

Individually, redshirt junior Sam Hartman moved into the top five in Atlantic Coast Conference history in career passing yardage. He currently has 10,462 yards and ranks fifth in league lore following



today's game. Sophomore running back Justice Ellison recorded a career-high 114 yards on the ground today and redshirt junior wideout A.T. Perry hauled in his 20th career touchdown pass in the second quarter, which ranks tied for sixth in program history.

Defensively, the Deacs forced one turnover on Saturday while tallying six tackles for loss and just four successful third-down conversions. Over the course of the current three-game winning streak against FSU, the Wake Forest defense has forced nine turnovers.

Saturday's win marked the Demon Deacons 10th-straight victory during the



Wake Forest linebacker Ryan Smenda, Jr., No. 5, makes goal line stop of FSU running back.

month of October as Wake Forest went a perfect 4-0 during this month each of the last two years. Prior to 2020, Wake Forest had not gone undefeated in the month of

October since 2007.

The Deacs return to Truist Field a week from today on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Army.



Oakleaf High grad Je'Vionte Nash, far right, is part of strong offensive machine for Wake Forest. Left: Part of ceremonies at FSU football in Doak Campbell Stadium is the slinging of torch at midfield.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

St. Johns defender Trey Dubnansky steals ball from Florida Deaf running back, St. Johns linebacker George Friedline tries unsuccessfully to take ball from down Florida Deaf running back and wide receiver Ian Mamea rounds the end zone after a fourth quarter touchdown bomb.

# Winning streak halts at three for Spartans

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - St. Johns Country Day School, minus three key players to injury, turned around a 32-7 first half to finish off a gallant 37-28 loss to Florida School for the Deaf and Blind Monday night on the St. Johns campus. St. Johns falls to 3-2 while Florida Deaf improves to 3-3.

"We could not establish our run game on them in the first half and we may have waited too long to start throwing the ball," said St. Johns coach Rocky Bantag. "Our

starting quarterback, Caden Burchfield was out, and we had a new quarterback in there, Andrew Staten, and he handled the game well in the second half."

Staten was able to find wide receiver Ian Mamea twice for long touchdowns to keep the game honest for the Spartans with defensive end Caleb Cameron able to penetrate the tightly-packed Florida Deaf crossing backfield to register some tackles for loss.

"They play hard, I always say that, but they do," said Bantag.

Staten finished impressively with 280 passing yards on 19 of 36 passes with three scores while running duties went primarily to Shane Reaves (37 yards) and George Friedline (21 yards). Friedline has been Bantag's workhorse backfield weapon. Staten did score off a plunge for St. Johns.

In the air, Mamea continued his air as-

sault ways with 12 catches for 171 yards with three scores and Bodie Brafford snaring five for 90; one a 50 yarder, in the Spartans attack.

Kicker Corban Berrang was perfect on four PAT kicks.

St. Johns returns to action in two weeks with an October 13 game at St. Johns Lutheran in Ocala (1-4).



St. Johns running back Trey Dubnansky escapes after handoff to big hole from Spartans offensive line.

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# Wrestling

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and year out produced county titles. Long time Lake Asbury guru Coll Robertson got his shot at the big boys in high school and put the Bronco lineup on the line with a handful of guys who quickly bought in and catapulted Bronco wrestling upwards.

## Orange Park

Orange Park has laid low the past few years with a few individuals getting some limelight as has a young program at Ridgeview that had a few stagers. Orange Park's Justin Daniels has been an under-the-radar guy with guys that wrestling tough all the time. Ridgeview has juggled coaches, but still got a medal last year with departed Godzilla-man Derrick Mosley.

## Keystone Heights

On the flip side, Keystone Heights can probably add some luster to their room after a strong showing last year and a revived excitement about wrestling at the school.

Fast Forward to November 2022.

All of them, except Keystone Heights, will be in the same bread basket, Class 2A, to make the incoming wrestling season in Clay County quite possibly one of the more anticipated seasons of inter-county rivalries that can only make the February post season a not-miss date on all wrestling fans' calendars.

In Class 2A, region 1, district 3, Orange Park, Middleburg, Oakleaf and Ridgeview are set to duke it out with Ed White, Englewood, Ponte Vedra, Riverside, Terry Parker and Westside in a clash of Jacksonville-strong teams and Clay County.

In Class 2A, also region 1, but district 4, Clay, yes Clay, will leave the friendly confines of Class 1A to get in the same ocean as Fleming Island after years of Tussle of Muscle bravado that has been just for rivalry consumption.

"I wish they would have put us all in the same district," said Cobbert. "We wrestle every team in the county anyway. In the end, I think this is going to put Clay County wrestling on the map just like the south Florida schools."

## Tussle of Muscle

The Tussle of Muscle, the annual Clay vs. Fleming Island dual match that has reached near epic dialogue of who's who in Clay County, will now become a barometer of post season readiness and possible state final sneak peeks.

"It will still be a match for county bragging rights," said Cobbert. "Both teams have been the standard from the county for a long time with Oakleaf, last year, stepping up its program. With Mark DeToro as new coach, one of my Clay teammates and a former assistant coach, Oakleaf gets a tough guy who has been a part of good coaching for a long time. If they buy in, Oakleaf will become a strong program. I think they are ready to take the next step."

In the first peek at what wrestling fans may see in November, the Kabra Wres-

## Quick Look

Class 2A Wrestling Rankings  
As of September 29, 2022

### 106

1. Cameron French, Charlotte, Jr. (2nd 106)
2. Roberto Rodrigue, Brandon, Sr. (4th, 106)
3. Jonathan Espinoza, Lake Gibson, Jr.
4. Derrick Williams, Mosley, Jr. (5th, 106)
5. Shane Duhaylungsod, FIHS, Soph (6th, 106)
6. Jacob Bucci, CHS, Soph (1-2, 106 1A)
9. Jackson Hornback, MHS Soph (SQ 1-2, 106, lost to Duhaylungsod in consi)
15. Angel Rodriguez, OHS, Soph

### 113

1. Roman Lerner, Tampa Jesuit, Jr. (106 champ)
2. Kaiden Ballinger, Charlotte, Jr. (4th 113)
3. Alexander McMiller, Satellite, Sr.
9. Braden Glavin, CHS Soph (2-2, 113 1A)

### 120

1. Christian Fretwell, Lake Gibson, Soph
2. Maximus Brady, Mariner, Soph (113 champ)
3. Laird Duhaylungsod, FIHS, Soph (6th 120)
11. Grady Woodard, MHS, Jr. (SQ, 0-2)

### 126

1. Jayce Paridon, FIHS, Soph (2nd, 113 to Brady of Mariner)
2. Colt Brown, Lake Gibson, Sr.
3. Lowden Ward, Hollins, Sr.
7. Wyatt Leduc, MHS, Soph (SQ, 0-2)
13. Keon Barrientos, OHS, Jr. (0-2 126 3A)
18. Rylan Herrera, CHS, Soph

### 132

1. Hayden Whidden, Lake Gibson, Sr.(2nd 132)
2. Ryan Phillips, Winter Springs, Jr. (2nd 120)
3. Draven McCall, Tampa Jesuit, Soph (3rd 113)

### 138

1. Gianni Maldonado, Lake Gibson, Jr. (2nd 138)
2. Nathan McGill, Tampa Jesuit, Sr. (3rd 126)
3. Joshua Gallo, Springstead, Sr. (4th 138)
5. Kaden Schaefer, FIHS, Jr. (7th 138)
16. Logan Moore, MHS, Sr.

### 145

1. Matthew Kotler, FIHS, Jr.(6th 145)
2. Michael Farrelly, Hollins, Sr. (7th 145)
3. JJ Martinez, Niceville, Jr. (1-2 145, lost to state champ in quarters)

### 152

1. Brandon Cody, Tampa Jesuit, Jr.
2. Christopher Chop, FIHS, Jr. (5th 152)
3. Tyler Smith, Brandon, Sr. (6th 152, lost to Chop in quarters, for 5th)
4. Tyler Rodriguez, Port Charlotte, Sr.
12. Hayden Mesaroz, CHS, Jr.

### 160

1. Christopher Minto, Mariner, Sr.
2. James Baltutis, Charlotte, Sr. (4th 160)
3. Ransom Randolph, Winter Springs, Sr.
4. Ronan Bozeman, FIHS, Sr. (6th 160)
11. Trevion Sermons, OPHS, Sr. (SQ, 0-2 160)
12. Roman Polinsky, OHS, Sr.

ting Class Rankings, a compilation work of epic proportions by long-time wrestling writer Brant Parsons at the Orlando Sentinel. Parsons, of course, couches his picks with the obvious caveat that these are preseason looks based on last year's

## Class 2A Team Rankings

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. Lake Gibson    | 7. Clay      |
| 2. Fleming Island | 8. Hollins   |
| 3. Charlotte      | 9. Mariner   |
| 4. Tampa Jesuit   | 10. Matanzas |
| 5. Brandon        | 15. Oakleaf  |
| 6. Winter Springs |              |



The 1-2 coaching tandem of Clay High's Jim Reape, left, and Hunter Hill have produced a room full of individual state titles in Class 1A; two-time champion Adam Briendel in picture, while Reape has garnered National Hall of Fame honors along his decades of wrestling. Now, Clay returns to Class 2A.



### 170

1. Frank Solorzano, Lk Gibson, Sr. (3rd 170)
2. Jordan Mills, Matanzas, Jr. (2nd 170)
3. Elijah Penton, Winter Springs, Jr. (3rd 160)
6. Joshua Sandoval, FIHS, Sr. (4th 170)

### 182

1. Brain Burburija, Countryside, Sr. (182 champ)
2. Jhoel Robinson, FIHS, Sr. (2nd 182)
3. Dominic Martin, CHS Sr. (5th 182 1A)

### 195

1. Cael Newton, Charlotte, Sr. (3rd 195)
2. Dylon York, New Smyrna Beach, Sr.
3. Landon Wright, Matanzas, Sr. (1-2 195)
5. Kedtric Wilborn, CHS, Sr. (1-2 195 1A)
9. Isaiah Shevchook, OHS, Sr.
18. Walter Poe, FIHS, Soph
20. Jadon Bell, CHS, Jr.

### 220

1. Cassidy Grubbs, Pasco, Sr.
2. Nathaniel Box, Charlotte, Sr.
3. Bryce Haynes, Westwood, Sr. (1-2, 220)
11. Ben Gaddis, OHS, Sr.

### 285

1. Jordan Mitchell, OHS, Sr. (4th 285 3A)
2. Nate Gabriel, Auburndale, Jr. (4th 285)
3. Ethan Daniels, CHS Jr. (1-2 285 1A)
4. Ethan Hoffstetter, FIHS, Sr. (7th 285)

results and with wrestlers always moving about from school to school and adolescent bodies adding and subtracting weight, the accuracy is solely at his discretion amidst a flurry of interviews with coaches statewide; objective and much researched as

Parsons is.

"Guys lift weights like us, get bigger, stronger, but the rankings are a good first look," said Cobbert. "I don't mind being number two because I use that in the room to motivate my guys."

# Tornadoes blow past Keystone

By Mike Zima  
Correspondent

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Bradford's Willie Pollard scored two rushing touchdowns as the Tornadoes outclassed host Keystone Heights 38-0 in the first District 6-2S game for each team on Monday, October 3.

The contest was pushed back from September 30 due to Hurricane Ian.

Bradford, now 5-0, is a senior-laden squad on a mission to bring a state championship trophy home to Starke.

The Indians, now 1-4, are a young team learning varsity football on the fly. The difference showed. Five different Tornadoes scored touchdowns as Bradford did whatever it wanted on offense, scoring on its first six possessions to start a running clock early in the third quarter.

Pollard, who led all rushers with 40 yards on just five carries, scored his first touchdown on a two yard plunge over left guard to stake the visitors to a 12-0 lead midway through

the opening quarter. The junior running back then capped a 75 yard drive on Bradford's next possession by darting through a hole off left tackle, cutting to the sideline and outrunning the Keystone secondary to the pylon for an 11 yard score.

Bradford stars Manny Covey and Chalil Cummings did their part before giving way to the junior varsity for the second half. Covey, the senior running back committed to Cincinnati, gave the Tornadoes the early lead with a 10 yard scoring run on Bradford's first possession, while Cummings outjumped Indians cornerback Darrion Grady for a touchdown that gave Bradford a 26-0 lead in the second quarter.

While the Tornadoes ran for 226 yards on 28 rushes, Jeremiah McKenzie, Bradford's sophomore quarterback, was a perfect six for six through the air for 125



Keystone Heights has relied on running back Cartez Daniels, left No. 2, to push the ball forward with an inexperienced lineup facing off against opponents with little success.



yards and two touchdowns.

With freshman Baylor Ford starting at quarterback due to injuries, Keystone Heights entered the game intending to rely on its ground game.

"We were hoping to control the ball to keep their offense off of the field," said Keystone Heights head coach Chuck Dickinson. "They have an explosive offense that can score at any time."

Unfortunately for the Indians, they never established their running game against the Tornadoes' defense, which has now shut out four of its five opponents in 2022 and which has allowed only one touchdown all season.

And a gaffe on special teams and two turnovers turned what was a methodical beatdown into a rout.

Midway through the first quarter, Indians punter Jayden Goodman fumbled a low snap. By the time he recovered the ball, he was swarmed under by several Tornadoes, giving Bradford the ball at the Keystone 15

yard line. It took just two runs by Pollard to cash in on the short field.

With five minutes gone in the second quarter, Bradford safety C.J. Carn high-pointed a deep throw by Ford, made the interception and returned the theft 58 yards to the Keystone four yard line. Cummings hauled in the fade route from McKenzie on the next play.

The Indians strung together two first downs and crossed midfield for the first and only time near the end of the first half. But on third and seven from the Bradford 44, a Ford pass intended for Carson Eaton was wide of the mark, and Bradford's Jarrin Alexander cradled it going to the ground.

On the next play, McKenzie found slot man Chason Clark on a quick out, and Clark sped down the sideline, received a block from Cummings at the 10, and rumbled all the way to the end zone for a 66 yard score.

"Any time you play a freshman quarterback at the high school level, he is going to make mistakes," Dickinson said of Ford, who completed two of five passes for six yards. "Ford threw the ball well at times. He has got to get some experience."

Grady provided a spark for the Indians once he moved from receiver to running back, picking up 28 yards on six carries. Fullback Bryar Schenck led the Indians with 37 yards on 10 rushes, while starting running back Cartez Daniels mustered just 17 yards on 10 attempts.

"Grady is the only one we got with a little shift in him," said Dickinson. "He made some good runs, and he does a good job returning kicks."

The Indians travel to Crescent City for a non-district game on October 7.

"We have got to get back to playing physical," said Dickinson. "We have got a great chance to win this week, and the more physical team will win."



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Ten year old Masyn Duke battles with mom Kristi Duke at finish line of Whistling Death 5K. Both tied at 42:30.



## Military Museum of North Florida hosts races

**By Ray Dimonda**  
*Correspondent*

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - With a number of top tier runners from Jacksonville making the trek to Green Cove Springs on Saturday, the Whistling Death 10K/5K running series got a little bit of fast, up front running as well as locals battling for best times.

The race celebrates the F4U Corsair of WWII, which was nicknamed "Whistling Death" by the Japanese. It was the Marine Corps main fighter in the Pacific. Many of the pilots were trained in Green Cove Springs!

With 1st Place Sports of Jacksonville veteran runners Michelle Krueger, 46, and John Decker, 21, both taking top honors in the 10K (6.2 miles) run. Decker was top overall finisher in 35 minutes, 40 seconds with Krueger being edged by husband Dean

Krueger for the third overall spot by just 18 seconds; 43:01-43:19, while 12 year old Stella Krueger kept the family finishing pack in tact with a fifth place finish in a very quick 46:23 as she showed off some family genetics.

For the males, second overall went to Richard Windmann, 30, in 42:44, with Decker's quick front running breaking the race open right from the starter's gun.

In the adjoining 5K (3.1 miles) 16 year old Caleb Olan won decisively as well with his 18:54 finish besting runnerup Dell Fonda, 25, by a perfect minute. Third place went to Logan Brown, 16, in 20:55.

For the females, Haley McCown, 40, was all alone at 12th place in 25:04 with second place going to 14 year old Cydnie Abraham in 20th at 27:43. Veteran runner KC Padgett, a spry 66, was third female in 26th in 28:29.

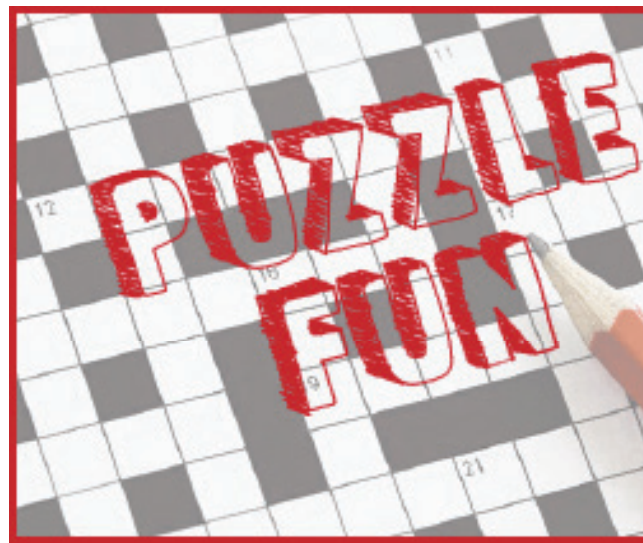


Twelve year old Stella Krueger blasts across Whistling Death 10K finish line for fifth overall, just behind mom and female champion Michelle Krueger, with a 46:23 finish time. Michelle Krueger won in 43:19.





Whistling Death 10K champion John Decker, 21, finished in quick 35:40 to win by nearly seven minutes over runnerup Richard Windmann, 30, in 42:44. Below, womens 10K champion Michelle Krueger was fourth overall just 18 seconds behind husband Dean's 43:01 for third.



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Solve the code to discover words related to backpacks.  
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Clue: Small pouch to carry stuff

**B. 22 21 13 23 3 22**

Clue: Strips to help carry something

**C. 19 7 7 20 22**

Clue: Reading material

**D. 22 25 8 7 7 26**

Clue: Place for learning

Answers: A. pocket B. straps C. books D. school

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to backpacks.

**HVYAE**

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Answer: Heavy

## Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Washington, D.C. on September 11, 1970. I attended Howard University. While I've starred in many notable movies, and was nominated for an Academy Award in 2008, I'm best known for leading an empire in a dramatic TV show.

Answer: Taraji P. Henson

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CLAY LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the purpose of considering the entry into three Purchase and Sale Agreements in connection with the County's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Voluntary Home Buyout Program for the purchase by the County of three certain parcels of real property being particularly described as follows:

- 1. Tax Parcel ID: 11-05-24-006109-000 (4202 Scenic Drive, Middleburg, FL 32068)
2. Tax Parcel ID: 42-04-25-008814-243-70 (744 Arran Court, Orange Park, FL 32073)
3. Tax Parcel ID: 13-05-24-006283-000-00 (2157 Hill Road, Middleburg, FL 32068)

This notice is given pursuant to Section 125.355, Florida Statutes, and Clay County Ordinance 99-65. A copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreements are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal holidays, in the Office of the County Attorney located on the 2nd Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

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 number (904) 269-6347, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). Board of County Commissioners Clay County, Florida

Legal 40130 published Oct 6, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the purpose of considering entry into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase by the County of a certain parcel of real property being particularly described as follows:

Parcel ID No. 38-06-26-017628-000-00, consisting of approximately 1.46 acres. This notice is given pursuant to Section 125.355, Florida Statutes, and Clay County Ordinance 99-65. A copy of the Agreement is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal holidays, in the Office of the County Attorney located on the 2nd Floor of the Clay County Administration Building at the foregoing address.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, any person who desires to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations will need a record of the proceedings, and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of 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 number (904) 269-6347, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). Board of County Commissioners Clay County, Florida

Legal 40129 published Oct 6, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

ON ADDITIONAL ONE (1) MILL AD VALOREM TAX TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REFERENDUM HAS BEEN CALLED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT THE REQUEST OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022. AT WHICH TIME THERE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DULY QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE FOLLOWING

REFERENDUM, THE SUBSTANCE AND TITLE OF WHICH IS:

BALLOT TITLE CONTINUE ADDITIONAL ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SECURITY AND EXPENSES.

BALLOT SUMMARY SHALL AN ADDITIONAL ONE (1) MILL OF AD VALOREM MILLAGE TAX, PROPORTIONATELY SHARED BETWEEN CHARTER AND NON-CHARTER CLAY DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BASED UPON EACH CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL UNWEIGHTED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT, BE APPROVED TO FUND SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF, AND TO PROVIDE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2027?

Instructions to voters: YES, FOR THE ONE (1) MILL OF AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE NO, AGAINST THE ONE (1) MILL OF AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON APRIL 7, 2022, PROVIDES FOR THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL ONE (1) MILL OF AD VALOREM MILLAGE TAX THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH SHALL BE SHARED BETWEEN CHARTER AND NON-CHARTER CLAY DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BASED UPON EACH CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL UNWEIGHTED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT, AND EXPENDED FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS AND FOR ALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS AT VARIOUS SITES WITHIN THE DISTRICT IN FURTHERANCE OF THE SAFETY AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE MARJORIE STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC SAFETY ACT. THE REVENUES MAY BE USED OR EXPENDED BY THE DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOLS

IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE REFERENDUM BALLOT LANGUAGE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND THE ELECTION LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, ALL DULY QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION OF WHICH THIS NOTICE PERTAINS. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY THE TAX COVERED BY THE QUESTION STATED ABOVE IF THE QUESTION IS APPROVED BY VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE DULY QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CLAY COUNTY VOTING THEREON.

Legal 39463 published Oct 6 and Oct 20, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today

LEGAL NOTICE

A request for rezoning has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located at 1331 Miller Street between Gano Avenue and Mockingbird Lane. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019847-003-00. The Town Council will hold a public hearing for the proposed rezoning application on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public. Information regarding the proposed change is noted below. Application No. R-2-2022 Land Area: 7.51 +/- Acres Current Zoning District: Planned Unit Development (PUD) Proposed Zoning District: Planned Unit Development (PUD) Owner: St. Simon Baptist Church Applicant: The John Stokes Company Description of proposed uses: The application proposes to rebuild a new

church to replace the former church building destroyed in a fire. The proposed church building will include Worship and Fellowship areas, Sunday school classrooms and kitchen (for private use of the church only). The total floor area is approximately 9,134 square feet. Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 39272 published Oct 10, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-2022-CP-000559 PROBATE DIVISION DIVISION: PR-A IN RE: ESTATE OF KATHLEEN TERESA PHILLIPS, Deceased. The administration of the estate of KATHLEEN TERESA PHILLIPS, deceased, whose date of death was June 23, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue / P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF

LEGAL NOTICE / PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE CANVASSING BOARD EVENTS

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

- October 14, 2022 9:45 a.m. Orientation and Logic & Accuracy Test 2:00 p.m. UOCAVA Ballot Duplication (If necessary)
October 17, 2022 8:30 a.m. Public View of sealed Mail Ballots 9:30 a.m. Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication
October 18, 2022 9:00 a.m. Process & Duplicate: Mail Ballots
October 19, 2022 2:00 p.m. UOCAVA Ballot Duplication (If necessary)
October 20, 2022 8:30 a.m. Public View of sealed Mail Ballots 9:30 a.m. Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication
October 21, 2022 9:00 a.m. Process & Duplicate: Mail Ballots
October 24, 2022 8:30 a.m. Public View of sealed Mail Ballots 9:30 a.m. Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication
October 25, 2022 9:00 a.m. Process & Duplicate: Mail Ballots
October 27, 2022 2:00 p.m. UOCAVA Ballot Duplication (If necessary)
October 28, 2022 8:30 a.m. Public View of sealed Mail Ballots 9:30 a.m. Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication
October 31, 2022 9:00 a.m. Process & Duplicate: Mail Ballots
November 3, 2022 2:00 p.m. UOCAVA Ballot Duplication (If necessary)
November 4, 2022 8:30 a.m. Public View of sealed Mail Ballots 9:30 a.m. Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication
November 5, 2022 8:30 a.m. Process & Duplicate: Mail Ballots
November 7, 2022 2:00 p.m. UOCAVA Ballot Duplication (If necessary)

- November 8, 2022 9:00 a.m. Public View of sealed Mail Ballots 10:00 a.m. Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication 12:00 p.m. Process & Duplicate: Mail Ballots
Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
7:00 p.m. Canvass of Election Returns (Preliminary Results)
November 9, 2022 9:00 a.m. Recount Ballot Sorting (If applicable)
Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
November 10, 2022 9:00 a.m. Recount Ballot Sorting (If applicable)
Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
3:30 p.m. Canvass Provisional Ballots, Signature Discrepancies, Unofficial Report
Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
November 11, 2022 9:00 a.m. Recount Ballot Sorting (If applicable)
November 12, 2022 9:00 a.m. (If Recount) Logic & Accuracy Test, Machine Recount, & Second Unofficial Reports
November 14, 2022 11:00 a.m. Manual Recount (If applicable)
November 17, 2022 2:00 p.m. UOCAVA Ballot Duplication (If necessary)
November 18, 2022 3:30 p.m. Canvass Overseas Ballots, Official Certification & Conduct of Election, Audit Selection (If no Manual Recount)
Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (If necessary)
November 22, 2022 9:00 a.m. Mandatory Audit (If no Manual Recount)

October 18, 2022 to October 21, 2022, ballots will be scanned into independent recount/audit system daily beginning at 9:00 a.m., if necessary. October 24, 2022 to November 7, 2022, ballots will be scanned into independent recount/audit system daily beginning at 9:00 a.m., if necessary.

Table with 2 columns: 2022 Canvassing Board Members, Supervisor of Elections, County Judge, Alternate County Judge, County Commissioner, Alternate County Commissioner. Names: Chris H. Chambless, Timothy Collins, Kristina Mobley, Wayne Bolla, 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.

Legal 38992 published Oct. 6, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper

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 Elección General 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.

- 14 de octubre de 2022 9:45 a.m. Orientación y prueba de lógica y precisión 2:00 p.m. Duplicación de boletas UOCAVA (si es necesario)
17 de octubre de 2022 8:30 a.m. Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas 9:30 a.m. Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas
18 de octubre de 2022 9:00 a.m. Procesar y duplicar: boletas por correo
19 de octubre de 2022 2:00 p.m. Duplicación de boletas UOCAVA (si es necesario)
20 de octubre de 2022 8:30 a.m. Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas 9:30 a.m. Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas
21 de octubre de 2022 9:00 a.m. Procesar y duplicar: boletas por correo
24 de octubre de 2022 8:30 a.m. Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas 9:30 a.m. Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas
25 de octubre de 2022 9:00 a.m. Procesar y duplicar: boletas por correo
27 de octubre de 2022 2:00 p.m. Duplicación de boletas UOCAVA (si es necesario)
28 de octubre de 2022 8:30 a.m. Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas 9:30 a.m. Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas
31 de octubre de 2022 9:00 a.m. Procesar y duplicar: boletas por correo
3 de noviembre de 2022 2:00 p.m. Duplicación de boletas UOCAVA (si es necesario)
4 de noviembre de 2022 8:30 a.m. Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas 9:30 a.m. Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas
5 de noviembre de 2022 8:30 a.m. Procesar y duplicar: boletas por correo

- 7 de noviembre de 2022 2:00 p.m. Duplicación de boletas UOCAVA (si es necesario)
8 de noviembre de 2022 9:00 a.m. Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas 10:00 a.m. Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas
12:00 p.m. Procesar y duplicar: boletas por correo 7:00 p.m. Regreso de la Junta Electoral de Escrutino (Resultados Preliminares)
9 de noviembre de 2022 9:00 a.m. Clasificación de boletas de recuento (si es necesario) Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoría (si es necesario)
10 de noviembre de 2022 9:00 a.m. Clasificación de boletas de recuento (si es necesario) Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoría (si es necesario)
3:30 p.m. Escrutino boletas provisionales, discrepancias de firmas, informe no oficial Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoría (si es necesario)
11 de noviembre de 2022 9:00 a.m. Clasificación de boletas de recuento (si es necesario) Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoría (si es necesario)
12 de noviembre de 2022 9:00 a.m. (Si es un recuento) lógica y precisión, recuento automático y segundos informes no oficiales
14 de noviembre de 2022 11:00 a.m. Recuento manual (si es necesario)
17 de noviembre de 2022 2:00 p.m. Duplicación de boletas UOCAVA (si es necesario)
18 de noviembre de 2022 3:30 p.m. Escrutino de boletas en el extranjero, certificación oficial y realización de elecciones, auditoría de selección (si no hay recuento manual) Escanear boletas en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoría (si es necesario)
22 de noviembre de 2022 9:00 a.m. Auditoría Obligatoria (si no hay Recuento Manual)

Del 18 de octubre de 2022 al 21 de octubre de 2022, las boletas se escanearán en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoría todos los días a partir de las 9:00 a.m., si es necesario. Del 24 de octubre de 2022 al 7 de noviembre de 2022, las boletas se escanearán en un sistema independiente de recuento/auditoría todos los días a partir de las 9:00 a.m., si es necesario.

Table with 2 columns: Miembros de la Junta Escrutino del 2022, Supervisor de Elecciones, Juez del Condado, Juez suplente del Condado, Comisionado del Condado, Comisionado Alternativo del Condado. Names: Chris H. Chambless, Timothy Collins, Kristina Mobley, Wayne Bolla, 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.







CLAY LEGALS

Legal 40256 published Oct 6, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: DNA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
**Certificate No: 3111/2020**  
**Legal Description: GOV LOT 4 EX PT O R 32 PG 96, 55 PG 323, 481 PG 213 & 667 PG 272 EX PT TO RD R/W O R 1402 PG 2006 & PT S OF CR C-226 DESC IN PRLC B 1438 PG 752 & EX PT REC O R 1680 PG 361**  
**Parcel ID No.: 030726-015781-000-00**  
**Opening Bid Amount: \$1,251.23**  
**Physical Address: S US HIGHWAY 17, GREEN COVE SPRINGS**  
**Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL**  
**Name in which assessed: J P HALL & SON INC**  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 30th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.  
 Dated this 3rd day of October, 2022  
**TARA S. GREEN**  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Jewel Baskin  
 Deputy Clerk

Legal 40153 published Oct 6, Oct 13, Oct 20 and Oct 27, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY  
 CASE NO. 10-2022-CA-000502  
**LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,**  
 Plaintiff,  
**ANGELA SMITH A/K/A ANGELA M. SMITH, et al.,**  
 Defendants.  
 To:  
**UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANGELA SMITH A/K/A ANGELA M. SMITH, 875 QUIET STONE LN, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065**  
**ANGELA SMITH A/K/A ANGELA M. SMITH, 875 QUIET STONE LN, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065**  
**UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1 875 QUIET STONE LN, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065**  
**UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, 875 QUIET STONE LN, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065**  
**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN**  
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose of Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:  
 LOT 107, HAMILTON GLEN AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT 50, PAGE 52, OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Sara Collins, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
 WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 3rd day of October, 2022.  
 (seal)  
**Tara S. Green**  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Leigh Lucyroy  
 Deputy Clerk

Legal 40150 published Oct 6 and Oct 13, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Tuesday the 25th day of October, 2022 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL 32073 Clay County Lester, Chris 147 Exercise Bike, Bassinette, Crib, Baby Toys, Snow Shovel, Boxes Totes, Misc Items, Paton, Stephen 258 Wheel Chair, Walker, Blankets, Toaster, Hot Plate, Broom, Swiffer, Guting, Christine 328 Toaster Oven, Furniture, Multiple Mattresses, Suitcase, Lots of Boxes, Car Seat, Chair, Misc Items, Dooley, Edward 635 Ladder, Dolly, Heater, Multiple Bikes, Furniture, Lots of Boxes, Reaves, Paul 725 Tires Rims, Furniture, Chain Saw, Lamps, Bags, Clothes, Shovel, Video Tapes, Misc Items, Woodworth, Josie 103 Desk Chair, Lamp, Microscope, Lots of Boxes Bags, Dooley, Edward 625 Mattress Set, Lots of Totes, Misc Furniture, Lawn Mower. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Legal 40150 published Oct 6 and Oct 13, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE**

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Advertisement for bid will be made on: **October 6, 13, and 20, 2022**  
 Sealed bids will be received by the Clay County District Schools until: **October 27, 2022 at 2:00 pm**  
 In the Purchasing Conference Room, 800 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
 At which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of:  
**Green Cove Springs Junior High School Exterior Window Replacement (Bldgs 1, 2, & 3)**  
**CCDS Project No. C-44-21/22**  
 All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by: **Bhide & Hall Architect, P.A. 1329 Kingsley Ave., Suite C Orange Park, FL 32073**  
 Email all questions to DShively@bhide-hall.com Include project number in subject line  
 Plans are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Architect. Printed sets of the plans are also on file for purchase at cost in the following Plans Room:  
**LDI Reprinting Center**  
 550 Wells Road, Suite 100  
 Orange Park, FL 32073  
 Tel: 904/579-4027  
 Fax: 904/579-4154  
 orangepark@ldireprinting.com  
 Prime bidders, who will be submitting a bid to the owner, are required to register with the Architect their intention to bid and as a plan holder. Any addenda will be sent (electronically) to the known plan holders ONLY. Alternative delivery methods may be arranged with the Architect. Partial sets of drawings and/or specifications are not advised and neither the Architect nor owner will be responsible for partial information given to subcontractors by general contractors.  
**There will be a MANDATORY Pre-bid Meeting at the site on October 13 @ 10:00 AM per Section 002113, Part 9.2. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid.**  
 Only Contractors having been pre-qualified by the School District of Clay County are eligible to submit bids for this project. **Only pre-qualified Contractors should submit bids** for this project (Florida Statutes).

Florida Statutes require that all contractual personnel who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present must meet Level 2 screening requirements as described in S1012.32, Florida Statutes.  
**DISCRIMINATION:** An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.  
 The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid price, payable to the Owner.  
**The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted Bid amount.**  
 No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.  
 Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the Invitation To Bid, Contract Award, or Recommendation for Contract Award, shall file a Notice of Protest with the Superintendent of Schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award, and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the Notice to Protest. Failure to observe such timelines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The School Board requires a protestor to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.  
**Bond Requirement:**  
 With respect to state contracts and bids pursuant to competitive bidding, whether under chapter 1013, relating to educational facilities, or under 2019 Florida Statutes

255.0516, relating to public buildings, if a school board, a community college board of trustees, or a state university board of trustees uses procedures pursuant to chapter 120 for bid protests, the board may require the protestor to post a bond amounting to:  
 1. Twenty-five thousand dollars or 2 percent of the lowest accepted bid, whichever is greater, for projects valued over \$500,000; and  
 2. Five percent of the lowest accepted bid for all other projects  
 Conditioned upon payment of all costs and fees, which may be adjusted against the protestor in the Administrative Hearing. If at the Hearing the School Board prevails, it may recover all costs and attorney's fees from the protestor; if the protestor prevails, the protestor shall recover from the School Board all costs and attorney's fees.

Bid Tabulations shall be posted in the Operations Reception area at 925 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours.  
 David Broskie, Superintendent  
 School District of Clay County

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

On 10/18/2022 at 00:00 AM an auction will take place at 1046 Airpark Rd. Green Cove Springs FL 32043. The vehicles which will be auctioned include:  
**1N4AL3AP6DN539360 2013 NISS**  
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**PUBLIC SALE**

The following units containing household items will be sold by public auction at SelfStorageAuction.com on Friday, October 14th, 2022 at 10:00 am, to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date:  
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**GREEN COVE SELF STORAGE**  
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