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Early voting begins Friday

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Parents shouldn't be snickered into forgetting common sense

By Don Coble
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CLAY COUNTY – According to Google, many children will come dressed as Spider-Man, a character from “Stranger Things,” a dinosaur, fairy, rabbit or pirate this year.

There's also a greater chance their candy could be tainted.

Unlike the days when parents were cautious about razor blades and needles in apples and chocolate-flavored laxatives, they now must be vigilant against the most serious of all scourges – illegal drugs.

While the risk is minimal – at best – Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook said parents always need to use their common sense on Halloween. If so, the only thing they should worry about is sugar shock, tummy aches and cavities.

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Once completed, the waters at Lakes Geneva and Brooklyn will be restored to their original levels, bringing the shoreline 70 yards closer to Keystone Beach seawalls.

After 40 years, Black Creek project to revive Keystone Heights lakes

By Don Coble
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Lake Geneva served as a backdrop to the formal announcement the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project was a reality. Once filled nearly to a small seawall, water from the lake had receded nearly



70 yards to remind residents and dignitaries why they were there.

In about two years, water levels are expected to be returned at Geneva and near-



Chandler Rozear wanted to make sure the project was a reality.

Construction underway for long-awaited Black Creek project

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Chandler Rozear parked his car just inside the entrance to Seamark Ranch Monday afternoon and he followed the loud, grinding sound of trees being ripped to pieces.

Once down the crudely-cut path, he stopped and uttered the words: “Absolutely amazing.”

The wide swath was far from pristine. It was filled with ankle-turning chunks of tree limbs and

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by Lake Brooklyn to the levels that made the tiny city a paradise.

“What a journey,” said former Florida Sen. and Chairman of the St. Johns River Water Management District Rob Bradley

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Early voting starts Friday in Clay County

Special to Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Supervisor Chris H. Chambless wanted to remind Clay County voters that early voting for the 2022 General Election will begin on Friday, Oct. 28, and will continue through Saturday, Nov. 5.



Chris Chambless

All seven early voting sites are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

During early voting, voters can cast their ballot at any of the convenient locations in Clay County:

- Eagle Landing Pkwy., Orange Park
- Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island
- Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights
- Middleburg Civic Center, 2102 Palmetto St., Middleburg
- Orange Park Library, 2054 Plainfield Ave., Orange Park
- Supervisor of Elections Office, 500 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs
- Thrasher-Horne Conference Room 283 College Dr., Orange Park

Secure ballot intake station “drop boxes” will be located inside each early voting site during these hours only. Please visit EarlyVoteClay.com for locations, directions and current wait times.

The last day to request a vote by mail ballot is Saturday, Oct. 29. Mail ballots



must be received in the Elections Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8.

For questions, or if you need more in-

formation, call the elections office at (904) 269-6350 or visit ClayElections.gov your source for verified election information.

BCC delays vote on raising \$181 million impact fees until its Dec. 13 meeting

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – After getting some pushback from residents, the Northeast Florida Builders Association and the Reinhold Corporation, the Board of County Commissioners decided Tuesday to delay its final vote on a one-time comprehensive impact fee to pay and maintain future projects.

While Chairman Wayne Bolla said he was ready to approve the ordinance, none of the other four commissioners would second the motion.



Wayne Bolla

Commissioner Jim Renninger then made a motion for a continuance so the county could host a workshop to dig deeper into the numbers. That motion passed, 4-1.

The comprehensive plan calls for an additional \$181 million in projects through 2040. Of that, more than \$83.26 million would be raised in a one-time fee that would be calculated for each dwelling unit or by 1000 square feet of retail, commer-

cial and industrial space for new construction that would be charged at the building permit stage.

The fees would be used to fund facilities that are needed to serve the new development through the expansion of existing facilities, the building of new facilities, and additions to the vehicle fleet.

“The reason we’re in trouble right now with the infrastructure is we haven’t been charging enough money for people to come in here,” Bolla said. “We’ve vetted this thing for a year now, on and off. We haven’t had a formal workshop.”

Renninger didn’t suggest there wasn’t a need for an impact fee. He said the county must explore other factors, like the projected cost of land – which would garner property taxes – 20 years from now.

“This is a very important issue. Don’t get me wrong,” he said. “This is probably the most important issue we’re going to make in my tenure on the commission. If



Jim Renninger



The board decided to hold a public hearing at the Nov. 9 meeting on an ordinance that would grandfather the provision that exempted businesses already established in the retail sales of dogs and cats prior to March 31. The new ordinance would make it illegal for any retail commercial establishment to sell dogs or cats.

you’re going to poke at the future, we need to come up with real numbers.”

The vote was pushed back to the Dec. 13 meeting. The board said it would host a public workshop before then.

In other business

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Also, the BCC agreed with Kiewit Infrastructure South Company for Construction Management at Rish services for the Bonded Transportation Program on Sandridge Road from Henley Road to County Road 209. Work to widen the road to three lanes, add sidewalks and bike lanes and a closed drainage system is expected to start in two months and be completed by March 2025.

The county staff will begin negotiations with Capital City Consulting, Public Affairs Consultants, the Fiorentino Group and the Southern Group to see which lobbying group will represent the county in Tallahassee.

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These tips will keep your pumpkin from rotting this Halloween

By Kelly Hayes
For FloridaPolitics

As Halloween creeps closer, you may find yourself craving to carve a pumpkin.

But how do you keep the newly sliced pumpkin fresh? Gardening expert and horticulturalist Leslie Vincent of Atkins has provided some tips on how to keep your pumpkins fresh all the way up to Oct. 31 — unless, of course, you want the added scare of rot.

Know the right time to pick and carve

Vincent suggests timing is key to keeping your pumpkin fresh — and once you take your first stab at the orange fruit, much like Michael Myers' victims, its time is limited.

"Once you cut into a pumpkin the lifespan of the fruit significantly decreases," Vincent said in a statement.

Before carving a pumpkin, it can last around a month at room temperature, but once you begin hollowing out the fruit, you've got around three to seven days before the pumpkin starts to rot.

If you want your pumpkin to be in pristine condition for the big day, Vincent recommends purchasing a locally sourced pumpkin around 14 days before Halloween and carving 10 days before Oct. 31.

WD-40 can keep your pumpkin al-iiiiiiii-ve

Don't want your pumpkin to resemble a zombie? Use a little WD-40.

"This one always raises a few eyebrows but it really works, we've been using this method for a number of years without fail," Vincent states. "Pumpkins generally tend to rot so quickly after carving because they lose nearly 90% of their moisture content, the remaining moisture needs to be protected and retained."

Mineral oils make up one of the main ingredients in WD-40 and that's the key, Vincent states. Coat the outside and inside of the pumpkin with the spray after carving ensuring a good covering all over the fruit. This will keep your pumpkin looking fresh for far longer.

But, be careful. Unless you want the same fate as Carrie, do not use an actual candle in the pumpkin. Use an LED light. WD-40 is flammable.

Benefits of bleach?

Soaking a pumpkin in bleach has long been a suggested tactic to extend its life, but does it make a difference?

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OPINIONS



Tammy Bugely: A story of struggle, survival and hope

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

MIDDLEBURG – Unlike the other speakers announcing Clay County would be one of the pilot counties for the state's Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) program, Tammy Bugely didn't have prepared notes or a polished presentation.

She spoke from the heart, which for most of her life was in a dark place. She often struggled to find the right words, and she fought through tears.

But nobody's words were more profound.

Tammy is an addict. She said so. She spent 20 years using heroin and fentanyl. Much of her life was like the track marks of a user, one fix leading to another.

Then she almost died.

"In May, almost two years ago, I overdosed," she said. "My daughter and my mom found me in the bathroom, blue and almost dead. They called the ambulance. I came to and I realized what happened. When I got to the hospital, I decided I needed help. They had a program at Clay Behavioral and they sent me to that program the next day."

Tammy now has been clean and sober for 16 months. She is one of 24 who had the strength, resources and support to break the wretched grip of opioids.



Tammy Bugely (l) and CCFR Battalion Chief Glenn East became friends while Tammy went through the community paramedicine program to kick a heroin habit.

For every success story like Tammy, there, unfortunately, are 100s of stories of overdoses and death. That's why Tammy's recovery – and her courage – should be applauded.

"Before I started doing drugs, I was very self-confident," she said. "I went out of my way to help people. I was very open. I liked to talk to anybody. But the drugs took that away. I mean I only wanted to help myself. The only thing that mattered was how was I going to get my meds. It didn't matter what anybody else thought or any of that because I was only out for me. The drugs took that away."

She was part of the Community Para-

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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.

Alliaceous: (ah-lee-EY-shus) an adjective that means relating to a group of plants comprised of onions and other alliums.

"The aroma in the kitchen was sharp and meaty with an alliaceous kick one the red wine, balsamic vinegar and butter combined to make an acidic steam."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2017

- A crowd of 1,400 attended a program at Green Cove Springs Junior High where 40,000 books were given away following Hurricane Irma.

- Middleburg residents are frustrated because the bridge over the south prong of Black Creek remained closed on County Road 218 for nearly two weeks following Hurricane Irma.

- Ollie's Bargain Outlet opens on Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park and shoppers were pleased to find prices similar to Black Friday sales.

10 years ago, 2012

- The Clay County School Board decides to review the county's first charter school application again after deciding Orange Park Performing Arts Academy didn't meet all the minimum requirements.

- County businesses push for the passage of an amendment on the November ballot to revise the time alcohol can be sold from 2 p.m. to 7 a.m.

- Thousands attend the two-day 30th annual Orange Park Fall Festival.

20 years ago, 2002

- Former Penney Farms Town Clerk Patricia Ann Dixon is arrested and charged with grand theft after \$8,031.76 goes missing from the town's general fund.

- Clay Behavioral Health Center asks the Board of County Commissioners to create KidsNet, an organization designed to work with the Florida Department of Children and Families.

- The Ridgeview High boys and girls cross country teams win the county championship meet.

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Opinions ...

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Tammy

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medicine program offered by Clay County Fire Rescue and Clay Behavioral. Battalion Chief Glenn East became a mentor, and his smile was heartfelt as she spoke.

"I met Chief East and I was supported through the program with the stuff you need," Tammy said. "It's a big family. It's big. Like, you can't just do it with just one. It's all about buying into the stuff, and we need that help out there."

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Clay is one of seven Florida counties that will pioneer the CORE program that offers a pathway toward recovery, including specialized care, counseling and clinical

and medical treatment following an overdose.

Tammy said beating a habit was difficult. But so was being a junkie.

She has four children and her mother currently is rearing the two oldest, and her sister has the two youngest.

"They told me they want to be around me every day now because I'm a changed person," she said. "Before, they didn't want

to be around me. I wanted to be around them, but the drug took my life."

Tammy always will be an addict. Nobody ever walks away from the urges. The chance of a setback is part of the recovery.

"It's one day at a time. It's one step at a time. It's one minute at a time," Tammy said. "There's still urges. You know, there's smells and stuff that will just bring it back into your mind."

"You just got to be able to fight that. I had an encounter about three weeks ago where somebody offered me something and I literally felt my life slipping through my fingers. I don't want to be there that no more. I don't want that and I can't do it."

"This disease is baffling and powerful. It is a disease that we need medicine to help us get through it. And without that, we can't do it on our own."

Well said.

Pumpkin

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"The bleach trick is quite clever and can add around a week extra onto the lifespan of the pumpkin," Vincent states. "When you dip the pumpkin in bleach you're effectively killing off any bacteria and organisms that exist on the skin of the fruit, without these present the rotting process is staved off for a little while longer."

You can use this method by rinsing your pumpkin after it's been carved. Then, grab a bucket big enough for the pumpkin to be fully submerged in, and fill it up with water. Drop in around three teaspoons of bleach and then place the pumpkin in the solution and hold it down for around 2-3 minutes.

After this, take it out and leave it to dry, job done.

How about vinegar?

"If you don't feel comfortable using bleach, vinegar works just as well," Vincent states. "Similarly to the bleach, vinegar rids the pumpkin of any fungi and bacteria which slows the rotting process."

For this trick, fill up a bucket of water and add in some splashes of vinegar. Soak the pumpkin for around 30 minutes and allow it dry.

This option is better for those who will

be placing their pumpkins outside, as it is safer for the surrounding wildlife if they decide to have a quick nibble. A good tip to avoid being haunted by the vengeful spirits of local critters for the rest of your life.

Final tip

"Keep your pumpkin as moist as you possibly can," Vincent said.

Shouldn't be too hard to do in Florida.

"When you carve the pumpkin you're turbocharging the oxidation process, which leads to rotting. Mist the pumpkin with water on a regular basis," Vincent said.

He also recommends avoiding candles and flames in or near the pumpkin when possible, as it only dries the fruit out further. LEDs are the way to go.

If you're placing the pumpkin outside try and keep them in a dry, covered spot – too much sun will have the pumpkins looking mushy in no time. Similarly, too much rain can create mould so keep it covered," Vincent states.

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that was created in Middleburg.

40 years ago, 1982

- The county commission agrees with the Local Government Study Commission to prepare a job description for a new county administrator.

- The Clay County Chamber of Commerce recognized Anita Jones (Outstanding Military Spouse) and Nick Chapman (Outstanding Citizen of the Year).

- The Hickory Cove Baptist Church stages the musical drama "Home Again – A Portrait of a Family" at its Sunday services.

History

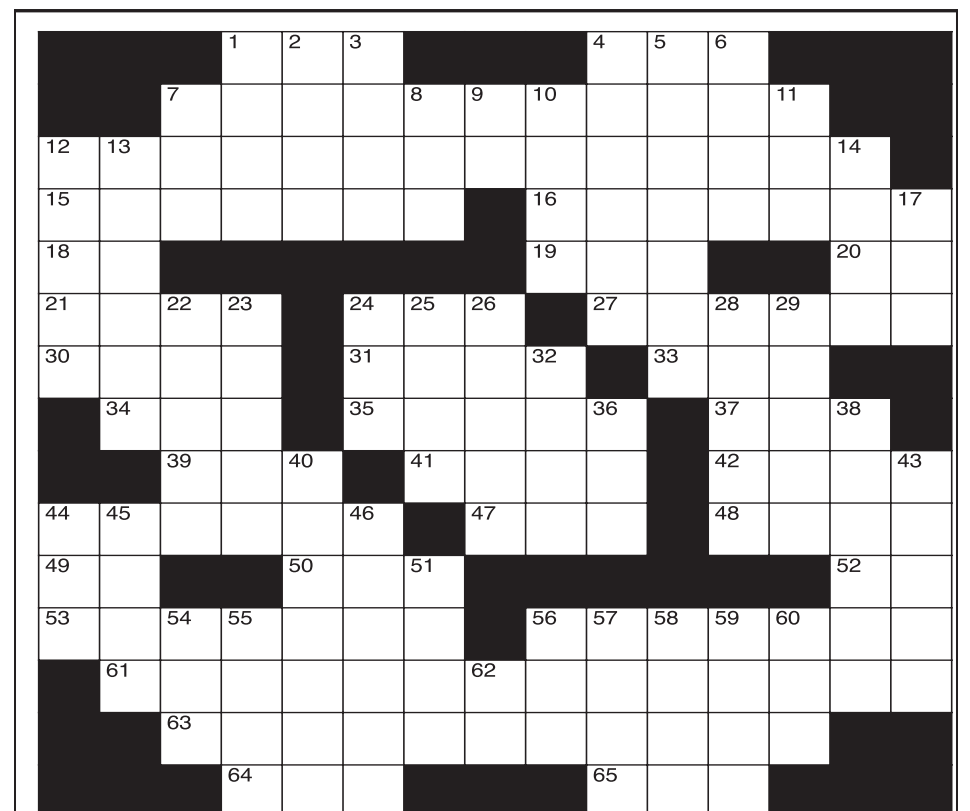
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30 years ago, 1992

- The Orange Park Town Council approves the sale of \$6 million in bonds to fund five water and sewer projects.

- Etta Cooper Robinson, 34, of Keystone Heights, is killed in an accident at the intersection of Gasline Road and Blanding Boulevard, while two others were life-flighted to area hospitals.

- The three-day air show at the NAS Jacksonville will feature the Blue Angels, the Navy's primary demonstration team



CLUES ACROSS

- Unhappy
- Clairvoyance
- One who works under you
- What happens there stays there
- Not ingested
- Got the picture
- One thousandth of a gram
- Breakfast item
- About
- Tall deciduous trees
- Safe keeping receipt
- Cowardly
- Pueblo people of New Mexico
- Herring-like fish
- A very large body of water
- Angle (abbr.)
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- White clerical vestment
- Cool!
- Matchstick games
- Thick piece of something
- A state that precedes vomiting
- Burned item residue
- Jaguarundi
- Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)

CLUES DOWN

- Fijian capital
- Assist
- Elected lord in Venice
- The capacity of a physical system to do work
- People of the wild
- Parent-teacher groups
- Midway between south and southeast
- Moved quickly on foot
- Handheld Nintendo console
- 'Top of the Stairs' playwright
- Electronic data processing
- 'Dog Day Afternoon' director
- Leaned
- About aviation
- Mountain is a popular type
- Lake along Zambia and Congo border
- Heroic tales
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- 'Star Trek' villain
- Hand gesture popular on social media
- Renters have one
- Tubular steel column
- Database management system
- Similar
- Providing no shelter or sustenance
- Death
- What a sheep did
- Midcentury Asian battleground
- Horizontal passage into a mine
- Mortified
- Improper word
- No seats available
- Financial obligation
- It can be hot or iced
- Tough outer skin of a fruit
- ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- Misfortunes
- Negative
- Camper

Clay embarks on program that treats CORE issues of opioid addiction

By Don Coble
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MIDDLEBURG – After a successful two-year test run in Palm Beach County, Florida's Coordinated Opioid Recovery program (CORE) will soon expand to seven other counties in the next two months, including Clay County.

State and local officials in the fight against opioid addiction, including Florida Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo, Asst. Secretary for Substance Abuse and Mental Health for the Florida Department of Children and Families Erica Floyd Thomas, program architect and Deputy Secretary for Health Dr. Kenneth A. Scheppke joined officials with the Clay County Health Department, Fire Rescue and Clay Behavior Tuesday to announce the revolutionary program that's designed to offer resources to break the vicious cycle of addiction.

"We're here for a terrible reason in terms of the opioid crisis and all the harm that it has inflicted on Floridians and also around the country," Ladapo said. "But we're also here for a really hopeful reason because we've come with a part of the solution."

CORE is a comprehensive approach that expands overdose responses and treats the primary and secondary impacts of substance abuse disorder. Floridians battling with addiction can utilize CORE to

receive medically assisted treatment that is specialized to sustain a clean pathway to success. CORE will be expanded in two phases. Phase one counties include Clay, Brevard, Duval, Escambia, Gulf, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, and Volusia counties.

Typically, when somebody overdoses, they're taken to the nearest hospital and released once they are out of danger. Once CORE is operational, an overdose patient will be treated by EMTs and emergency response technicians who have training in substance abuse. They then will be transported to a medical facility that's also equipped to deal with addictions, similar to someone who is taken to a trauma center.

Treatment will include a sustainable clinical pathway to sobriety, including a transfer to a multi-specialty medical group to start medication-assisted treatment.

"Addiction is heartbreaking for all in-



Dr. Kenneth A. Scheppke



Irene Toto

involved, and we ultimately want to help people address the stress traumas that led them to addiction," Lapapo said when the program was unveiled in August. "One day the standard of care will address the trauma and the stress, but until then we have the evidence-based practices that exist in place.

This program is an applied, intensive application to managing addiction through powerful, effective practice that connects people to what they need to get out of the horrific cycle of addiction."

The county already has a community paramedicine program that focuses on providing treatment and Narcan kits. To better focus on drug-related emergencies, Clay County Fire Rescue recently opened a community paramedicine office at the Grande Olde Plaza in Middleburg.

"It's important for us not to underestimate what it means to offer someone a helping hand," Floyd said. "And that's our ultimate goal because department we're able to do that.

The CORE network maximizes those moments of impact by comprehensively connecting the pieces. In addition to hospital services, outpatient treatment, medication-assisted treatment and peer support services.

"We want to make sure that we're meeting people at the right place, at the right

time, in the right moment that we're able to support them. We know that substance use disorder is not acute or episodic. It's a lifelong journey of recovery, and we want to be here on that journey of recovery."

CCFR Battalion Chief Glenn East, who runs the community paramedicine program, said 24 people have remained sober for at least six months after participating in the county's program. He also said nearly 200 have been – or still are participating – in the program.

One of the 24, Tammy Bugely, told her gripping story of living as a heroin and fentanyl addict for 20 years. She said she struggled to remain sober for the past 16 months.

"In May, almost two years ago, I overdosed," she said. "My daughter and my mom found me in the bathroom, blue and almost dead."

Another facet of the program is stabilizing other challenges facing addicts, like medical and mental health conditions, dental care and social services that can help with career training, housing or food insecurity.

"We can cure a lot of problems in our society," Scheppke said.

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Moonlight on Magnolia offers ghostly tales of Orange Park's past

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – Magnolia Cemetery will be alive with activity on Saturday with the annual Moonlight on Magnolia tours.

The Historical Society of Orange Park will be giving a tour of one of the town's cornerstones, as well as telling stories about the people who helped shape the town's history.

The event will run for two hours, starting at 4 p.m. The event features guided tours led by interpreters dressed in period clothing telling the stories of Orange Park and its former residents. Tours take approximately 45 minutes and follow the paved roads within the cemetery, so please plan accordingly.

The event is free to attend, but donations are welcomed to support programs by the Historical Society.

Parking for the event will be available at First Baptist Church of Orange Park located at 1140 Kingsley Ave., just west of Magnolia Cemetery.



Jana Kinder (above) portrayed town merchant Pauline Wylie, while Carolyn Clark (below) portrayed former Orange Park resident Carrie Clarke and Cindy Cheatwood (right) leads a tour through the cemetery.



Visitors should bring a water bottle and if you come for the last tour, bring a flashlight.

For more information, visit www.ophistory.org.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and on Tuesday November 22, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BEING THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 93-16, AS AMENDED, AND COMPRISING THE ZONING AND LAND USE PROVISIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 3-33B.6. TO EXEMPT LAKE ASBURY VILLAGE CENTERS LESS THAN 10 ACRES IN SIZE FROM THE QUANTIFICATION OF USES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners

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Jailhouse rocks: Tours, treats, theater featured at 'Tales from the Clink'

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The line for the tour of the Old Jail often backed into the courtyard of the Historic Triangle on Thursday, Oct. 20. With the occasional exception of a child running against the flow to escape the spooky atmosphere, everything moved smoothly.

This year's Tales from the Clink attracted more than 400, according to Clerk of the



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

The line heading into the Old Jail was long, but steady during this year's Tales from the Clink, while drama students (above) from Ridgeview High prepare for a reenactment of the murder of Sheriff Joseph Peeler. There also were plenty of things for younger visitors like Waylon who played an oversized game of Jenga.



Circuit Court Tara Green, whose office promoted the event. Compared to the crowd from two years ago – it was shut down a year ago by COVID-19 – the number of visitors jumped by more than 150.

"This is very successful. We're extremely pleased," Green said.

In addition to candlelight tours of the jail, visitors were able to watch mock trials in the Old Courthouse and watch reenactments by the Ridgeview High drama team of some of the city's historic moments and famous prisoners, like ax murderer Ruben Reed, Abe Middleton, who was executed

for shooting a man in Orange Park and the murder of Sheriff Joseph Peeler, who was trying to break up an argument between two men. Visitors also had the chance to see other historical documents in the county store, including a room filled with a Slim Whitman exhibit.



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Single-family homes now for sale at Double Branch in Oakleaf

For Clay Today

OAKLEAF – PulteGroup, one of the nation’s leading home builders, announces sales are underway at Double Branch. Located in Double Branch is a new construction community offering single-family homes from the \$300,000s.

“After hosting a successful VIP sales event, we are pleased to officially open at Double Branch,” said Tony Nason, Division President of PulteGroup’s Northeast Florida Division. “Many of today’s buyers



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are looking for homes in locations that are near outdoor recreation areas and also

offer the conveniences of highways and shopping. Our newest single-family home community in Clay County is ideal for families of all ages with its innovative single-family homes built with the homeowner in mind.”

Double Branch offers 50-foot and 60-foot homesites and 11 consumer-inspired, single-family home designs, ranging in size from 1,590 square feet to more than 4,000 square feet. Pulte’s wide range of home plans includes three to seven bedrooms with thoughtfully designed spaces, sophisticated upgrades and spacious modern living. Model homes will open in early 2023. Double Branch has no CDD fees and low HOA dues. The community includes a Fiber Network that provides fast, reliable, multi-

user internet needed in homes today and in the future.

Double Branch residents enjoy a variety of amenities including community parks, a children’s playground, a dog park, nature trails and more. The community is a short drive from state parks and recreational areas.

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Cops and gobblers

GCSPD's Trunk or Treat highlights city's Halloween festivities

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The police department is expecting one of the largest crowds of trick-or-treaters and families at Saturday's Trunk or Treat party, and like all good cops, they are prepared.

The police department at 1001 Idlewild Ave. was transformed into a playground, full of games, prizes, food, a scare tent and, of course, candy. The party will run from 6-9 p.m.

"We finished the scare tent," said GCSPD Chief John Guzman on Tuesday. "We'll be ready for Saturday."

Based on last week's crowd for Tales from the Clink across the street at the Historic Triangle, Guzman said thousands are expected. The crowd at Tales from the Clink nearly doubled the largest crowd from two years ago.

"The last time we did it, we took an informal count and I think it was a couple of years ago. There were more than 1,000 there," Guzman said. "I expect a large crowd because of everything we've seen since COVID, the attendance numbers



have increased for just about everything. We think there will be thousands here this year."

Trunk or Treat is hosted by the police department with volunteer support from City staff. There also will be decorated trunks, dance and costume contests, a canned food drive, and so much more. This is a free event for the community run by volunteers, donations and sponsorships, including the recent Rock the Dock in September at the Elks Club. That night of entertainment, food and poker raised more than \$3,000 toward covering the expenses for Saturday.

Community Briefs

Pet adoption story could fetch \$100,000 award for Clay County's Animal Services

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Did a pet you adopted from Clay County Animal Services change your life? Petco Love and Clay County Animal Services want to hear about it.

Submit your greatest Love Story and photos detailing how your adopted pet has changed your life, and the Shelter at Clay County Animal Services could win up to \$100,000 to support their ongoing life-saving efforts in our community. The winning submitter will also be eligible for other great prizes from Petco.

Visit Petcolove.org/lovestories for contest details and submit your love story to ClayAdoptions@ClayCountyGov.com before Nov. 7 for a chance to win great prizes and help your community animal shelter.

Boston butt fundraiser to limit reservations to 600 orders

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Vinyard Transitional Center is accepting reservations for its annual Boston butt fundraiser to earn money for the nonprofit group

that provides a halfway house where as many as 32 Clay County Jail inmates can learn skills and find stability before transitioning back into society.

Each butt costs \$35 and can be picked up on Nov. 18 and 19. This year's fundraiser will be limited to the first 600 orders, according to Pastor John Sanders.

To order a Boston butt, visit John Sanders' Facebook page, or call Sanders at (904) 305-4641, Joseph Smith at (904) 343-1869 or Amy Brownfield at (904) 465-6923. Carter Q Catering will do the smoking, along with volunteers James Padgett, Jimmie Weeks and Bill Clayton.

Run for Ru benefit ride hitting the streets on Nov. 6

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Poker Run for Ru to help with his mounting medical expenses will be staged on Nov. 6 and include five area saloons.

Runar "Ru" Einarsson required an emergency craniotomy to stop unexpected bleeding in his brain. His medical expenses already have exceeded \$100,000.

Registration for the run will be between 10-11 a.m. at Saloon 17, 3297 U.S. Highway 17 in Green Cove Springs. The ride starts at 11 a.m. and will make stops

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"Every Halloween parents need to do their due diligence and look at the candies that their kids have been given before they allowed are allowed to eat them," Cook said. "They shouldn't allow the kids to eat something they don't know, something that's not one of the traditional candies or seems to be in a weird wrapper. I would be hesitant to let my kids eat those for any reason. You know, if you get candies in a Ziploc or candies in some sort of nontraditional wrapping, I would probably pull those aside."

There has been a lot of reporting in the past few months about how smugglers are disguising fentanyl as candy. The Drug Enforcement Administration, however, said the overwhelming number of rainbow-colored fentanyl is packaged as candy to elude law enforcement at the borders and not to be distributed as candy. Once in the United States, most is pressed into pills and not given away as candy.

"People see that and they're like, 'How could you say that children are not being targeted?' But the fact of the matter is, in situations like that, mules or dealers or whomever, they're using these candy boxes as a means to smuggle," Dr. Stephanie Widmer, a medical toxicologist and emergency medicine physician in New York, told ABC News. "That's not how they're distributing them to kids on Halloween. It's two different scenarios. I understand it looks bad and I understand it looks scary to see drugs in candy boxes, but people are not handing out candy boxes full of drugs. That's just not the reality of what's going on."

Cook said the best line of defense is knowing your children.

"I think parents just need to be smart and use common sense and take a look at the maturity level of their children, their neighborhood," she said. "If I'm in an established neighborhood that I know has



sidewalks and good lighting, I'd probably give my kids a little bit more leeway than some of the neighborhoods that don't have sidewalks or good lighting.

"If I've been in the same neighborhood for 10 years, I know all my neighbors and there are good sidewalks and lighting, then you're more apt to let them run around a little bit on their own. It just goes back to parents using common sense. Parents are smart and they just need to go with what their gut tells them as far as their child's safety."

That means inspecting every piece of candy. If it looks funny, set it aside. If it's obvious it's been tampered with, parents should consider calling the sheriff's office's non-emergency number at (904) 264-6512.

Old lessons of safety should be followed, too. Children should travel in groups and in neighborhoods they know. They should be extremely careful crossing streets, and they should use flashlights or glow sticks to be more visible. Children wearing masks should be more careful since their vision may be limited.

Of course, there are other options for a safe night, like Trunk or Treats with family-friendly activities – and plenty of candy.

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stops at The Howling Wolf in Melrose, Lit'l Caesar's Dive Bar in Interlachen, 3-D Saloon in Palatka and end at the Boogerville Hideout Bar in Green Cove Springs.

The ride costs \$20 a person and all vehicles are welcome. Live music will be performed by Jinxx Band; food will be served by BAD AZZ Grill at Boogerville; and, there will be a 50/50 raffle.

For more information, call Bart at (904) 307-2444, or to contribute, visit gofund.me/5d0302bf.

Green Cove Springs Police asking for candy donations

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – In preparation of its annual Trunk or Treat party on Oct. 29, the Green Cove Springs Police Department has established seven dropoff locations for candy donations to be distributed to children from 6-9 at the department at 1001 Idlewild Ave. Candy can be left at the police department, City Hall at 321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs Vystar Credit Union at 601 N. Orange Ave., Snooty Fox in Middleburg at 4182 County Road 218, Something Special 425 Walnut St. in Green Cove Springs, Hagan Hardware at 1305 N. Orange Ave. in Green Cove

Springs and Spring Park Coffee at 328 Ferris St. in Green Cove Springs. There will be decorated trunks, food, games, scare tent, dance and costume contests and canned food drive. For information about volunteering, call Victoria at (904) 297-7322.

Volunteers needed for Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Green Cove Springs Business League is looking for volunteers to help with this year's Christmas Parade on Dec. 3.

The annual event will start at 6 p.m. at Houston Street on Orange Avenue and end on Walnut Street.

The parade is billed as the largest nighttime parade in Northeast Florida and the second-largest event (to the Clay County Agriculture Fair) in the county.

This year's theme is Super Heroes.

To volunteer or for more information, visit gcsbl.com/parade.

Portable toilets added at City Pier during shrimping season

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – To help fishermen during the hectic shrimping season, the City of Green Cove Springs has added portable toilets by the City Pier in Spring Park through the end of October. They will be accessible before the park's permanent restrooms are opened.

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Oct. 27

 Middleburg High Trunk or Treat will be at the high school at 3750 County Road 220 from 5:30-7 p.m. Wear your scariest or cutest costume and enjoy candy, photo opportunities, music and games.


 Orange Park High will host its Trunk or Treat from 5:30-7 p.m. at 2300 Kingsley Ave. Candy, photo opportunities and games will be on tap, while attendees can wear their cutest or scariest costumes.


 Keller Williams First Coast Realty Trunk or Treat will be from 4-6 p.m. at 151 College Dr. in Orange Park. Dress up in your best costume and enjoy a high of spooky fun, music, games and candy.


Oct. 28


 Clay County Sheriff's Office Trunk or Treat will be at the Orange Park

Walmart, 899 Blanding Blvd., from 5-9 p.m. Come see first responder vehicles and candy for children.


 Middleburg Martial Arts will be home to a Trunk or Treat festival on Friday from 9-10:30 p.m. at 2360 Blanding Boulevard.

 Allegro Fleming Island will host a Trunk and Treat for families and friends from 4-6 p.m. at 3651 U.S. Highway 17. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.


 Dye Clay YMCA's Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival will be celebrated from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 3322 Moody Ave. in Orange Park. Night will be filled with games, food and fun. The Pumpkin Plunge will be at 6:30 p.m. Event is free.


 Fleming Island High Trunk or Treat will be at 2233 Village Square Pkwy.

from 6-8 p.m. Candy, crafts, games and a costume contest will be featured.


 Licini's Trunk or Treat will be at 782 Foxridge Center Dr. in Orange Park from 4:30-6:30 p.m.


 Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club Carts and Candy will start at 5 p.m. at 3670 Clubhouse Dr. in Green Cove Springs. There will be hayrides, best-decorated golf cart contest, fhoulish food court, Halloween food, photo opportunities and trick and treating from cart to cart.


 Middleburg United Methodist Trick or Treat at the Pumpkin Patch will be from 6-8 p.m. at 3295 Main St. Trunk and treat until all the candy is gone!


 Premier Martial Arts and Achieve Fitness' Trunk or Treat will be from 5-8 p.m. at 2349 Village Square Pkwy. on Fleming Island. They will have several bounce houses, as well as music and trunks filled with candy.

Oct. 29

 Green Cove Springs Trunk or Treat will be at the Police Department from 6-9 p.m. There will be decorated trunks, food, games, a scare tent, dance and costume contests and a canned food drive.


 A community dinner will be served ahead of Boo on the Boulevard from 4-6 p.m. at the Mission on the Dirt Road at 7790 State Road 100 in Keystone Heights.

 Boo on the Boulevard will be celebrated along Lawrence Boulevard in downtown Keystone Heights from 5-9 p.m. Children can trick-or-treat along the business corridor and be treated to the fares of food trucks and watching the free movie "Hocus Pocus" at 7:30 p.m. at Keystone Beach.


 Spring Chapel's Fall Festival will be on Saturday from 2-6 p.m. at 1106 N. Orange Ave. in Green Cove Springs. There will be games, a petting zoo, a bounce house, food, an obstacle course race and cake.


 Adamec Harley-Davidson will host a Trunk or Treat on Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1520 Wells Road in Orange Park. There will be prizes for the best-decorated car and motorcycle, as well as games, candy and a cookout.


 American Legion Post 250 at 2608 Black Creek Dr. in Middleburg will host a Trunk or Treat from 1-4 p.m. Children are encouraged to wear costumes. Hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be for sale.

 Asbury United Methodist Church will offer a Trunk or Treat from 4-6 p.m. at 16 College Dr. in Orange Park. will have book and candy giveaways, plus special storytimes with Spider-Man. The pumpkin patch will be open and folks will have a chance to register their child(ren) with Child ID and/or Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

 Oakleaf Spooktacular Holiday Market will operate from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 845 Oakleaf Plantation Pkwy. Vendors, food trucks and trick or treating will be featured and each vendor will hand out candy.

 Boo at the Roo at Rooterville Animal Sanctuary will be from 10 a.m.-noon for younger children and 6-8 p.m. for Spooky Night hours. Bring treats for animals and dress up for best costume. Treats, games and prizes will be available at 5579 Darwood St., Melrose.

 Chance Custom and Detailing Trunk or Treat will be from 4-10 p.m. at 1289 County Road 218 in Middleburg. We will have Advanced Pump Service, Road Kill BBQ on the smoker making food, Black Creek Distilleries making drinks and Middleburg Academy of Dance hosting a costume contest. Event is free, but a \$10 wrist band will enter you in a raffle for door prizes.

 Dick's Wings Fleming Island's Trunk or Treat will be from 7-8 p.m. at 1803 East-West Pkwy. Children are invited to show off their costumes and enjoy treats.

More festivals, see 17

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 Henderson Haven's Trunk or Treat will be from 4-7 p.m. at 772 Foxridge Center Dr. in Orange Park. The family-friendly event will offer games, treats, music and local providers.


 Holey Moley Bagel Bar's Trunk or Treat will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 179 College Dr. in Orange Park. Music, games and treats will be featured.

 Keystone United Methodist Church will offer its Trunk or Treat from 10 a.m.-noon at 4004 S.E. State Road 21. Parents are encouraged to decorate the trunks of their cars while the children go trick or treating.


 St. Luke's Catholic Church will host its Trunk or Treat at 6:15 p.m. at 1606 Blanding Blvd. in Middleburg. Bring your decorated car and go home with plenty of candy while wearing your best costume.


 The Church of Argyle's Trunk or Treat will be from 5-7 p.m. at 6823 Argyle Forest Blvd. Candy and fun will be available.

 Ripple Effect Martial Arts' Trunk or Treat will be at 1851 Golden Eagle Pkwy., Unit 44, on Fleming Island at 2 p.m.


Oct. 30
 HCA Florida Middleburg Emergency will host a Trunk or Treat from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Not only will there be trick-or-treating, but the hospital also will serve ice cream and provide giveaways. Parents also can tour the new facility that's scheduled to open in November.


 Calvary Baptist Church will offer its Fall Festival and Trunk and Treat from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 1532 Long Bay Road in Middleburg. Attendees can trunk or treat for treats, enjoy gospel singing, hear testimonies, enjoy a bounce house, face painting, popcorn and hayrides.


 Candypalooza at Fleming Island United Methodist Church will be from 9:30-11 a.m. at 7170 U.S. Highway 17. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their best Halloween costume and everyone will leave with candy.


 Pet Paradise will host its Happy Howlo-ween Trunk or Treat at 1611 Isaac Way in Oakleaf from 6-8 p.m. There will

be games, treats and a costume booth in the parking lot. All dogs must be leashed.


 Island All-Stars' Trunk or Treat will be at 3260 U.S. Highway 17 in Green Cove Springs from 6-8 p.m.

 Skate Station Funworks Halloween Candy Scramble will be from 1-5 p.m. at 230 Blanding Blvd. in Orange Park. There will be prizes and candy.

Oct. 31
 The Orange Park Mall Candy Crawl will be from 5-6 p.m. at 1910 Wells Road. Children can show off their costumes and get candy from participating retailers.


 First Baptist Church of Middleburg and the Foxmeadows Subdivision will be home to its Fall Festival from 6-8 p.m. There will be a trunk competition and plenty of candy for children.


 The Calvary Assembly of God will host its Fall Fest on Monday from 6-9 p.m. at 9 Knight Boxx Road in Orange Park. There will be food trucks, inflatables, games, a dunk tank, face painting, a cake walk, candy and a photo booth.

 Moosehaven will have a Trick or Treat and a Haunted Maze on Monday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at 1701 Park Ave. in Orange Park. There will be ghosts, goblins, a happy haunted maze, food trucks


and an outdoor movie.

Nov. 4
 St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church will host its Fall Bazaar with attic treasures, handicrafts, book nook and photo booth from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; a silent auction from 9 a.m.-noon and 4-6 p.m.; and BINGO at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1649 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park.

 Penney Farms will host its Arts, Crafts, Plants and Bake sale along Clark Avenue from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

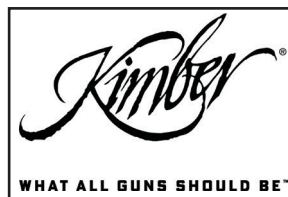
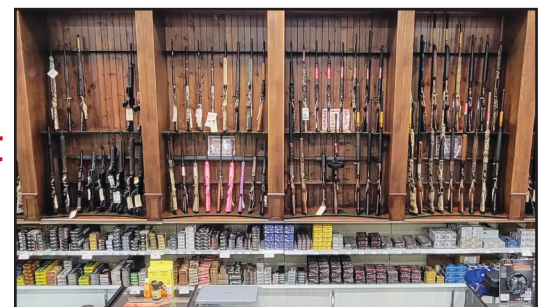
Nov. 5
 Penney Farms will host its Arts, Crafts, Plants and Bake sale along Clark Avenue from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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 True Life Church will host its Fall Festival from noon-3 p.m. at Four Silo Park, 2221 County Road 220 in Middleburg.

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NE Florida Clerks offering free service to protect against property, mortgage fraud

For Clay Today

JACKSONVILLE – Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court Tara Green was one of six clerks from Northeast Florida who said her office will provide a free service to protect home owners against property and mortgage fraud.

Six Clerks of Court joined forces to urge property owners in Clay, Baker, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties to proactively protect themselves against scammers who would steal their homes, vacant land or business property through fraudulent deeds or other official records.

Clerks Stacie D. Harvey, Jody Phillips, John A. Crawford, Matt Reynolds and Brandon J. Patty joined Green Monday at a joint press conference launching a regional campaign to urge property owners across northeast Florida to subscribe to free property fraud alert services offered by each Clerk's office.

"We ask property owners to partner with us, as we work to eliminate the attempts to steal homes and land," Green said. "Bad actors might get away with a fraudulent filing, but an alert sent to a registered property owner will quickly follow that allows the property owner to intervene."

Like paid commercial alert systems, the free noticing service does not prevent a fraudulent action from occurring. As a county's recorders of deeds and mortgages, Clerks of Court document property records but are not authorized to determine the validity of the record. The free notification service provides an early warning system for subscribers, giving them a tool

to become aware of fraudulent activity that may have otherwise gone undetected. Once notified, a property owner knows to contact law enforcement, seek legal advice, or even file a case in civil court.

"Property and identity fraud are national and local problems that can have a serious impact," said Reynolds, Putnam County Clerk. "By taking advantage of this service offered by the Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller's Office, citizens can get ahead of fraud and protect the things we have all worked so hard to achieve."

A key element of the partnership is a shared webpage that provides property fraud signup links in all six counties. The webpage is accessible through both www.ProtectYourFloridaProperty.com and www.ClerksAgainstFraud.com.

"Northeast Florida Clerks are united to fight property fraud across the region, as criminals don't stop at the county line," St. Johns Clerk Patty said. "Through our first-ever regional partnership and shared webpage, [ProtectYourFloridaProperty.com](http://www.ProtectYourFloridaProperty.com) and [ClerksAgainstFraud.com](http://www.ClerksAgainstFraud.com), we offer quick links to each of our six counties' signup pages. It couldn't be any easier for residents to subscribe and protect themselves against con artists and scammers who would steal their homes, land and commercial properties."

"This collaborative effort across county lines offers citizens throughout northeast Florida some peace of mind that these thieves can be interrupted," Nassau Clerk Crawford said. Nassau already has launched the county's new property fraud alert service. "Receiving notifications that something may be amiss is the first step



The Clerks of Court from six Northeast Florida counties, including Clay's Tara Green (fourth from left), created a program to help homeowners from being victims of mortgage and property fraud.

to fighting back. We encourage all property owners to register for this free service that your Clerks have implemented for your protection."

Property fraud is when someone illegally uses your property for financial gain. A common example is when a scammer creates a fraudulent document that will deed your home to them and then records that document in a county's official records. But property owners themselves can easily discern if ownership of their home or business has been modified – if they are notified that a change has occurred.

"We live in a time where technology is a huge part of our daily lives; although helpful, it can be scary. We are now seeing instances where your home and property can be digitally stolen from you by the filing of a fraudulent deed by scammers miles and miles away," said Baker Clerk Harvey. "As public servants of our counties, we as Clerks must work diligently daily to stay current with the times and educate our communities. We are asking all property owners to register with their local Clerk to get electronic notifications in reference to your own property. Although the notifica-

tion won't stop the fraudulent transaction, it will give the property owners the opportunity to right the wrong before it's too far gone."

To combat the nationwide rise in property and mortgage fraud, identity protection companies charge monthly or annual fees to monitor your official records. But your local Clerk of Court offers a free do-it-yourself option — simply subscribe to receive alerts when an official record document is recorded in your name(s) with that office.

"Property fraud alerts give individuals and businesses the tools they need to proactively monitor recorded documents and stop property fraud at its very source," Duval Clerk Phillips said. "I greatly appreciate my fellow Clerks joining with me on the front steps of the Duval County Courthouse today as we present a united front against those who would seek to steal from our communities." Visit the website, accessible through www.ProtectYourFloridaProperty.com or www.ClerksAgainstFraud.com, to sign up for this free service in each of these participating counties.

ACE Mentor Program Celebrates Alumni at Successful Kick-Off Event

JACKSONVILLE, FL — The ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida kicked off its 2022-2023 program with the Sporting Clay Fundraiser on Thursday, September 22 at Jacksonville Clay Target Sports. In only its second year, the event includes organizations from across the city of Jacksonville and has quickly become a staple in the non-profit's fundraising efforts. "I'm

beyond grateful for the overwhelming support from our community," said Affiliate Director Nicole Eubanks. "Their willingness to not only donate their time throughout the school year, but also give monetarily helps set these students up for success". The \$56,000 raised at the Clay Shoot will directly impact Northeast Florida high school students by way of educating, men-

toring, and awarding scholarships.

In addition to the funds raised, another highlight of the successful day included hearing from ACE Alumni and current Junior Mentor, Rebecca O'Neal. This past summer, Rebecca was awarded a NAC/ACE Alumni Scholarship from ACE National. She received a warm welcome at the

Clay Shoot as she spoke about her experience and appreciation for the ACE Mentor Program. "ACE has helped steer me in the right direction for pursuing a career in this industry. I hope to continue giving back to an organization that has greatly helped me," says Rebecca. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Civil Engineering at the

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Winn-Dixie parent company donates \$500,000 to Red Cross relief

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Southeastern Grocers Inc., parent company and home of Winn-Dixie grocery stores, donated \$500,000 to the American Red Cross to support vital emergency assistance, disaster preparedness and relief programs for communities in need. The donation includes \$250,000 to SEG's long-standing partner through the generous contributions of customers and associates during its recent community donation program held in its stores. The grocer's charitable arm, the SEG Gives Foundation, donated an additional \$250,000 to the organization earlier this year in preparation for hurricane season. Every cent donated will support the Red Cross Disaster Relief in helping families and individuals as they recover from natural disasters through food, shelter, counseling and other needed assistance.

Raymond Rhee, Chief People Officer for Southeastern Grocers, said: "After experiencing Hurricane Ian's devastating force over our Florida communities, we've witnessed firsthand how the American Red Cross provides a lifeline to neighbors in need on the long road to recovery. We are humbled by our customers and associates who generously donated at our registers throughout the five coastal states we serve, and their support allows us to continue to stand with the Red Cross to support their crucial storm recovery and relief programs to strengthen and rebuild our communities when they are most vulnerable."

Winn-Dixie customers and associates throughout the Southeast supported the program by donating \$1, \$5 or rounding up their grocery bill to the nearest dollar while shopping their local stores during the month of September. Following the vast devastation caused by Hurricane Ian, the

donation program was extended through Oct. 18 in Florida stores to further support recovery and rebuilding efforts for affected communities. Additionally, SEG immediately responded after the storm to ensure its associates and neighbors were taken care of by dispatching mobile pharmacies and providing essentials like bottled water, ice, nonperishable food and cleaning supplies to more than 2,000 Southwest Florida families.

SEG has a long-standing partnership with the Red Cross, a national nonprofit whose mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies through the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Last year, SEG, together with the SEG Gives Foundation and generous customers, donated more than \$815,000 to aid and support disaster relief efforts.



Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register
True Life Church
Clay County

Keep Moving Forward!

Being a follower of Christ doesn't mean we are immune from the challenges and difficulties of this life. Remember, Jesus Himself suffered! What we do receive from our faith is a new perspective in which to process our pain, the strength to endure whatever we are facing, and an undeniable hope for the future.

Sadly, everyone faces difficulties in life. What will we do to get through? Give up? or persevere? We must keep moving ahead! This is God's will for us in Jesus, and God has the final word. Webster's Dictionary defines perseverance as the "continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition." As believers, we can understand perseverance as rooting ourselves in the truth of who God is and continuing forward.

To find the strength to persevere, all we have to do is continue to walk the path God has laid before us. When we cling to Him and His strength, He will lend us His power and walk by our side as we go through life. God always promises incredible, eternal rewards for those who continue to walk in the faith despite the challenges of the world. Galatians 6:9 says, "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

One of those blessings is the development of our character, leading to immense hope in our eternal life to come. In light of this, we can welcome our struggles as opportunities to grow more Christ-like. Romans 5:3-4 says, "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

God will help you to view the difficulties of this life in a different light. Remember that God is stronger than anything that will ever come against you. You can stand tall as His child and confidently repel the attacks of the enemy. When you do, you will come out on the other side as a stronger child of God! You will have persevered, developed a deepened spiritual character and experience joy because of the hope within you of an eternity spent with a loving God.

You can write the Pastor at pastorbilly@findtruelife.com.

Expert provides tips to organize home for Fall

Submitted by StatePoint

From the walk-in closet to the kitchen pantry, catch-all spots make all the difference in daily routines – but only if they're kept neat and tidy.

Family organizing expert Jessica Litman, also known as "The Organized Mama," is on a mission to help families declutter and stay organized. She's sharing her pro tips for getting your home in shape for this busy time of year.

Clear Away Cabinet Clutter. 'Tis the season for autumn chili, stew and other comfort foods. That means it's also time to put your essential slow cookers and pans where you can reach them, so food prep will be hassle-free.

"When the weather starts to cool, I swap out summer cookware for winter bakeware," says Litman. "I put the grilling items in the back of the cabinet and pull the turkey roaster and baking dishes to the front."

For added storage, Litman recommends using a shelf rack or vertical organizer to keep cutting boards and pie pans neatly upright and easily accessible.

Prep the Pantry. Create a system that gives grab-and-go snacks and cooking necessities a home. This will help keep the kitchen tidy during busy work and school schedules.

"Do a pantry cleanout," Litman says. "Remove everything from the area and wipe down the shelves. Take the canned goods you didn't eat and donate them to a local food bank."

Use a combination of Duck brand's Clear Classic EasyLiner shelf liner and new con-



tainers to restore order to the space. Measure the shelves, cut the liner to length and then lay it flat. The shelf liner is durable, waterproof and designed to keep surfaces dry while making them easy to wipe clean. Use the measurements to get an idea of what size bins will best fit the area. Store crackers, cereal, oats and pasta in clear containers with labels, and put spices and seasonings in a slim organizer.

"Set up items similarly to grocery store shelves by placing like items together," Litman suggests. "When you do this, it's like you are shopping in your pantry instead of hunting for things."

Out with the Old. Before pulling out your fall wardrobe, declutter the piles of "stuff" from the closet. This will make your space seem bigger and more organized.

"Remove clothes from this past season," Litman recommends. "Look through each garment. If you didn't wear it, donate, toss or sell it."

Now that there is more room, hang an over-the-door shoe rack for rain boots and

work shoes and use a closet organizer to store accessories, such as belts, purses and scarves. Litman also recommends dry cleaning winter jackets now so they're ready to wear when cold weather comes.

Find Balance in the Bathroom. Whether it's the primary bath or the kids' washroom, make the most of your space by organizing everything into different categories, like towels and haircare. Once everything is grouped, you can decide what will be kept where based on the available areas. Use a tray on the counter and bins in pullout drawers.

Litman says to wipe and line surfaces, especially under the sink, with Solid Grip EasyLiner with Clorox before putting essentials away. Antimicrobial agents inhibit mold and mildew growth to protect the liner, and will catch makeup smudges and water spills to give the area an extra clean feeling. She also recommends waiting until after the organizing process to buy bins and caddies, so you know exactly what you need.



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Franco selected as new CEO for Kids First of Florida

Special to Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – The board of directors at Kids First of Florida has announced the selection of Elizabeth Franco as Chief Executive Officer for the nonprofit agency. The organization provides child welfare and adoption services in Clay County.



Elizabeth Franco

Franco comes to the agency with extensive experience working with children, families, and professionals in the Child Welfare System in Clay County. As the previous Director of Clinical Operations at Clay Behavioral Health Center, she possesses expertise in Family Centered Practice, Trauma Informed Care, Foster Parent needs, and Substance Exposed Newborns. Mrs. Fran-

co has been responsible for developing programming for behavioral health services for at-risk children and families involved with the Child Welfare system. Her many partnerships within the community will enhance KFF's ability to provide quality services to children and families and will offer additional opportunities to further develop the system of care. Elizabeth looks forward to working with staff and community partners.

"I look forward to building stronger partnerships with our community resources," Franco said.

Irene Toto, who had served as the CEO for both Kids First of Florida and Clay Behavioral Health Center for 16 years, will continue to serve as the CEO at Clay Behavioral Health Center. She is excited about the addition of a new CEO at Kids First.

"As the two agencies have grown, we recognized that individual leadership would help both agencies meet all new

challenges," Toto said. "We are all excited about this next chapter for Kids First and we know that Elizabeth will lead the great team at KFF to achieve even more successful outcomes for children and families. We look forward to working together to build a healthier community."

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

Kids First of Florida is a community-based nonprofit agency that provides child welfare and foster care services in Clay County. There are currently approximately 300 children in care at Kids First of Florida. Clay Behavioral Health Center annually provides mental health and substance abuse disorder counseling and treatment to approximately 4,500 adults, teens, children and families in Clay County.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, TO AMEND LA FLU POLICY 1.4.10 TO EXEMPT LAKE ASBURY VILLAGE CENTERS LESS THAN 10 ACRES IN SIZE FROM THE QUANTIFICATION OF USES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Shrimping by the dock of the river

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Damien Mirack of Fleming Island casts a wide net in hopes of catching shrimp last week on the Spring Park Pier. Shrimp were running in the St. Johns River and Mirack found success with each throw, catching anywhere from five to 10 shrimp. Fishermen lined up on the pier at dusk, and most were able to fill their five-gallon buckets with the tasty crustacean.

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University of North Florida and is also a Junior Mentor at Riverside High School.

After a successful start to the school year, ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida looks to continue that with their upcoming Student Kick-Off held the week of October 31, 2022. Students will begin their journey through the after-school

program, taking on "real-world projects" through the help of volunteer industry professionals. The non-profit's goal is to help students gain an understanding of what architects, contractors, and engineers do on a daily basis.

To learn more about joining ACE Mentoring Program of Northeast Florida as a student or mentor, please visit www.ace-mentor.org/northeast-fl.

What's happening in Tallahassee

Monthly Legislative update by State Rep. Sam Garrison

Each month, Rep. Sam Garrison, whose District 18 includes Clay County, provides updates on proposed and passed bills that affect the county.

It's been two weeks since Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida, and large portions of our state are still reeling from its impact. While Clay County was spared Ian's worst, the storm's damage will be felt across the state for years to come.



Sam Garrison

Hurricane Ian proved again that as much as we try to predict natural disasters, nature is unpredictable and powerful. Clay County citizens and government officials followed Gov. Ron DeSantis' directives and our community was prepared for whatever came. Even so, if the storm hadn't taken a last-minute turn, the flooding we're seeing throughout the state would likely have been our reality, too.

Last week I traveled to Southwest Florida with other legislators to witness

the destruction firsthand, deliver relief supplies and work alongside numerous volunteers to serve hot meals, distribute water and lend a helping hand wherever we could. Pictures and videos don't come close to capturing the extent of the damage in places like Ft. Myers Beach and Sanibel Island. But we are One Florida and will always come together to help our friends in need. One example of this is Sheriff Michelle Cook, who sent a group of Clay County Sheriff's Deputies to assist with the massive law enforcement presence required there. CCSO deputies were on patrol throughout the area keeping order and preserving the peace.

Your state leaders are also responding quickly to support the recovery process. Last year, the legislature passed a \$500 million Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund for recovery following a hurricane or state emergency. Florida House and Senate leaders also held an emergency meeting of Florida's Legislative Budget Commission on Oct. 12 to release additional funds and support Gov. DeSantis' hurricane recovery efforts.

For more information on how to support Floridians recovering from Hurricane Ian, please visit [http://www.VolunteerFlorida.org%20/]www.VolunteerFlorida.org or www.FloridaDisasterFund.org.

As always, thank you for the honor of representing Clay County in the Florida House.



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Van Zants, Hard Rock give relief to Ian victims

HOLLYWOOD -- Lynyrd Skynyrd, along with 38 Special founding member Donnie Van Zant, made a \$100,000 donation to the Florida Disaster Fund during their "Big Wheels Keep on Turnin'" tour stop at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood in South Florida on Sunday, Oct. 16. The Seminole Tribe of Florida then matched the \$100,000 donation, totaling a \$200,000 contribution from the event. Gov. Ron DeSantis and First Lady Casey DeSantis were welcomed onstage for a check presentation by (from left) COO of Seminole Gaming David Hoenemeyer, Hollywood Councilman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida Chris Osceola, Skynyrd guitarist Rickey Medlocke, daughter Madison DeSantis, Ron DeSantis, Skynyrd front man Johnny Van Zant, Casey DeSantis, Donnie Van Zant, Skynyrd Tour Manager Ross Schilling and Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno. So far, more than \$45 million has been raised for the Florida Disaster Fund. To help with recovery in communities impacted by Hurricane Ian, visit www.FloridaDisasterFund.org or text DISASTER to 20222.

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'Hear My Heart: Poems that Speak to Life'

On Finding Beauty: An interview with Dr. Donna Richardson

By Kylie Cordell
For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The beauty of nature has a profound effect on us all, even if we're not aware of it.

It's the gateway from which the world outside is reflected inwards. When we appreciate the beauty of the outside world, we nourish the soul within. When we find wonder in nature, we are reminded of our enthusiasm for life. When we make peace with the world around us, we find peace in ourselves.

But what is it about nature that makes us feel or declare that it is beautiful? What drives us to write poetry and paint landscapes, to capture the beauty that is all around us?

For many, beauty comes from the delight of simply being alive. It is the growth and development of all things, a cycle of life and death. For Clay County resident, Mandarin High Principal and poet Dr. Donna Richardson,



Dr. Donna Richardson

beauty is the presence of God. It is a reminder that life is precious, and that we mustn't take it for granted.

"The observance of nature and the presence of God in every part of life spurs my creativity," said Richardson. "I write odes, to remind myself and others to be grateful for the world around us. In a world full of ugliness, we must focus on beauty."

Richardson just published her first collection, "Hear my Heart: Poems That Speak to Life," which covers 50 years of writing poetry. The heart-warming book became available on Sept. 7 and covers many topics from beauty and the appreciation of nature, God, family and the journey that has led her to where she is today. The collection can be found on Amazon.

Many of Richardson's poems come from her experience as a young woman to a wife, mother, student, teacher, principal,

friend, grandmother – and always a Christian.

"My poems are spiritual in nature," said Richardson.

Although Richardson didn't grow up with a literary background, she was inspired to write by a very influential Christian role model named Yvonne White. White sang in the Baptist Church Choir just two blocks from Richardson's childhood home for many years.

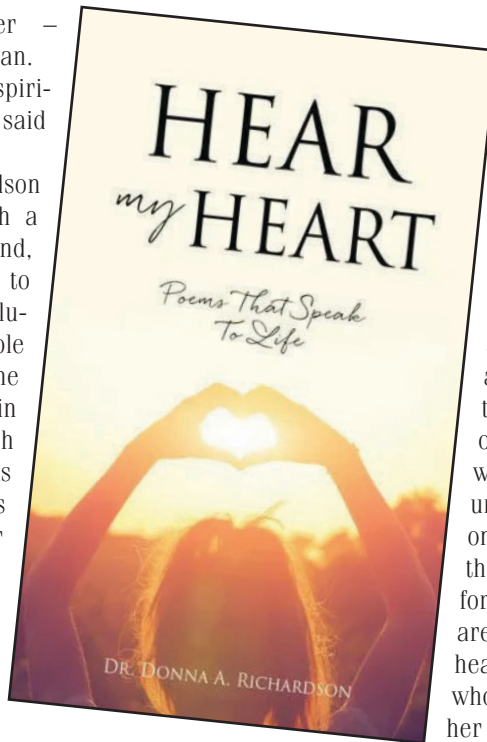
"I never forgot her influence in my life and can still hear her singing 'His Eye is on the Sparrow' in my dreams. She had a beautiful soprano voice," Richardson said.

Many of Richardson's poems emulate the rhythm, flow, and expression of a spiritual hymn.

"I want my poetry to sing," she said. "Hear My Heart: Poems that Speak to Life" captures both the beauty of life and the challenges along the way. But even through those challenges, Richardson trusts in her faith to lead her through even the most trying aspects of life.

"Having a child with Leukemia impacted my heart and made me gain insight into the power of prayer and the responsibility of parenting," she said. "Losing my parents was another difficult trial while marrying my high school sweetheart was a beautiful experience. Becoming a mother and a grandmother enveloped me in love and inspired me to write. Working on my four college degrees and becoming a teacher and principal inspired and rewarded me. Even retirement and growing older motivates me to write and provides me more time to do so."

Throughout her busy career, Richardson lets life "just roll over her." The beautiful and the ugly. "I took moments to com-



pose some of my deepest thoughts. I wrote all of these on pieces of paper and just tucked them away until I decided to share them with the world," she said.

The poems deal with both the beauty and fleetingness of life and the importance of treasuring every second that we have. The words within this volume will speak to anyone journeying through this life and searching for a companion. They are written from Donna's heart to an audience of whoever wishes to share her story.

"I want people to gain pleasure, comfort, and possibly a similar connection to one or more of my experiences and emotions," she said. "I hope to entertain and evoke certain emotions from the reader, as, when I wrote each one of them, I included a part of myself which I can never recapture."

Beauty can be found even in the most unlikely places. We don't need to open our eyes to find them, but our hearts. While there is so much beauty in this collection; "A kiss of dew upon a rose, a ray of light at dawn, a butterfly wing in a graceful pose, and a swiftly fleeing fawn. A tiger stalk-

ing a lonely prey, a beetle seeking cover. A mallard soaring above the day, and a seagull's perfect hover," she wrote in "A Kiss of Dew," real beauty is more than just jotted observations from an open window.

It comes from the emotional response of the reader, the feeling of joy and grief and wonder and everything in between. Thus, Richardson captures the most crucial part of the experience of beauty. She captures the essence of life.

"Writing fulfills me and enables me to share my heart with my fellow man. I want people to gain pleasure, comfort, and possibly a similar connection to one or more of my experiences and emotions," she said. A sampling of comments on the book's recent publication includes:

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"After reading through these heart-felt poems I was truly touched and impressed with the poet's grasp of words and rhyme. She certainly touched my heart and I will read them over and over again. I loved it!"

Isabelle Batchelder
Clay County Resident

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"Hear My Heart: Poems That Speak To Life" is indeed a book from the heart. It is an invitation into the author's own life as a faithful woman, wife, mother, and educator. The beauty of the landscape of Dr. Richardson's life is reflected in her poetry. These poems will engage and inspire the reader."

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Orange Park's Gittrich helps create career paths for Navy recruits

By Chief Petty Officer Diana Quinlan
Commander, Navy Recruiting Command

PHILADELPHIA – In one of Navy Talent Acquisition Group Philadelphia's stations, Navy Recruiting Station Westminster, Maryland, Navy Counselor 1st Class Matthew Gittrich sits down with an applicant and meticulously describes the ins and outs of naval life: from boot camp to further education, jobs, and even family and finances. Out of his 11 years of naval service, he has already dedicated five years to recruiting and has made it his priority to ensure his future sailors start their careers in the Navy with an educated plan.

The majority of the young men and women he speaks to in schools do not know much about the Navy, nor have a military family background, just as he knew very little before joining. But Gittrich made it his goal to thoroughly guide future sailors, as the first familiarization with the Navy starts with a recruiter.

Like many young men, the Orange Park native yearned for adventures outside of York, Pennsylvania, paired with a desire for personal and financial independence. While others may have chosen college, that solution wouldn't free them from financial dependency. Instead, he chose to explore the military. After learning about what each branch had to offer, the Navy won him over, and as an electronics technician (navigation), he began his journey aboard the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS West Virginia.

"The Navy offers many technical jobs that translate well into the civilian world, and that is something I always teach my applicants," shared Gittrich. "For example, with my background in electronics and working aboard submarines, I already have a substantial resume, on top of college credits from Navy's training. The sky is really the limit when you apply yourself,



PHOTO BY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER DIANA QUINLAN

Navy Counselor 1st Class Matthew Gittrich, an Orange Park native assigned to Navy Talent Acquisition Group Philadelphia, poses for a photo during Maryland Fleet Week and Flyover Baltimore. Gittrich was featured as a recruiter in the spotlight for Navy Recruiting Command, which consists of a command headquarters, three Navy Recruiting Regions, and 26 Navy Talent Acquisition Groups that serve more than 1,000 recruiting stations across the world.

pick more skills along the way while serving, have a stable job, expand work experience and receive an education."

Gittrich took to heart his mentors' words to always find a new skill to learn, develop and grow oneself - something he also passes on to his future sailors to ensure their future success in the Navy and after the service: "the more skills you have, the more hireable you are, make a better candidate when looking for jobs, whether you do four years or 20 in the Navy. It provides you with flexibility of what type of job you want to do, opens up many avenues to apply yourself and learn a multitude of skills that can be used both in the military and civilian world."

Volunteering in his local community and schools also allowed Gittrich to break up myths and misconceptions about the Navy that many people may have, as well as educate parents and families of future sailors on what to expect.

"I think the biggest thing in recruiting is making them [applicants] understand that we are real people, and our life is not just the Navy. We have lives separate from the military, and we do all the same things that they do on a daily basis," explained Gittrich. "The hobbies you enjoy, sports you play - they will not disappear because you've joined the Navy. In fact, the diversity, experience and culture in the Navy may hone the skills you already possess, while also covering the expenses. In a nutshell, the Navy is just simplifying and making your life easier, it has done so for me and my family, and I hope to share it with others." As a sailor and a recruiter, he made it his mission to educate and guide young men and women from step one. The culmination of all the hard work he puts in at the beginning, teaching future sailors the basics about the Navy, and later seeing them graduate boot camp, especially at the top of their class, is the most rewarding aspect of his job. For Gittrich, it is as important to prepare future sailors for their first steps, as it is to be a continuous mentor, regardless of where the Navy takes them. He considers his job as a recruiter not only to get applicants to boot camp, but to set them up on a successful path, and it starts by building connections, networking, and, in many ways, paying it forward just as his Navy mentors helped him along the way.

"I always like to follow these kids' careers and help them by being that mentor they can reach out to whenever," Gittrich said. "I don't care if you've been in the Navy two months or four years, however long, if you have a question, or you need help with something, I'm willing to help. Just like my mentors still help me, I want to pay it forward by sharing my knowledge with others. I've built good relationships with my sailors over the years, who reach out to me even after three or four years and ask questions, or ask for advice. We all want to be successful our entire Navy career, and I want to help guide these sailors because if they're successful from the very start, they are more likely to stay in the Navy and keep their careers going." NTAG Philadelphia encompasses regions of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia, providing recruiting services from more than 30 talent acquisition sites. With more than 330,000 active duty sailors, 290 deployable ships, more than 3,700 aircraft and dozens of bases in the U.S. and across the globe, America's Navy is the largest, most powerful naval force in the world. The opportunities available in today's Navy are as boundless as the sea itself. To learn more about the opportunities in the Navy visit www.navy.com.



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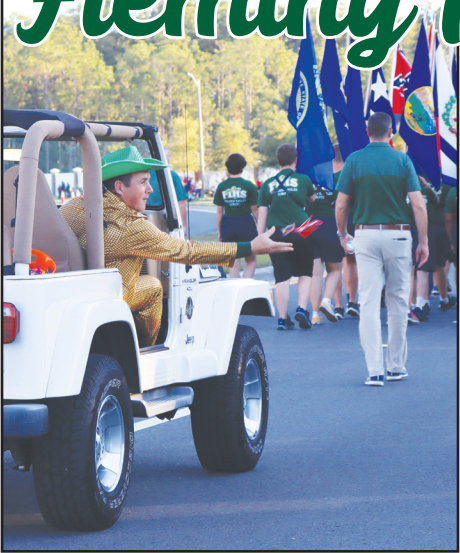
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Fleming Island Homecoming parade



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WATER WARRIORS:

Success buoyed by Save Our Lakes' determination

'Red shirts' win 40-year fight to revive Lakes Geneva, Brooklyn

By **Kylie Cordell**
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – They were a force that wouldn't be ignored. They filled the front row of every St. Johns River Water Management District meeting and most Clay County Board of Commissioners meetings.

No matter how frustrating their pleas to stop the dramatic drop in water levels at Lakes Geneva and Brooklyn – and their demands to replenish water lost by decades of abuse – they weren't deterred.

On Friday, Oct. 21, their vigil was rewarded when the four-decade-long project was recognized by local and regional partners, residents and community leaders. Details of the project have been finalized, consisting of constructing a water pump station between Penney Farms and Camp Blanding off State Road 16. Construction already has been started.

"This has been four decades or more journey," said Save Our Lakes President Vivian Katz-James. "It's a big day for a lot of people. Not just me but a lot of people."

The project came to fruition after 40 years of collaboration between the water



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Members of Save Our Lakes Organization, including president Vivian Katz-James (right), were relentless against government officials and the St. Johns River Water Management District to replenish the water in Lakes Geneva and Brooklyn.

district, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, local governments, utilities and other interested stakeholders like the Save Our Lakes Organization, who became known as "red shirts" because they all wore red shirts to meetings.

While the primary goal of the project is to increase the recharge to the Upper Floridan aquifer, it will also improve water levels across the Etonia Chain in Putnam and Clay counties. This includes Lakes Brooklyn Geneva in Keystone Heights, two major recharge sites for the Florida Aquifer. To accomplish this, water from Black

SEE RED, 27



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Less than three days after the formal announcement, work was underway to clear land for a pump station in Green Cove Springs for the Black Creek Water Resource Development project.

Construction

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ground-level stumps that easily could snap the suspension from a monster truck, along with deep and sandy ruts. But it was everything Rozear hoped to see after waiting de-

cadecades for the Black Creek Water Resource Development project to become a reality.

He was so willing to see action to follow promises, he was willing to drive past the no-trespassing sign in front of the ranch.

"I'm from Gainesville, but I have a house on Lake Geneva," Rozear said. "I'm in Save our Lakes (Organization). I had to

come here to see if this was really happening. They say seeing is believing."

Rozear wanted everyone in Keystone Heights to believe it, too. Monday's brush clearing was to make way for a pump station a few yards away from the South Fork of Black Creek.

Once done, the pipeline will send Black Creeks' excess water through a pipeline to Alligator Creek. Once there, the creek will replenish the water that's been recklessly drained from Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva. Engineers said it may take up to two years for the lakes to be replenished, but Rozear said it's worth the wait since it took two generations for the project to start.

State, county and local officials joined representatives with the St. Johns River Water Management District on Friday, Oct. 21, to announce after nearly 40 years of pleading and negotiating would lead to the immediate construction of a 17-mile pipeline that will divert as many as 10 million gallons a day from the South Fork of Black Creek that eventually will end up in Lakes Geneva and Brooklyn. Residents in the Lake Region appeared at every St. Johns River Water Management District meeting to demand their lakes be returned to levels that used to attract out of town visi-

tors. Water levels have dropped because of overuse, SJRWMD Chairman Rob Bradley said.

Less than three days after the announcement at Keystone Beach, a landscaping company was clearing heavy brush and woods to make room for the beginning of the pipeline and the pump station.

The diversions will only be made when there is sufficient flow available to ensure the protection of natural resources within the creek. The water will be pumped through a transmission system before eventually discharging into Alligator Creek. Alligator Creek flows into Lake Brooklyn, which will increase recharge to the Upper Floridan aquifer through the lake bottom, according to SJRWMD.

The project is also expected to contribute to regional minimum flows and levels recovery and may help improve water levels in lakes and the Alligator Creek system, including drought-stressed lakes Brooklyn and Geneva. Restoration of the lakes is a secondary benefit of the project.

The current cost estimate for the construction of the system, including the pump station, pipeline and treatment system, is approximately \$100 million.

Black Creek

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said.

Indeed.

After decades of irresponsible use, state, county and local officials finally forged a plan to siphon unneeded water from Black Creek and sending it to the lakes in Keystone Heights. As the population grew in the Lake Region, so did the demands for water. After decades of taking, residents, particularly the Save Our Lakes Organization, created a mission to put a plug in draining the lakes while demanding water levels be replenished.

"This has been four decades or more journey," said SOLO President Vivian Katz-James. "It's a big day for a lot of people, not just me, but a lot of people."

Essentially, the Black Creek project, which was created in 2017, will divert as much as 10 million gallons of water from the South Fork of the Black Creek near the Clay County Animal Control Services on State Road 16, move it through a 17-mile pipeline and filtering system, and dump the water into Alligator Creek, which flows into Lake Brooklyn. The Keystone Heights lakes recharge the Upper Floridian aquifer and Lower Sante Fe basin through the lake bottom, so the benefits will be felt in surrounding counties as the aquifer improves.

The project, however, took years of debate, negotiating and planning. State and Keystone Height officials, along with the Clay County Board of Commissioners, St. Johns River Water Management District, SOLO and four local utility companies – Clay County Utility Authority, Gainesville Regional Utilities, St. Johns Utilities and JEA – all had to find common ground. The completed project is expected to cost \$100 million, and Bradley, Florida Reps. Bobby Payne (Palatka) and Travis Cummings



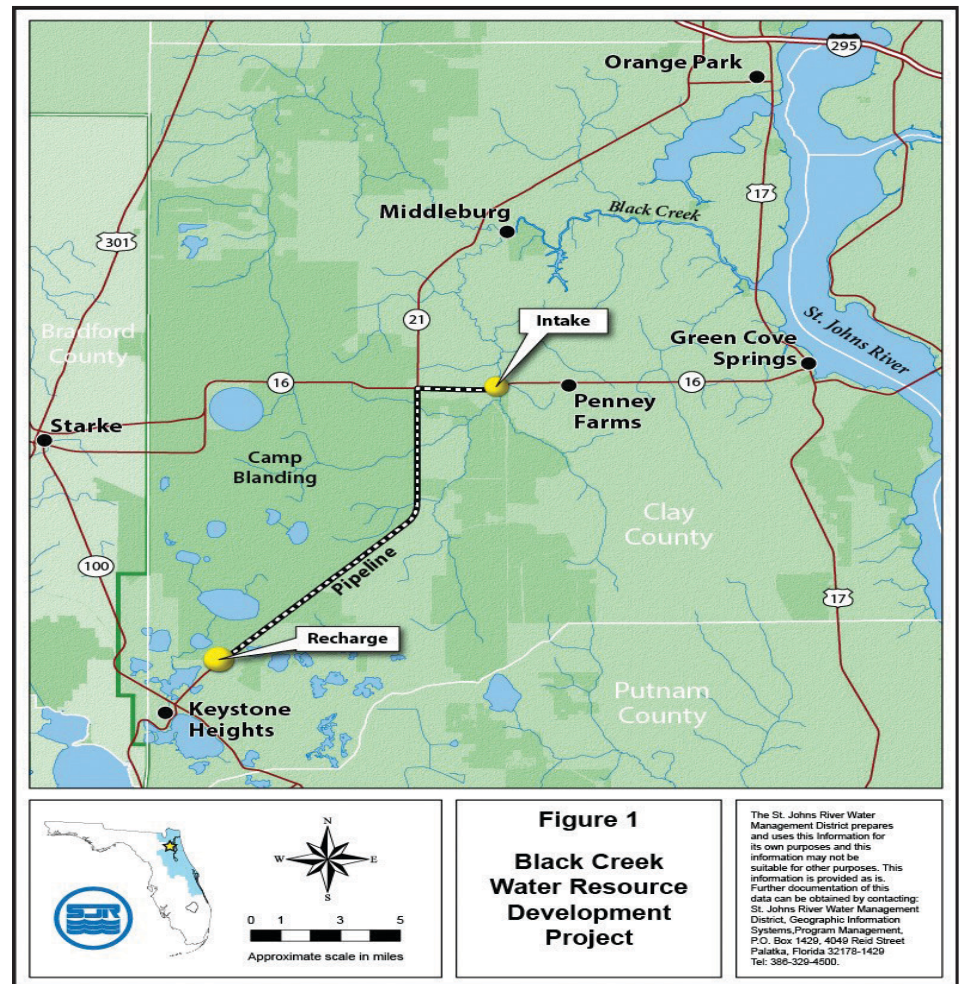
Former state senator and current Chairman and the St. Johns River Water Management District was one of the driving forces behind the Black Creek project.

(Fleming Island) helped appropriate more than \$48 from the state. The utility companies agreed to pay a total \$19.2 million.

Construction of the pump station started on Monday, Oct. 24, just a few yards from Black Creek.

"There were people who really didn't want this to happen," Bradley said. "But we brought everybody together. It didn't matter if you're Republican, Democrat or Independent. We didn't care. We just wanted to save the lakes, right?"

SOLO members started attending SJRWMD meetings nearly 30 years ago. They all wore red shirts and sat in the front row, and each time, they had the same message – save the lakes. They were persistent and unapologetic, but their passion finally made a difference. "Whether you live here, or you live in Jacksonville or you live somewhere down in Putnam County or somewhere else, you depend on Keystone being a function-



ing aquifer recharge area for your water every day," Bradley said. "So this is going to ensure this project from an environmental standpoint that we have appropriate water supply for future generations that are going to be able to come here enjoy Florida and other places, not just our lakes."

Former SJRWMD Chairman Douglas Burnett was an early advocate to save the lakes. He faced difficult challenges of getting the money and uniformed support to make the project a reality.

"This is a way, not the commotion you see on TV every day in Washington, of

elected leaders working for their people and their local groups like Save Our Lakes, working for the good of the community," Burnett said.

"I'm 78 years old, but I used to ski barefoot right out here (on Lake Geneva). You can't now. I can assure you, the was water coming down. This has been a journey of teamwork.

"We all got together and came up with the plan. I just can't believe we're here today." And once the water starts flowing back into the lakes, generations to come will still be in the Lake Region.

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Creek will be pumped through a 17-mile pipeline, eventually discharging into a passive treatment system that will remove color and minor nutrients.

"The Black Creek Project will bring excess water through the pipeline to an area just North of Brooklyn. From there it will be distributed in an area that will flow into Alligator Creek, which will feed into Lake Brooklyn and then to Lake Geneva. As the lake levels increase, it benefits the recharge to the Floridan Aquifer," said Katz-James.

Not only will the pipeline help the lakes recover, but the communities around it.

"I grew up on Lake Brooklyn, and it was a weekend place. Every weekend we were down here. I used to play in a band that would play at this very pavilion, way back in the day, every Thursday and Friday night. So this is where I grew up. This is where all my childhood memories are,"

said SOLO's Dewitt Gibbs. "There are a lot of people like us who grew up on the lakes here, who have our childhood memories here, and want to see the lakes restored before we die."

Many Keystone Heights residents have seen firsthand the drastic changes in the lake levels over the past few decades. The Black Creek project not only will protect the integrity of the lakes, but help preserve the memory of the community that lives on it.

"It only took four decades. It's all about having the right people come together. It's exciting to see the government doing some good. Doing some things for the people, giving back to the people.

We know a lot of them and they are truly good people and they've made a difference. They've brought the lakes back," Gibbs said.

Not only are the lakes a precious water resource, but the restoration of the lakes will also boost tourism and provide the community with recreational activities that will help boost the local economy. "I remember the water was so high you

couldn't even boat on it unless you were in a canoe," said SOLO's Carol Rozear. She grew up on Lake Brooklyn and went to Keystone Heights High. "You got in your power boat. You got your skies. And you just hit it, water skiing all over the lake. I love it. I can't wait to do it again," she said.

Rozear will be excited to see boats returned to the waters where she learned how to swim as a girl. Many remember the boats on the water on hot summer days.

"In the early days, it was full and beautiful and not as crowded. Well, it would be on some of the holidays, Fourth of July and Labor Day," said SOLO Board Member Web Farber. "You wouldn't want to launch your boat because there are too many criss-crossing all over the place. It truly was picturesque. It was a high-quality lake, above ordinary, with clear water and the sandy bottom. It was a paradise, it really was."

"There used to be signs for the lakes coming in on (State) Highway 21 coming in from Gainesville, saying "Welcome to Keystone: The Lake Community. And it really was just that. On the road, you could see the high water and the people on it. It

was a destination. Now when people drive through they say, that's too bad. Just too bad. But here is a chance to put it back in a good condition."

Another resident, Carolyn Moody, shared her memory of the lakes growing up. "I've lived on the lake since 1952. I remember when the water was over where this bridge is, for Lake Brooklyn. There were maybe four houses on the whole lake. It's changed a lot," Carolyn Moody said.

Carolyn's father, Chester Moody, was one of the founders of the Lake Brooklyn Civic Association, now Save Our Lakes Organization. For Carolyn, the pipeline is a reminder of her father's dedication to restoring the Lakes, a dream he passed down to her. "Moody was one of the first to realize there was a problem in the late seventies, and he went to the water district and said, there was something wrong and the science couldn't figure it out. The water district said it was just the rain for years. But it's not all rain. We knew better than that. The old-timers that lived here day in and day out, they knew something was off," Katz-James said.

Police Briefs

State Attorney: North Carolina man jailed for molesting Clay County girl

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A man was arrested in North Carolina and returned to Clay County to face charges he repeatedly molested a girl who was younger than 12 years old in 2021.

Owen Phillip Passmore, 42, of Raliegh, North Carolina, was charged with four counts of sexual battery on a child younger than 12 and single counts of attempted capital sexual battery and lewd or lascivious



Owen Passmore

molestation after an investigation determined a girl was subjected to several sexual acts during April, 2021, according to the four-page information report filed by the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Passmore was arrested in Union County, North Carolina, an area southeast of Charlotte along the South Carolina border. He was transported back to Clay County on Oct. 22.

Passmore's bond was set at \$400,006. His next court appearance is scheduled for Dec. 6.

FBI, CCSO track down man suspected of abusing child at Orange Park motel

ORANGE PARK – With the help of the FBI, the Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested a man in St. Augustine after he was accused of "a child victim being exploited online."

John Christopher Furlong, 33, was charged with lewd or lascivious battery of a child younger than 16 but older than

12 after investigators found photographs of Furlong on the victim's phone. The battery happened at an Orange Park motel in 2021, according to the affidavit for arrest warrant. The affidavit also said the child was 12 at the time of the battery.

His next court appearance is scheduled for Nov. 14. Until then, he will remain in the Clay County Jail with a \$125,003 bond.

Middleburg teen charged with robbing the same spa three times in single month

MIDDLEBURG – An 18-year-old was arrested on Oct. 20 following three separate robbery and robbery attempts of the same spa less than a half mile from his apartment, the Clay County Sheriff's Office said.

D'Eareo Jermayne Yahweh Harris was taken to the Clay County Jail after being charged with three counts of burglary and one count of armed robbery after the owner of QQ Spa Massage on County Road 220 reported several break-ins at her place of business.

According to CCSO, the spree started on Sept. 23 when Harris entered the spa through an unlocked door and held the owner at gunpoint. The owner lived in the shop and she said the robber took her wallet that contained \$1,000 in cash.

Surveillance video from adjoining businesses recorded a U-Haul van parked behind the business shortly before the holdup. Detectives with the Special Crimes Unit learned vans were rented at only one location in Clay County and U-Haul rented a van to someone who matched Harris'



John Furlong

description. Other surveillance videos also recorded Harris refueling the van at a convenience store on C.R. 200.

Then on Oct. 2, Harris is accused of trying to kick through a rear door of the spa. He also is suspected of trying to break into Digital Planet Shop in the same building before kicking through a non-public door leading to the residency of the spa owner on Oct. 17. The owner went outside after hearing the noise and she returned to her apartment to find her cellphone missing.

The sheriff's office got a warrant on Oct. 19 for the Sept. 23 robbery and Harris was arrested during a traffic stop a day later.

His bond was set at \$400,012

Man on probation caught with porn returned to Clay County from Washington

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Sheriff's Office went all the way to East Wenatchee, Washington, to bring a man back to the county after the state said he violated the terms of his probation after he was found guilty of possession of at least 21 images of a child having sex in 2016..

Derek Alan Greenwood, 45, is now being held in the Clay County Jail without bond after the Florida Department of Corrections said he lied to a probation officer about possessing new child pornographic materials, failed to complete a sex offender



D'Eareo Harris



Derek Greenwood

program and for viewing "obscene, pornographic or stimulating visual or auditory material, including telephone, electronic media computer programs or computer services that are relevant to you deviant behavior patterns."

A warrant was issued on Sept. 12 for his arrest, and he was returned 2,885 miles to Clay County on Oct. 20.

Greenwood's next court appearance is scheduled for Dec. 6.

Jacksonville man charged with leaving dogs in a crate at Safe Animal Shelter

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A worker at the Clay Safe Animal Shelter found three dogs in a crate and an apology letter at the shelter's entrance on Oct. 18 and the Clay County Sheriff's Office were able to track down the owner after lifting fingerprints from the letter.

John Michael Story, 32, was charged with abandonment of an animal after an Animal Cruelty Investigator with the Clay County Sheriff's Office sent the letter to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, where they were able to match fingerprints to Story.

In the letter, the writer said he was moving and couldn't take the dogs. All three were left without food or water.

When Safe Animal Shelter opened, a worker noticed one of the dogs was in "distress" and it was taken to a local veterinarian's office for treatment, but the dog died in transit. One of the other dogs was diagnosed with epilepsy and an eye hemorrhage, while the other had mange.

According to CCSO, Story said he tried to take the dogs to Clay County Animal Services, but he was turned away because the kennel was at capacity.

Story was released after posting a \$252 bond.

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. 25

Audrey N. Hughes, 43, Orange Park, domestic battery

Michael P. Milledge, 47, Orange Park, domestic battery

Brandon D. Currer, 19, Green Cove Springs, transmit harmful material to minor, use of two-way device to facilitate a felony

Travis W. Westberry, 31, Keystone Heights, two counts violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence,

two counts written/electronic threat to kill/do bodily harm

Christopher L. Sschoch, 37, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-cocaine

A'Zarre S. Mauzon, 21, Green Cove Springs, criminal mischief, trespassing

Todd Floyd, 50, Green Cove Springs, contempt of court

Marrisa S. Kirkland, 25, Middleburg, possession-drug paraphernalia, two counts possession-controlled substance

Justin A. Tomazinis, 30, Orange Park, DUI, refusal to submit to BAL test, DWSLR

Alana M. Pressley, 20, Middleburg, DUI

Monday, Oct. 24

Jarod M. Wilson, 31, Orange Park, shoplifting, providing false name/ID

Kimberly S. Quinn, 23, possession-controlled substance

Kyle R. Goings, 31, Orange Park, DUI

Sunday, Oct. 23

Kenneth L. Carrow, 59, Fleming Island, domestic battery

Wayne H. Gray, 32, Middleburg, VOP-community control

Raka S. Raychaudhuri, 54, Fleming Island, battery on person 65 or older, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Darien A. LaRue, 26, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Saturday, Oct. 22

Jamari R. Akins, 18, Orange Park, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement with lights/siren active

Michael D. Andrews, 48, Keystone Heights, VOP-community control, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, trespassing

Friday, Oct. 21

Owen P. Passmore, 42, Green Cove

Springs, four counts sexual assault of child younger than 12, lewd/lascivious behavior/molestation of child younger than 12, attempted sexual assault of child younger than 12

D'Eareo J.Y. Harris, 18, Middleburg, three counts burglary

John M. Story, 32, Green Cove Springs, abandonment of animal

John C. Furlong, 32, Green Cove Springs, lewd/lascivious behavior to child between 12 and 16

Lisa M. Arnett, 41, Keystone Heights, DWSLR

Deionta M. Robinson, 24, Orange Park, two counts burglary

Chloe E. Crawford, 23, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice

Faith N. Reyle, 19, Middleburg, criminal mischief



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Diamonds are Forever: Bond-themed Mercy Support Services gala shines

CLAY COUNTY – Seating for sponsors and patrons for Mercy Support Service’s Night of Hope was sold out more than a month ago, making last week’s “Diamonds are Forever”- themed gala a huge success. Mercy is a Christ-centered organization that serves the people of Clay County who are circumstantially in need by providing services that guide them to self-sufficiency through an active network of compassionate-hearted people and organizations.

Calendar of Events

BAR-B-Q FUNDRAISER FOR CLAY COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS: will be offered on Oct. 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave. Sponsored by Whitey’s Fish Camp and Mojo Smokehouse, BBQ & Blues, diners will have the choice of pulled pork or sliced turkey, plus coleslaw, beans and a roll for \$10. Drinks are available for \$1.

CRAIG MORGAN: will be at the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., in Orange Park, with special guest Ray Fulcher on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit thcenter.org.

CLAY COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER: seminar will be on Oct. 27 from 2-3 p.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

AMAZING GRACE FAMILY FARMS FESTIVAL: will be on Oct. 28 from 5 -10 p.m. at 4251 State Road 21 in Green Cove Springs. The festival includes fall photo settings, crop maze and attractions. For more information, visit agcropmaze.com. Tickets must be purchased online.

CHALLENGE ENTERPRISES: will host its Food for Clay Free Distribution on Oct. 28 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/forclaycounty.

LUKE BRYAN: will bring his “Raised Up Right Tour” to the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Phillip Randolph Blvd., in

Jacksonville, on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit vystarveteransarena.com or ticketmaster.com.

ELDERSOURCE FIANCE COMMITTEE: will meet on Zoom on Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. To join meeting, visit, us02web.zoom.us/j/83627584805 or to join by telephone, dial (929) 436-2866 and use meeting ID 836 2758 4805 #.

CLAY COUNTY SEAFOOD FESTIVAL: will be on Oct. 29 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2497 State Road 16 in Green Cove Springs.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DINNER: will be served on Oct. 29 ahead of Boo on the Boulevard from 4-6 p.m. at the Mission on the Dirt Road at 7790 State Road 100 in Keystone Heights.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS TRUNK OR TREAT: will be on Oct. 29 from 6-9 p.m. at the police

headquarters at 1001 Idlewild Ave. There will be a trunk decorating contest, as well as best costume and dance competitions.

PENNEY FARMS ANTIQUE APPRAISAL: will be offered by the J.C. Penney Scenic Highway Committee on Oct. 29 from 1-3 p.m. at Barrows Hall, 4385 Willbank Ave., at Penney Farms. Appraisers for art, jewelry, dolls, coins, stamps and general items will be on hand, A donation of \$5 for an appraisal is requested. Attendees can bring up to three items to be appraised. For more information, call Cathie at (904) 679-1956.

MOONLIGHT ON MAGNOLIA: will be on Oct. 29 from 4-6 p.m. at the Magnolia Cemetery, 1040 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park. Tours of the cemetery and tales of the town’s original residents will be featured. Parking is at First Baptist Church.

Arrests
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Thursday, Oct. 20

Shawn D. Marcum, 41, Fleming Island, shoplifting
Randall R. Smith, 33, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, driving without valid license, alter/destroy/conceal/remove physical evidence
Brandon L. Bailey, 37, Keystone Heights,

FTA
M. Lee D. Brinson, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP child abuse
Chloe E. Crawford, 23, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWSLR
Tiffany D. Willis, 29, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-controlled substance, VOP petit theft
D’Eareo J.Y. Harris, 18, Middleburg, armed robbery
Derek A. Greenwood, 45, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession of photographs of sexual performance by a child

Tyler A. Labay, 20, Middleburg, shoplifting
Alyssa N. Wiseman, 27, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail
Damian Bach, 37, Orange Park, VOP-community control
Waynard Y. Duan, 36, Green Cove Springs, trespassing
Joshua S.H. Brantley, 46, Orange Park, felony battery by strangulation

Wednesday, Oct. 19
Derek A. Greenwood, 45, Green Cove

Springs, VOP-possession of photograph of child sexual performance
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Joshua S.H. Brantley, 46, Orange Park, felony domestic battery by strangulation



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Blue Angels in the sky

The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels returned to NASJAX after a five year hiatus and thrilled the overwhelming crowds with acrobatic flying and the world famous Blue Angel jets scorching the air ways just off the St. Johns River.

The Blue Angels are scheduled to return to Jacksonville Beach in October 2023. Pictured clockwise are inverted Blue Angels, acrobatic legend Rob Holland in red MXS-RH, dueling acrobatic pilots Adam Baker and Ken Rieder, plus left, member of the SOCOM Para-Commandos Jump team.



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The clicks of the clock head to 0:00 as Fleming Island quarterback Cibastian Broughton tosses short pass to wide out Darion Domenick in final seconds of Golden Eagles district clash with Creekside.

Eagles playoff hopes dim

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High football took a punch in the stomach shot on Friday night in a finish that will be argued for the next 20 years in the folklore of Clay County football.

But, first, the scenario for playoffs sits precariously in the lap of the Golden Eagles' Thursday district matchup with Buchholz High in Gainesville.

"Just like last year, we have to win out and pray for some luck to get to the playoffs," said Fleming Island coach Dame-nyum Springs, who made the eighth seed into the region playoffs last year with five wins in the final six games. "We had some tears in the locker room after this, but we have to regroup and get ready quickly for Buchholz on Thursday."

In the thrilling final moments of the Fleming Island homecoming clash with Creekside High, Fleming Island got a

Let's review, Fleming Island was 10th ranked in region 1-4S prior to the game (Oct. 19 FHSAA). Bartram Trail and Buchholz in top five of region 1-4S; Bartram Trail tops in class, district and region, seventh in all classes state ranks.

Region 1-4S (Oct. 19)

1. Bartram Trail, 7-0-0
2. Buchholz, 6-0-0
3. Niceville 6-1-0
4. Navarre 6-1-0
5. Creekside 5-2-0
6. Mosley 5-3-0
7. Flagler Palm Coast 5-3-0
8. Pace 5-2-0
9. Gulf Breeze 4-3-0

10. Fleming Island 4-2-0

11. Ponte Vedra 3-4-0
12. Cresview 3-4-0
13. Chiles 3-5-0

14. Oakleaf 3-4-0

Playoffs: per FHSAA, Playoff field made up of 32 teams in each class. Eight Qualifiers from each region. Four district champions automatically advanced, four at-large qualifiers per rankings points advanced from each region. Teams to be seeded for regions per FHSAA Power Rankings.

Bartram Trail beats Buchholz 21-6 last week, Fleming Island loses to Creekside 38-35. Oakleaf beats 1A Madison County, a defending two time state champion.

Thurs., Oct. 27

Fleming Island at Buchholz

Fri., Oct. 28

Bartram Trail at Oakleaf
Creekside vs. Ponte Vedra (Non-district, but regional)

scamper from quarterback Cibastian Broughton with 13 seconds on the clock to near midfield. Broughton rolled right and escaped a sack chase, threw at 0:06

to wide receiver Darion Domenick near the 15 yard line and on top of the hash-

SEE EAGLES, 38

Prewitt's Broncos take out Panthers

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Ridgeview High went fast and furious for a quick 5-0 lead right out of the gate in their district 4-5A championship first game Thursday night to flex the muscle of their seven straight district titles, but Middleburg High, riding the motivational wave of a final season for long-time head coach Carrie Prewitt, answered behind a 22-Kill night from sophomore Brooke Forkum, to end the Panther streak with a 3-1 championship win Thursday night at Ridgeview High.



Middleburg hitter Connor Rahn celebrates point in Broncos district championship win over Ridgeview.

"We had to figure out a way to go around their big blocker at the net (Haley Robinson)," said Forkum, a left handed striker for Middleburg. "Connor was going to get a lot of attention at the net and I needed to be on target to keep them guessing. I was able to go down the line for a lot of shots."

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Athlete Of The Week



Oakleaf High senior wide receiver **Taylor Bradshaw** had career night with nine catches for 113 yards and two touchdowns in Knights' 27-21 win over two-time defending state 1A champion Madison County. **Bradshaw** also had two interceptions for Oakleaf defense.



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County harriers head to regions

By **Randy Lefko**
Sports Editor

MATANZAS - With Fleming Island High throwing down a first and third in their boys district cross country championships; Graham Myers and John Keester IV and Oakleaf High senior Sierra Barrera smoking the Apalachee Regional Park course; the FHSAA championship race venue, Clay County cross country will need a few Uber drivers to trek to regional championship races on Saturday.

With Keystone Heights first on the list of travelers with their Monday district 2-2A race putting the Indians boys into regions; eighth for boys, and St. Johns Country Day making travel plans for two; boys and girls teams; third for girls, seventh for boys in district 2-1A on the Apalachee state course, area harriers showed off a depth of running prowess not seen since the Pre-COVID days of endurance running.

In Tallahassee, Barrera continued her streak of fast finishes with a third overall in district 1-4A in 18:59.00 on the tough hills of Apalachee. Barrera was in the midst of a strong trio of defending state champion Buchholz runners at 1-2-4 in her chase of the front with Niceville and Creekside behind her.

Region Cross Country

Region 1-4A: At Santa Fe College, Oct. 29 7:45 a.m.

Region 1-3A: At Santa Fe College, Oct. 29, 9:45 a.m.

Region 1-2A: at New World Sports Complex (JAX) Oct. 28, 8 a.m.

Region 1-1A: at New World Sports Complex (JAX) Oct. 28, 9 a.m.

Oakleaf's girls team missed a region invite by one spot with a ninth place finish; top eight advance.

In the boys race, won in 15:43.70 by Nease High junior Matt Ryan, Oakleaf senior Duane Lee finished 47th in 17:14.30 to complete a strong senior campaign with a final district finish one spot away from a region berth.

At Matanzas High School for district 2-3A, Fleming Island's 1-3 punch of Myers and Keester sandwiched Ponte Vedra's Grant Doherty with Fleming Island senior Danny Sakowski having a best day for seventh place, the Golden Eagles came as close as anyone statewide in dethroning the Ponte Vedra juggernaut which finished runners at 4-5-6 to steal the team title.

In 2021, Fleming Island and Ponte Vedra battled for district and region top finishes with Ponte Vedra eventually finish seventh to Fleming Island's eight at the Class 3A state championship last year.

Myers, who transferred as a Class 1A



Above: Fleming Island's Katelyn Thompson, center white, charges at start of district 3-3A championship. Center: Fleming Island coach Lisa Adams encourages Danny Sakowski to dig deep. Below: Fleming Island's dynamic duo; Graham Myers, right, and John Keester IV, green left, are top chargers for upcoming region race.



championship race medalist last year from St. Johns Country Day School and has enhanced the Golden Eagles' frontal assault with Keester and Sakowski, broke from the mile mark after Middleburg High's Kole Mussante attempted a breakaway surprise first mile. Myers eased away with Doherty about five yards to his rear and Keester handing with the Ponte Vedra trio in a chase group about 20 yard further.

Fleming Island's depth on the fast, flat course garnered eight runners under 17 minutes with Myers top finisher at 15:28.90 and sophomore Cole Atzert 20th in 16:54.50 for the Golden Eagles top eight.

With Fleming Island and Ponte Vedra at 1-2 in team points, 27-36, Ridgeview at sixth will send a full team while Middleburg, Orange Park and Clay fell out of the top eight teams to regions at ninth, 10th and 12th.

Mussante advances to region after his

fast start with a 17:34.90 for 34th. Clay's Noah Lonney, a junior, also advanced as individual with a 36th 17:39.40.

In the girls race, Class 3A defending champion Ponte Vedra dominated the top 10 spots with a 1-2 finish on top of fourth, ninth, 10th and 11th to take the team title in a 26 point total. Fifteen points is considered a cross country shutout.

In the chase, St. Augustine held off Fleming Island, 50-60, for second and third, with Ridgeview and Middleburg going seven and eight to advance to regions as teams. Fleming Island was 12th in Class 3A last year with St. Augustine sixth.

For the Lady Golden Eagles, with Ponte Vedra's dynamic duo of Lindy White and Daisy Ross both posting sub-18 minute splits; 17:43.30-17:59.50, it was a three team battle for the top 17 spots with

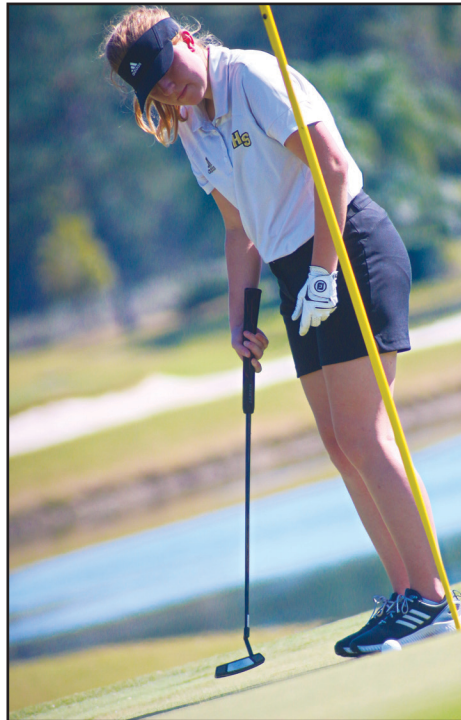
McNeill fuels Fleming Island golf region berth

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ST. JOHNS - Fleming Island High sophomore golfer Kathryn McNeill nearly had a career match at the Golden Eagles' district 3-3A championship tournament held at St. Johns Golf Club with a scintillating first nine round that propelled her teammates to a strong second place team finish.

"Kathryn hit her eagle (2-under par) on the fourth hole then finished with her best ever nine score at 40," said Fleming Island coach Brian Nedrich. "She settled in a little in the back nine but still had a good enough finishing score to finish as a strong fourth golfer for us."

McNeill's move from the number five slot to number four with her score was enough to secure a second place team finish for the Golden Eagles who finished behind Bartram Trail 327-339 to automatically advance as a team to the region tournament. Nease at third also advances to region.



Oakleaf High's Emma Farrar assesses her putt travel path.

Emma Farrar capped a strong regular season run with a solid 12th place finish but missed a region berth by one spot.

Carroll wins district 2-2A

Middleburg High senior Chase Carroll could have one up on older brother Cody Carroll if he gets to his fourth state golf tournament this season with Cody Carroll only playing in three, but the older Carroll has that pesky state title in his closet and Chase has yet to get one.

At the district 2-2A golf tournament held Monday at Quail Heights in Lake City, Chase Carroll sizzled the field with a one-under par 71 to win that title to advance to



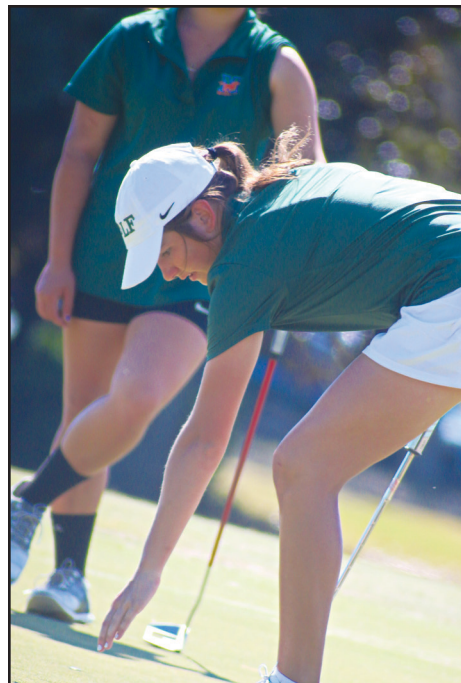
Alyzabeth Morgan powers drive to secure second straight district golf title.

Up top, sophomore Alyzabeth Morgan recovered from an uncharacteristic 41 opening nine to blast the back nine with three birdies to win first prize with a 37 and a 78 top score for the field. Morgan's win was her second district title in two years with the powerful striker finishing with a 76 last year.

"She just had a bad first half of the course, but she is like ice and stayed focused to hit sensational in the final nine," said Nedrich. "She has been in so many big tournaments in her lifetime even as just a 16-year-old that she doesn't get shaken by a few bad shots."

Morgan had no birdies in her first nine and was hampered by three bogies and one double bogie to make the turn in nearly 10th place.

With Fleming Island, Bartram Trail and third place Nease garnering the three team spots to advance. Oakleaf High's



Fleming Island's Cambree Hodge retrieves putt from hole on 17.



Fleming Island sophomore Kathryn McNeill's strong drive skills got her an Eagle on her fourth hole and a best nine score.

his region tournament.

Carroll won by four strokes over runnerup Matthew Rau of Wakulla at 75 with Suwannee's Mason Cameron third at 76.

Orange Park's Brock Buhnerkemper had one of his best days with a fifth place 79 with three birdies for the day. Carroll also had three birdies but only bogies two holes to maintain a strong par for most of the course.

In the team's Clay was fourth, Middleburg fifth and Orange Park seventh. Ridgeway was eighth.

Buhnerkemper and Clay's Jack Newell both advance as individuals.

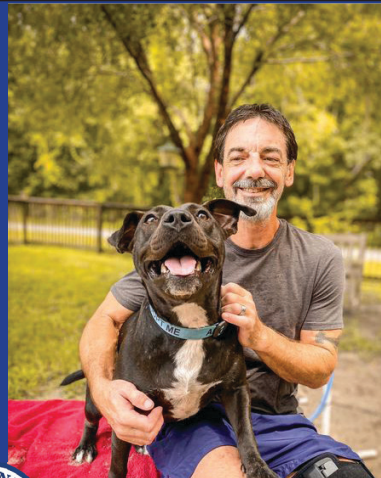
Keystone Heights smokes district 3-1A

Keystone Heights High boys golf hammered away at their district 3-1A golf championship with a 23 stroke win over Lafayette and 42 strokes over third place Madison County. Top three teams advance to regions with top three individuals not on those teams advancing as well.

Keystone Heights place four golfers in the top 10 finishers led by junior Alexander Addington who took second overall with a 78. Lafayette's Trey Galbraith won at 75.

Kenneth Guy and Nick Binet both tied at 79 for Keystone Heights for third place with Ty Mitzel tied for seventh with an 87.

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. Carl 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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Fleming Island, Oakleaf sending top threes to regions

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - With Fleming Island High defending 50 free Class 3A champion Maryn McDade a top choice for a region title at the Sat., Oct. 29 region swimming and diving championships at the Florida Aquatic Swimming and Training center in Ocala, look for the Golden Eagles and Oakleaf High to battle for state meet bids in a handful of events.

Note: Clay High will compete in their district 3-2A championship meet on Wed. Oct. 27 at Gainesville's Northeast Pool. In district 2-1A, St. Johns Country Day School will compete Tues., Oct. 25 at Episcopal.

Fleming Island sophomore diver Ava Brinkman, who registered an astounding 505 score at last year's district championship (478 won state title) before a season ending injury, is top ranked by a big gap with a 444.10 point total ahead of Gulf Breeze's Emi Goto at 420.20.

With Nease and Ponte Vedra high schools dominating the top 10 selections in the region heat sheets, Fleming Island and Oakleaf will need strong swims to crack the top 16 that will be selected after all four region championships are completed. Only the top two finishers in each event automatically advance with the rest of the 16 swimmer field represented by the best times from all four regions.

In the relay events, only the top finisher advances automatically with times setting the rest of the state field.

Top drawers within the region 1-3A area include, in relays, Oakleaf's girls 200 medley relay, third at 1:53.99 with Ponte Vedra and Niceville 1-2 at 1:49.87 and 1:53.80.

McDade, as expected, sits atop the 50 free region list with a 23.54 split on top of three Ponte Vedra swimmers starting at 24.42. Oakleaf's Peyton Loving is at eighth at 25.25.

McDade also has the top 100 free split at 52.65 from her district final last week with Nease and Ponte Vedra chasing from afar at 53.73 and 53.95.

In the boys 100 free, Orange Park Sebastian Lopez is one of nine swimmers under the 50 second mark at 49.74 with top seed Gentry Rider of Chiles in at 47.90.

In the boys 50 free, Booker T. Washington's Ian Malone is tops with a sizzling 21.42 with three swimmers under 22 seconds. Fleming Island junior Dylan Ducut is ninth at 22.83.

In the two distance swims; the 200 and 500 freestyles, Oakleaf senior Olivia Votava and Fleming Island freshman Elizabeth Loehr are neck and neck with Votava seventh in the 200 and Loehr eighth while, in the 500, Votava is fifth and Loehr is eighth ranked.

In the 100 backstroke, Fleming Island senior David Goodwin is eighth ranked with a 57.12 split with 52.21 the top seed.

Loving is fourth ranked in the 100 breaststroke at 1:09.48 with 1:08.08 the top seed.



Fleming Island sophomore diver Ava Brinkman had top district score in state last year before season ending injury and returns with same fire to get to state.



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Above: Maryn McDade successfully negotiated Ponte Vedra challenges as she treks to defense of her 50 free state title. Center: Fleming Island middle distance swimmer David Goodwin is good bet to medal for Golden Eagles in 200 free. Below: Sprinter Dylan Ducut is among the region elites for 50 and 100 freestyle.

In the marquis relay event, the 400 free relay, Fleming Island's girls are fourth with the boys seeing Orange Park and Fleming Island 15th and 16th.

Fleming Island, Oakleaf and Orange

Park all have relays in the 200 free relay with Oakleaf's girls sixth and Fleming Island ninth.



Roderick Kearney gets All America honors

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Orange Park High senior offensive tackle Roderick Kearney joined former Oakleaf High linebacker Shaquille Quarterman, now an NFL player for the Jacksonville Jaguars, and Fleming Island High's Ian Silberman, an offensive tackle at the University of Florida and Boston College and an NFL veteran, now an offensive line coach at Fleming Island High School, as the latest recipient of the Under Armour All America jersey and a spot for the annual All American all star game in January.

The Under Armour All American selection team is the nation's top 100 recruits according to major recruiting sources. The list of Under Armour selection players that have made National Football League rosters includes Julio Jones, A.J. Green, Jameis Winston, Leonard Fournette and Jadeveon Clowney all still playing in the NFL.

Roderick Kearney's football journey started at Orange Park Junior High and has stayed the course with a select bunch of Wildcat teammates that have been at his side as an Orange Park High Raider football star and, at last week's Under Armour All America selection jersey ceremony held at Orange Park High, Kearney acknowledge his guys by his side.

"It's special to share this with my guys," said Kearney, an offensive tackle for the Raiders football team under coach Marcus Wimberly. "We've been playing together and getting better together for a long time. Family is important."

One of Kearney's guys, senior running back JoJo Restall, said his four-plus years of following Kearney downfield has shown him the destructive force of his big guy up front.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Orange Park senior offensive tackle Roderick Kearney shows off his Under Armour All American jersey and shares some of the spotlight with his Raider teammates in ceremony Wednesday afternoon.

"It's so cool to run behind him," said Restall. "I've had a lot of long runs from behind him. We talk all the time in the huddle when we think a play can go the distance."

Wimberly, who took over the Raider football program this year and got to see just a year of Kearney, noted that Kearney's All American selection is not entirely about knocking people around on a football field.

"The qualities of leadership and work ethic and a thirst to learn are all the qualities of an All American selection," said Wimberly. "Whenever we run power, he just dominates the guy in front of him and he's pretty simple about it. I don't think there was guy that Roderick could not dominate."

Wimberly did note that Kearney has been inquiring about running the ball into the end zone in a game.

"Every big guy wants to do that," said Wimberly.

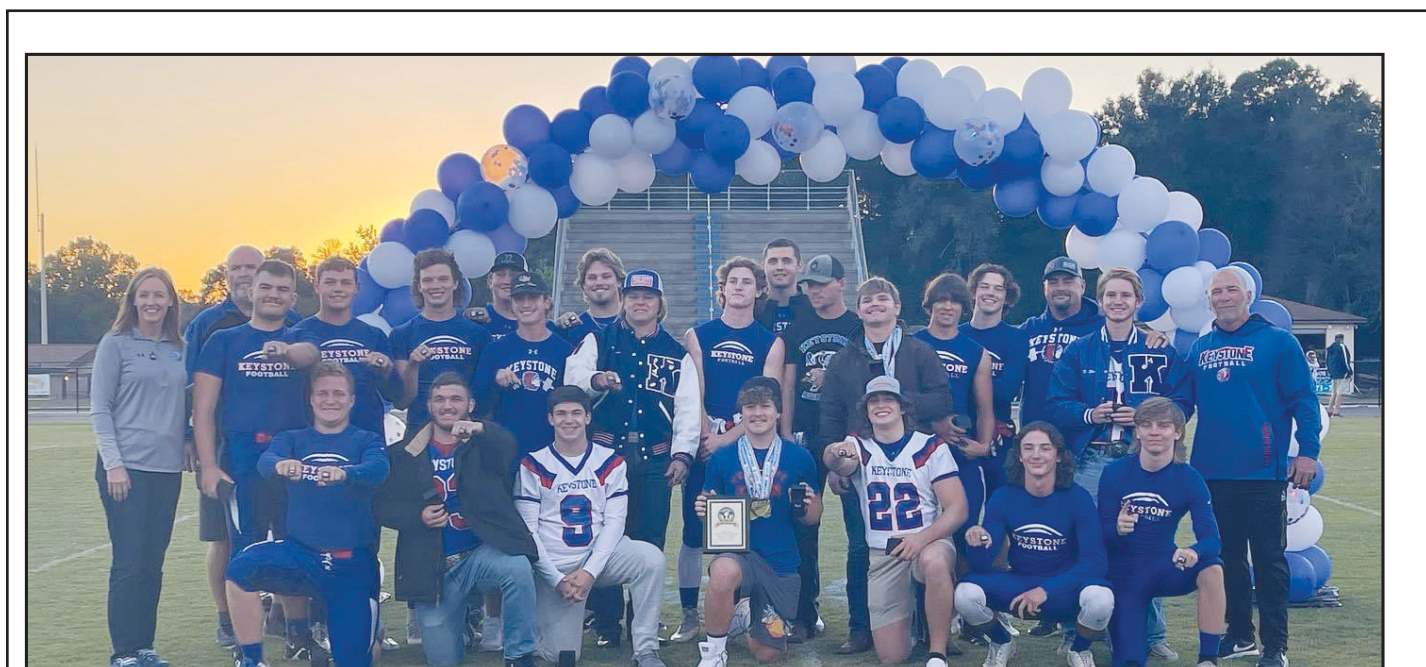
As for Kearney in college, Wimberly cited Kearney's football IQ as a key ingredient plus the normal transition to strength and power.

"He has seen what the weight room has done for him at this level," said Wimberly. "At the next level, it will be a little more intense and he's smart enough to respond positively to it. He's a great learner."

Kearney did note that one player, Westside High's Jordan Hall, was one player that he had to bring his A-game to the field. "Nobody really gave me fits, but "Big

Baby", Jordan Hall, a 6'-5" 300 pound defensive lineman for Westside High School was a tough guy against me," said Kearney. "He has some offers from big schools so maybe I'll see him again."

According to 247 Sports.com, a national recruiting website, Hall has had offers from Alabama, Ohio State, Florida, Florida State and Georgia. Kearney has verbally committed to Florida State University.



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Panthers

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Middleburg opened with a 25-22 win that shook the Panther fanbase, but the Panthers were not through with the defense of their titles with a quick-kill 25-15 second game win to set up a dramatic finish for one of the teams.

With the game being the first meeting between the two Clay County powers, Middleburg showed just a bit more accuracy over the net to complete the mission with two final game wins; 25-22 and 25-20, to garner the trophy.

For Prewitt, who has announced this



Middleburg High coach Carrie Prewitt got yet another game to coach as her assistant coach Meredith Brooke, the heir apparent, celebrates championship win over Ridgeview.

Region 1-5A

Quarterfinals: Oct. 26, Tuesday
Higher seed hosts
(Record, 5A Rank)

1. Choctawhatchee (22-5, 2nd) vs. 8. Stanton (17-6, 40th)
- 4. Middleburg (17-11, 5th) vs. 5. Ocala Vanguard (13-11, 10th)**
2. Lincoln (17-8, 8th) vs. 7. Seabreeze (12-8, 15th)
3. Booker T. Washington (16-8, 7th) vs. **6. Ridgeview (16-11, 13th)**

as her final season as a coach for Middleburg, the emotion of watching her team not flinch despite the massive attack exacted by Ridgeview garnered a coy smile after the final points.

"I know my girls were ready for this," said Prewitt, who steadily built a 17-11 overall season record compared to Ridgeview's 16-11 record also built on competing against the state's best teams through the season. "They have been looking forward to playing Ridgeview all season. We knew we had to step up and play."

The ferocity of Ridgeview's reaction to Middleburg winning the first game was what Prewitt took as the poking of the proverbial bear; or Panther as a multiple district title holder.

With strong serves from Morgan Padgett and Kendyl Wahl, Middleburg held a slim 24-22 lead after a Robinson block closed the gap before Middleburg got the



Ridgeview High blockers Kennedy Baugh and Haley Robinson try to get to ball bump of Middleburg's Connor Rahn in Broncos district championship win.



Middleburg High hitter Connor Rahn, with 26 kills on the night, powers shot past blockers Kennedy Baugh and Katie Cole from Ridgeview.



Members of the Middleburg High state champion softball team celebrate point in Lady Broncos championship win over Ridgeview.

final point.

In the second game, behind outside hits from Brianna Adams, who finished with 16 kills to lead Ridgeview, sprinted to a 7-3 early lead. A diving save near the stands by Casiple and a monster slash by Forkum got the score as close as 16-13 before the Panthers ran away with a slam by Adams

and an ace by Harper Herring got to 18-13. A missed set cost one point with Forkum finding a corner to 19-14. Adams again fired over the Bronco blocking attempt from Cheyenne Campbell to set up Casiple as the serve line. Robinson covered a Forkum kill shot that went out of bounds to 21-15. Adams again found the floor to 22-15 to

District Results

2-2A: Christ's Church beats St. Johns Country Day School 3-0 (25-18, 25-19, 25-23).

Region 1-2A

Quarterfinals: Oct. 25, Tuesday
Higher seed hosts
(Record, 2A Rank)

1. Oak Hall (22-4, 8th) vs. 8. St. John Paul II (12-14, 38th)
4. Harvest Community (12-9, 12th) vs. 5. Beaches Chapel (16-7, 27th)
2. Christ's Church (16-5, 9th) vs. 7. University Christian (15-6, 34th)
3. St. Johns Country Day School (18-5, 11th) vs. 6. Countryside Christian (10-11, 31st)

District 4-4A: Keystone Heights beats Toccoi Creek 3-1, Keystone Heights loses to Bolles 3-0, Bolles loses to Bishop Kenny 3-0 in championship game

Region 1-4A

Quarterfinals: Oct. 25, Tuesday
Higher seed hosts
(Record, 4A Rank)

1. Bishop Kenny (16-9, 6th) vs. 8. Baker County (11-10, 25th)
4. Beachside (15-5, 15th) vs. 5. Fernandina Beach (19-5, 14th)
2. Bolles (19-7, 7th) vs. 7. Pensacola (17-9, 24th)
3. South Walton (15-10, 8th) vs. 6. Keystone Heights (17-7, 21st)

jump start a five point spurt by Ridgeview. Adams finished off the game with three straight shot attempts that ended with the third finding paydirt, 25-15.

"They beat us pretty soundly in that second game," said Prewitt. "We kind of stayed the course and we knew their middle was strong. We to focus on attacking from the outside."

For the Broncos, it was Connor Rahn who exacted the most damage with 28 scoring strikes for the match with Ridgeview's Brianna Adams pasting 16 kills and Robinson adding 13 scores from her middle spot. Forkum's presence from the outside, with a series of strikes that evaded the blocking prowess of Robinson sliding from center court and the back line defense of libero Kasey Libero for key scores, was enough to keep the Panther defense on its heels. Robinson was able to connect on just five blocks for the night.

Rahn, well aware of Robinson as a premiere blocker, knew she would have to be somewhat of a distraction to allow Forkum to be a power player.

"We want to keep coach Prewitt's season going and get her to a state championship before she leaves for sure," said Rahn.

After an 18-18 score in game three, Adams punched up a kill shot to put the Panthers up momentarily before Middleburg answered Madi Kelley dropping a dink shot



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Left: Middleburg High celebrates district 4-5A championship trophy after win over Ridgeview. Right: Middleburg outside hitter Brooke Forkum, a left-handed hitter, created fits for Panther defense.



Left: Panther fans shows unappreciation to call of referee in Broncos district championship win. Right: Ridgeview's Briana Adams had banner night with 16 kills as the top weapon for Panthers. Below: Both Middleburg and Ridgeview brought plenty of emotion to the much-anticipated showdown for the district championship.



behind Robinson's block attempt and Rahn ramming a shot to get to 21-19. Robinson retaliated with a shot over Middleburg's Becca Staefe to 21-20 with a block on a Robinson spike out of bounds to 21-21.

A block by Robinson bounded back to Rahn who swiftly returned fire with Campbell getting blocked back again to Rahn who canned her second straight kill to 23-21. Rahn ended the game with another strike, 25-22. In game four, Rahn stayed hot on top of the net to a 17-12 Bronco lead and again over Herring's block attempt to 20-13.

Ridgeview got to 20-15 on a Forkum misfire and looked to gain some momentum behind Casiple's serves but Kelley again dropped a dink shot to 21-16.

A Forkum slice cross court pushed to 22-18 with Ridgeview losing serve on Mariah Boston-Jones long serve to 24-19.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Left: Kaylib Singleton leaps to snag interception that led to Tay'Shaun Smith touchdown in first half while, right, Sam Singleton, the older brother, showed off his powerful accelerations throughout the game to try and get the Golden Eagles into playoff contention.

Eagles

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with 0:02 on the clock. Domenick was unable to get to the sideline, according to officials, in time to stop the clock before time ran out to end the game with Creekside winning 38-35. The win was Creekside second buzzer beater after a 49-48 win over Oakleaf two weeks ago that was decided with just eight seconds on the clock.

Creekside opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 23 yard field goal to go up 3-0 with four minutes in the first quarter.

Later in the first, Fleming Island downed a punt at the Creekside 12 yard line with 12 seconds left in the quarter.

Both teams traded punts into the second quarter still with Creekside up just 3-0. Fleming Island had one scoring opportunity but tight end Dakota Rowe mishandled a quick pass over the middle near the Creekside 20 yard line.

On the exchange on downs, Fleming Island got a break with defensive back Kaylib Singleton making a diving interception at the Creekside 40 yard line.

After the interception, running back Tay'shaun Smith zigzagged into the end zone to put Fleming Island on the scoreboard up 6-3 with 4:25 in the half. Sam Singleton pounded in for a two point conversion to put Fleming Island up 8-3.

Creekside kick returnman Andrew Kelley took the ensuing kickoff to midfield to start the Knights before running back Nick Williams walked into the end zone after a slant pass to wideout Brendon McMillan to the 15 to put the Knights up 10-8 with just one minute off the clock.

Just before the halftime break, on fourth down at the Creekside 19, Broughton hit Singleton with a short out pass that Singleton barreled into the end zone to apparently give Fleming Island a 15-10 lead into the lockers.

With 14 seconds to go though, Creekside wanted more after a pass of 40 yards to the Fleming Island 21 with Creekside quarterback Wilson Edwards finding McMillan in the back of the end zone for a score, 17-



Left: Fleming Island running back Tay'Shaun Smith dives into end zone to convert Kaylib Singleton interception into points on the board. Center: Wide out Darion Domenick had got a catch with two seconds then sprinted to sideline to stop clock, but officials called game over. Right: Linebacker Demhir Jackson was harassing Creekside quarterback all night.

15. After halftime, Fleming Island started at their own 12 and moved quickly into Creekside territory with Broughton sprinting nearly 50 yards to paydirt but a penalty flag brought the effort back to the 48. Broughton regrouped after his sprint and found wide receiver Darion Domenick for a 20 yard back of the end zone score to 21-17.

With 6:07 left in third, with Creekside hitting a field goal to go to 21-20, Fleming Island was force to punt and put Creekside at midfield.

Williams continued to pound the Fleming Island defense with a run to the 20, then to the 10, then into the end zone with 1:50 left in the third to go up 26-21; 28-21 with a two-pointer. Creekside got one more field to go to 31-21 as the fourth quarter.

Singleton got Fleming Island to 31-27 off another pass with Creekside starting at their own 33 with 4:37 left in the game. A pass deflection by Abram Wright fell into Devante Lewis hands to give Fleming Island field position at Creekside's 30 with four minutes left in the game.

Singleton dragged a tackler to the 13 before blasting straight up the middle



Fleming Island defensive coach Sean Coultis, left, and head coach Damenyum Springs try to get defense lined up for critical fourth down goal line play.

to paydirt to put make the game 33-31 with 3:12 with Fleming Island going for two points. Singleton for a third time got pushed by his offensive line to give Fleming Island a 35-31 lead with 3:12 to go.

Edwards, who orchestrated a last minute comeback win over Oakleaf two weeks ago, hit one pass over the middle for 55 yards to Ashton Reynolds, then hit Hamp-

ton Riedl at the 19. A late hit flag gave Creekside a closer shot at a touchdown that put a fourth and 14 with 21 seconds in front of the Golden Eagle defense. Edwards found Riedl in the end zone with a pass with 33 seconds to go; 38-35.

Singleton nearly broke the ensuing kickoff but got ankle at midfield to set up the last minute theatrics.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Ridgeview High wide receiver Joeqwon Glenn breaks for 80 yard touchdown scamper in Panthers loss to Fort White.

Panthers can't breach Fort White

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK – An 80 yard touchdown pass from Richie Lewis to Joeqwon Glenn was the highlight of the game for Ridgeview, but could not offset an offensive clinic put on by Fort White as the host Panthers lost 32-15 to the Indians in a non-district game on October 21.

With fullback Hayden Adams pounding the middle, the shifty Najeeb Smith probing the perimeter and quarterback Clayton Philpot faking handoffs, making quick pitches and mixing in the occasional deep pass to keep the Ridgeview safeties from creeping too close to the line of scrimmage, Fort White's old fashioned wing T offense kept the Panthers off balance all night. The Indians only punted once while racking up 426 yards of total offense, 283 of them on the ground.

The 5'9", 190-pound Adams pounded the interior on dives and traps for 126 yards and two touchdowns on 15 attempts. Smith also carried the ball 15 times, circling around the end for 103 yards.

"It is hard to give a good scout look in practice, because it is hard to simulate their timing," Ridgeview head coach Bryan Arnette said of the Fort White offense. "They knew what they were going to run, and we knew what they were going to run, but when we did not read the pulling guards correctly or weren't in our assigned gaps, they sprung a long one."

Fort White was especially efficient in



Ridgeview running back Sheppard Bridges powers through huge hole from offensive line.

a dominant first half during which they scored on their first three possessions and were driving at the Ridgeview 30 yard line when the first half clock expired.

The Ridgeview second half was much more competitive. After not running a single play in Indians territory in the first half, Ridgeview began each of their first two possessions of the second half on the Fort White side of the field. Conner Hupp provided a spark with a 55 yard return of the opening kickoff to the Indians 40 yard

line, and while the Panthers could not capitalize on the field position, they were able to pin Fort White deep in their own end on a 29 yard punt by Kaleb Robison that was not returned. After the Panthers' defense forced a three and out for the first time all game, Cupp again set the offense up in prime position with a 14 yard punt return. Taking over at the 29 yard line, Lewis connected with freshman Deshun Green for 12 yards on a quick slant pattern. But after a tackle for loss by the Indians' Avery Giddens and a holding penalty, the Panthers faced fourth down and 15 yards to go for a first down. Lewis found Baptiste for 22 yards on well-timed skinny post route.

"I told Lewis, just put it [the ball] on him, and it will work," Arnette said of the fourth down call. "Baptiste made an insane catch, holding the ball to his helmet."

The Panthers substituted seven players for the next play, a one yard scoring plunge by Bridges, who took a direct shotgun snap and followed two wingbacks over right tackle. "We call that our 'Black Panther' package," Arnette explained. "It is our best 11 players."

Robison booted the extra point, drawing Ridgeview to within 18-7 with 4:03 left in the third quarter.

After an interception touchdown by Fort White, Ridgeview started from the 20 yard line where Lewis completed a pass to Glenn in the right flat. The junior turned upfield, evaded cornerback Maliki Clark, cut to the middle and, picking up speed, thwarted the safeties' angle on him and sped all the way to the end zone.

"Glenn is darn fast," Arnette said of Glenn, who transferred to Ridgeview from Ed White High School over the summer. "He is definitely a weapon, even though he is a little raw, with it being his first year here."

Bridges carried over the goal line up the middle for a two-point conversion, providing the final margin with 2:22 left in the contest. The Panthers, now 1-8, travel to Lake City Columbia for the final game of the season on October 28.

Raiders' offense only musters 6 in loss to Sharks

By Anthony Richards
Ponte Vedra Recorder

PONTE VEDRA - The Ponte Vedra Sharks are figuring things out at the right time of year and improved to a record of 4-4

following a 30-6 victory over the visiting Orange Park Raiders, who dropped to a record of 2-6 with the loss.

One of the bright spots for the Raiders was the play of senior defensive back Dacarris Jacobs, who had a pair of interceptions in the contest and hovered around a possible third on several other occasions.

However, despite the interceptions Sharks' quarterback Ben Burk also made some nice throws, including a 15-yard touchdown strike to senior Wyatt Rogers that extended their lead 24-0 with 1:11 left in the second quarter.

The Raiders offense found some life and drove down the field with a shot at the end zone, but the pass was broken up and the Sharks carried a shutout into the halftime break.

Twenty-four of the Sharks 30 points in the game came in the first half, as they opened up a 24-0 lead at halftime.

Although the Raiders' senior running back Jojo Restall found some room the run at times, the Sharks were able to limit his production and make things difficult for junior quarterback Carnell Bowens.

Indians 2-2, 2TDs 'in air'

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Keystone Heights football coach Chuck Dickinson is well known for his love of up front, smash-mouth football and a run game that buries opponents, but it was a two touchdown throwing night that propelled the Indians to a 38-0 win over Taylor High Friday night on homecoming night. The night also celebrated the state champion boys weightlifting team with a presentation of championship rings.

Against Taylor, quarterback Ford Baylor threw just three passes, hit two and had two scores for his night.

In the run game, Cartez Daniels exploded for 184 yards on 21 carries with two scores as the Indian offense looked a little like the old days of ground and pound.

Senior running back Bryar Schenk added 90 yards on the ground with one touchdown.

Schenk and Bryson Wester had the two touchdown tosses from Baylor; one an eight yarder, the other an 11 yarder. Wester also had two sacks on defense.

Keystone Heights (2-6) next plays at Toco Creek (5-3).



Oakleaf wins vs. Madison County

CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY DON LONG

A banner night for senior wide receiver Taylor Bradshaw and solid performances from running back Devin Outlaw, left, and Bryson Keitt, who picked up two fumbles, earned Oakleaf a 27-21 non-district win over two time defending Class 1A champion Madison County on Friday. Knights gear up to take on top region seed Bartram Trail (8-0) on Friday.

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Jaguars lose thriller at goal line

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

The Jacksonville Jaguars lost a 23-17 spine thriller to the once-beaten New York Giants as the Giants stopped the Jaguars on fourth and one late in the fourth quarter. Top: Jags defense slowed down Giants RB Saquan Barkley for most of the first half, top left, Clay High Eden Carrier is four years as a Roar cheerleader, top right, Jags RB Travis Etienne powers in for score. Below: Jags QB Trevor Lawrence stretches over goal line for Jags touchdown. Bottom left: Jags QB Trevor Lawrence had active day on the run while first year coach Doug Pederson is still figuring the puzzle.



CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC SALE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 1939 East West Parkway, Fleming Island, FL 32003.

November 15, 2022 at 10:00am
Alexandra Hayward- household goods
Jordan Campbell -household goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE SOUTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Pursuant to Chapters 190 and 120, Florida Statutes, the South Village Community Development District gives notice of its intent to develop rules establishing fees related to the use of the District's Eagle Landing Golf Club and recreational facilities. The purpose and effect of these rules is to provide for efficient and effective District operations by setting rates and fees to implement the provisions of Section 190.035, Florida Statutes. Specific legal authority for the rules includes Sections 190.035(2), 190.011(5), 120.54 and 120.81, Florida Statutes (2018). A public hearing will be conducted by the District on Tuesday December 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at the Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065. A copy of the proposed rules and fees may be obtained by contacting the District Manager at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: (904) 940-5850.

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10-2021-DP-000045
DIVISION: JV – E

IN THE INTEREST OF:
TOMLIN, KAIDEN J.,
DOB: 12/13/2012
A MINOR CHILD
THE STATE OF FLORIDA
TO:
Charles Holland, Father
Address Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child, Kaiden Tomlin born December 13, 2012. You are hereby commanded to appear before Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on November 22, 2022, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crintrp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 20th day of October 2022.
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of Said Court
By: Denise Haselwood

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:
ORDINANCE NO. O-19-2022
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, MODIFYING WATER RATES BY AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 90 UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV - WATER SERVICE, DIVISION

3 - RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 90-253 ENTITLED "WATER USAGE AND MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGES"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance:
City Council: First Reading on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter

City Council: Second & Final Reading on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through (904) 284-4849 (TDD).

Said Ordinance is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.
City of Green Cove Springs
Erin West, City Clerk
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Steve Kennedy, City Manager

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Clay County School Board Public Notice

The Clay County School Board will hold its Regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Teacher Inservice Center located at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island, Florida 32003. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to bonnie.onora@myonclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6584 TDD. Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at www.oneclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a verbatim record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. O-20-2022
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, MODIFYING WASTEWATER RATES BY AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 90 - UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV - SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, DIVISION 3 - RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 90-376 ENTITLED "WASTEWATER RATES"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance:

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City of Green Cove Springs
Erin West, City Clerk
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Steve Kennedy, City Manager
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PUBLIC SALE

On 11/11/2022 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:
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REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 14, 2022, for the following:
BID NO. 22/23-10, Clay County Fairgrounds Utility Improvements
Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on **Tuesday, November 15, 2022** in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Clay County Agricultural Fairgrounds, 2497 State Road 16 West, Green Cove Springs, Florida, on November 04, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bid bond shall include bonds or cashier or certified checks payable to the County. The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY/STATUS=ALL](https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/claycounty/status=all).

In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal.

For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Jessica Loos in the Purchasing Department at (904) 284-6388 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for bids in any respect during the Request for Bid Period. The Request for Bid Period during which no contact may occur commences from the date of publication of the notice of a Request for Bids and ends upon a Bid Decision becoming final, i.e. after the notice of bid protest period of 72 hours has expired. However, in the event of a notice of protest, the no contact rule continues in place during the Protest Period and does not end until a resolution of the protest has occurred and become final. The following exceptions exist to the no-contact rule:

a. Inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids;
b. Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and
c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.

The Board reserves the right and power to reject any and all Bids without cause and to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the Request for Bids or submittal of any Bid, and in its discretion to re-advertise the Request for Bids. The Board reserves the right to award Bids, quotes, or Proposals which would be in the Best Interest of the County. Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy for both can be viewed at: <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/vendor-information>.

A PERSON OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY. MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, MAY NOT SUBMIT BIDS ON LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT BE AWARDED OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT UNDER A CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AND MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Northeast District Office
Draft Air Permit No. 0190031-012-AC
Vac-Con, Inc., Vac-Con
Clay County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is Vac-Con, Inc. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is: Michael Hein, EHS Manager, Vac-Con, Inc., Vac-Con, 969 Hall Park Drive, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Facility Location: Vac-Con, Inc. operates the existing Vac-Con Plant, which is located in Clay County at 969 Hall Park Drive in Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Project: Construction permit to add two new open-faced Coating Booth emission points (EP) Nos. 05 and 06 at emissions unit EU001-Vacuum Truck Surface Coating Operation. Also, this permit revises the individual hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) facility-wide emission caps from 9.5 to 9 tons per any consecutive 12-month rolling period, Total HAPs from 23 to 22.5 tons per any consecutive 12-month rolling period, to provide reasonable assurance that the facility will not exceed the major source thresholds of 10/25 tons per year (TPY). The facility consist of Vacuum Truck Surface Coating Operation, Abrasive Blasting Operation, and a Abrasive Blasting Operation. The particulate emissions are controlled by approximately 55 square feet of panel-style exhaust filter areas.

Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Northeast District Office. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite, 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite, 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is (904) 256-1700.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the physical address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site: <https://fddep.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp>.

Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air construction permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of this 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. A petition for administrative hearing must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) with the Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b)

The name, address, any email address, telephone number and any facsimile number of the petitioner; the name, address any email address, telephone number, and any facsimile number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Extension of Time: Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. **Mediation:** Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2021-CC-001743; DIV-C
EAGLE HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,

a Florida not-for-profit corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
AMY CARNEGIE TOPEY,

Defendants.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 5, 2022, and entered in Case No. 2021-CC-001743, in the County Court of in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein EAGLE HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. is the Plaintiff and AMY CARNEGIE TOPEY is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash online at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 A.M. on the 22nd day of November, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
Lot 39, Eagle Watch at Eagle Harbor, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 32, pages 23 through 31, inclusive, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
Parcel Identification Number: 30-04-26-021262-027-39.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 10th day of October, 2022.
As Clerk of the Court
By: Jennifer Brosky
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2012-CC-339
DIVISION: C
SILVER CREEK OF CLAY COUNTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida nonprofit corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JASON M PEYTON and LISA A. PEYTON and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) WHO MAY BE IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY,
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to

a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 3, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012-CC-000339 of the County Court, in Clay County, Florida, wherein SILVER CREEK OF CLAY COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida nonprofit corporation, is the Plaintiff, JASON M. PEYTON; LISA A. PEYTON; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) WHO MAY BE IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY, are the Defendants. The Clerk of Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com on the 29th day of November, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure to-wit:

Lot 509, SILVER CREEK, according to plat thereof as recorded Plat Book 44, Page 52 through 72, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida
Parcel No.: 22-05-25-010109-009-09

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

DATED this 12th day of October, 2022.
(SEAL)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Courts Clay County, FL
By: Robin Tefft
Deputy Clerk
American With Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 330 East Bay Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202, or telephone 630-2564. If hearing impaired call (TDD) (800) 955-8771 or (800) 955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CASE NO: 2020-CA-000148
US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.
CAROLL D. JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROLL D. JOHNSON; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 3, 2022, and entered in Case No. 2020CA000148, of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST is Plaintiff, and CAROLL D. JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROLL D. JOHNSON; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. TARA S. GREEN, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash BY ELECTRONIC SALE AT: WWW.CLAY.REALFORECLOSE.COM at 10:00 AM, on the 7th day of December, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 48, BLOCK 3, THE MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 64, 65 AND 66, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED this 4th day of August, 2022.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of Said Court
By Leigh Lucroy
As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crintrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2022-CV-000610
Division A
IN RE: ESTATE OF LIESELOTTE M. JONES
Deceased.
The administration of the estate of Lieselotte M. Jones, deceased, whose date of death was September 7, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave. / PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is October 27, 2022.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The online bidding and auction for Storage Rentals of America, 369 Blanding Blvd. will be held online at lockerfox.com through November 17, 2022, at 11:00AM. The entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien and other charges according to FL Statutes 83.801.

PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

- Unit# Tenant or Business Name
 - A59 STEPHANIE BROWN-KIRBY
 - A66 SHELBY MUMMERY
 - A100 WESLEY GRIFFIN, JR.
 - D14 GRACE ROGERS
 - D72 BRANDON DENSON
 - H30 REESE ROWLING
 - J20 LEE THOMAS
 - M27 BRYAN VAN HOEVEN
- Sale being held to satisfy Landlords' lien. Seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. CASH ONLY. Contents to be removed within 72 hours.
Storage Rentals of America
369 Blanding Blvd.
Orange Park, FL 32073 904-977-6400

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

File Number: 2022-CP-0599

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAYQUAN DA MARION GRAHAM-MCCRAY, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Jayquan Da Marion Graham-McCray, deceased, whose date of death was September 15, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE

FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is October 27, 2022.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE

ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE District Board of Trustees

• Amendment to SJR State Board Rule #1.30 (R1) Mission Statement for Thrasher-Horne Center

• Repeal SJR State Board Rule #1.31 (R1) Vision Statement for Thrasher-Horne Center

• Repeal SJR State Board Rule #1.32 (R1) Core Values for Thrasher-Horne Center

• Amendment to SJR State Board Rule #4.21 (R2) Capitalizing Property

The District Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College will hold a public hearing for the following rules to be taken into consideration:

• Amendment to SJR State Board Rule #1.30 (R1) Mission Statement for Thrasher-Horne Center

• Repeal SJR State Board Rule #1.31 (R1) Vision Statement for Thrasher-Horne Center

• Repeal SJR State Board Rule #1.32 (R1) Core Values for Thrasher-Horne Center

• Amendment to SJR State Board Rule #4.21 (R2) Capitalizing Property

A board workshop on student housing will take place at 2 p.m. before the St. Johns River State College board meeting on November 28, 2022, in the Board Room of the Administration Building at the Palatka Campus, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida. The board meeting will begin at 3 p.m.

Authority for the rules is found in Florida Statutes, Section 1001.64 (18). Estimated economic impact on all affected persons cannot be determined at this time.

Written comments may be submitted within 14 days of the date of this notice to: Dr. Gilbert Evans, Vice President for Legal Affairs/General Counsel

St. Johns River State College
5001 St. Johns Avenue
Palatka, Florida 32177

Substantially affected persons may, within 14 days of the date of this notice, file an objection to this rulemaking with the agency. The objection shall specify the portions of the proposed rules to which the person objects and the specific reasons for the objection.

The full text of the proposed rules is available upon request.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the noticed meeting should contact the College at the following address at least five days before the date of the scheduled meeting: Charles Romer, Director of Human Resources, 386-312-4074 or charlesromer@sjrstate.edu. Persons with speech or hearing impairments should contact the College using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

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was issued on May 26, 2022: Southpoint Holdings, LLC 4800 Belford Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32256-6004 permit # 35159-4. The project is located in Clay County, Section 41, Township 05 South, Range 26 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 0.5 acres for a maintenance and primarily interior remodel improvement of an existing system known as Borland Groover New Ambulatory Surgical Center. The receiving water body is Black Creek.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32177-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwm.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of the District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4, and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at www.sjrwm.com.

These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).

If you wish to do so, please visit www.sjrwm.com/nor_dec/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Office of Business and Administrative Services, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no 386-329-4570.

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CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CORDELLA TYRE, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ANNETTE HALL; CAROLYN WEBB; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JACKIE BROWN, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DEBRA JANE HOLLORAN, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DWAYNE BROWN, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF LISA DIANA REEVES, DECEASED; CAROLYN REEVES; MELISSA REEVES are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on November 10, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

MARSHA ANDERSON-SHEAREN
9284 Cornell Circle,
Woodberry, Minnesota 55125
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 22-CP-000408
IN RE: The Estate Of Mae Frances
Moore
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Mae
Frances Moore, deceased, is pending in
the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida,
Probate Division, the address of which is
the Clay County Courthouse, P.O. Box
698, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green
Cove Springs, FL 32043. The name and
address 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 served must file
their claims with this court WITHIN THE
LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE
TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION
OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER
THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF
THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and
other persons having claims or demands
against decedent's estate, must file their
claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS
AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLI-
CATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE
FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice
is October 20, 2022.

Attorney for Personal
Representative:
Ian S. Horowitz, Esq., LL.M. (Tax)
Horowitz Legal PLLC
1900 Glades Road
Suite 355
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: 561-405-9465
Direct Fax: 561-314-0007
ian@horowitz-legal.com
Personal Representative:
Lisa Moore-Descartes
9 Cooke Lane,
Monticello, New York 12701

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC
AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD AN ON-
LINE AUCTION FOR COUNTY OWNED
REAL PROPERTY ON THE FOLLOW-
ING DATES AND TIMES, ON THE FOL-
LOWING WEBSITE

BEGIN DATE: 8:00 AM, October 28, 2022
END DATE: 4:00 PM, December 1, 2022
LOCATION: www.govdeals.com
THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED IN CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA,
WILL BE SOLD AS IS WITH NO WAR-
RANTIES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER:
1. RE# 16-08-23-001567-003-00, 6392
ROLLING HILLS AVENUE, KEYSTONE
HEIGHTS, PT OF SE1/4 S16T8R23 AS
REC O R 4150 PG 703
2. RE# 22-08-23-003651-000-00, 7241
LEHIGH DRIVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS,
LOTS 14 & 15 BLK 71 HIGHRIDGE ES-
TATES AS REC O R 1923 PG 1711 &
4397 PG 2181
3. RE# 36-08-23-005251-010-11,
CACTUS HILL DRIVE, KEYSTONE
HEIGHTS, PT OF W1/2 OF NE1/4 OF
NW1/4 AS REC O R 2426 PG 1520
4. RE# 10-08-24-007026-001-39, 7008
PEAR LAKE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS,
LOT 37 & (1/29 INT) LOT 23 PEAR LAKE
ESTATES AS REC O R 1406 PG 627 &
4378 PG 1458

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RE-NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CASE NO.: 2021CA000848
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORA-
TION
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
NESTOR LAUZURIQUE, SR., ALMA J
LAUZURIQUE ET AL.,
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant
to Agreed Order on Plaintiffs Motion to
Cancel and Reschedule the October
19, 2022 Foreclosure Sale dated the
October 6, 2022, and entered in Case
No. 2021CA000848, of the Circuit Court
of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and
for Clay County, Florida, wherein Freedom
Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and
ALMA J LAUZURIQUE, UNKNOWN
TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE
SUBJECT PROPERTY; and UNKNOWN
TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE
SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants.

Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit
Court shall sell to the highest and best
bidder for cash electronically at www.
clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m. on
the 7th day of December 2022, the fol-
lowing described property as set forth in said
Final Judgment, to wit:
LOTS 5, 6, 19 AND 20, BLOCK 5, OF
THE TOWN OF LAKE GENEVA, AC-

CORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RE-
CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 38,
OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO, THOSE
CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND LYING
BETWEEN THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOTS
5 AND 6 DESCRIBED ABOVE AND THE
SHORES OF LAKE GENEVA, AND THE
PARCEL OF LAND LYING BETWEEN
THE NORTH SIDE OF SAID LOTS 5
AND 6 AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF
LOTS 19 AND 20 DESCRIBED ABOVE.
IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A
RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER
THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM
WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN
THE DATE THAT THE CLERK RE-
PORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED.
IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU
WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY RE-
MAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS
ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED,
ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS
OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS
MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If you are a person with a disability who
needs an accommodation in order to
access court facilities or participate in a
court proceeding, you are entitled, at no
cost to you, to the provision of certain as-
sistance. To request such an accommo-
dation, please contact Court Administra-
tion at least three business days prior to
the required service by using one of the
following methods: Phone - (904) 630-
2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TDD/TTY -
(800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service),
E-Mail - crtntrp@coj.net.
Dated this 13th day of October, 2022.
Tara S. Green
Clerk of The Circuit Court
By: Taylor Tison
Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Qualifications
Contractor Prequalification
RFQ-SJR-14-2022 New Certificate
-or-
RFQ-SJR-15-2022 Renewal Certificate
Application

St. Johns River State College (SJR State)
invites its currently prequalified contrac-
tors to apply for certificate renewal (RFQ-
SJR-15-2022); and also invites general,
building, roofing, mechanical, and site-
work (civil) contractors with SREF and
public projects experience to apply for a
new certificate (RFQ-SJR-14-2022), for
calendar year 2023. Prequalification is
required to bid on various construction
related projects. Anticipated projects may
include construction, renovation, remodel-
ing, major repairs, roof replacements,
and site work at any of the College's
campuses in Clay, Putnam and St. Johns
Counties.

To obtain an RFQ specifications docu-
ment, e-mail a request to Terry Thomas,
Director of Capital Assets and Risk Man-
agement, at TerryThomas@sjrstate.edu.
Specify whether request is for renewal
or new. The RFQ specifications docu-
ments can also be downloaded from the
web page dedicated to the RFQ which
applies to them at https://www.sjrstate.
edu/142022 or https://www.sjrstate.
edu/152022.

Deadline for receipt of RFQ submissions
is 3:00 p.m., November 4, 2022, to St.
Johns River State College, Business Of-
fice Attn: Terry Thomas, Director of Cap-
ital Assets and Risk Management, 5001
St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL 32177. Sub-
missions must be sealed and identified
on the outside with RFQ-SJR-14-2022
or RFQ-SJR-15-2022 (whichever is ap-
plicable) and responder's name. **Faxed,
e-mailed (except that portion noted in
specs), conditional, late, or responses
delivered to the wrong location will not
be considered.** Responses received by
the deadline will be opened publicly at
3:30 p.m., November 4, 2022, in Room
A-152 on the SJR State Campus in Palatka.

RFQs received by the deadline will be
evaluated in a public meeting starting
at 1:30 p.m. on November 16, 2022,
in Room A-152 at SJR State, 5001 St.
Johns Ave., Palatka, FL. RFQ awards
are expected at the DBOT meeting at
3:00 p.m. on Nov. 28, 2022, at SJR State,
Room A-154, 5001 St. Johns Ave., Palatka,
FL. The basis for award of prequalified
contractor status is for firms to meet all
RFQ specifications. SJR State reserves
the right to reject any or all responses re-
ceived, to waive any or all informalities
in regards thereto, and to award certificates
which are in the best interest of the Col-
lege.

Respondents must monitor the web page
dedicated to the RFQ which applies to
them at https://www.sjrstate.edu/142022
or https://www.sjrstate.edu/152022 for
updates and information, notices, and
scheduling information.
For disability accommodations for the
public meetings, call (386) 312-4110 48
hours prior to the meeting.

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Today newspaper

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2022-CC-00852
CHARM-B INC.,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
HOA PROBLEM SOLUTIONS 5 INC.,
DEFENDANT(S) /
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to

a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated
July 28, 2022, and entered in 2022-CC-
00852 of the County Court of the FOURTH
Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County,
Florida, wherein Charm-B, Inc. is the
Plaintiff and HOA Problem Solutions 5
Inc. is the Defendant. Tara S. Green as
the Clerk of the Court will sell to the high-
est and best bidder for cash at www.clay.
realforeclose.com, at 10:00AM, on No-
vember 8, 2022, the following described
property as set forth in said Final Judg-
ment, to wit:

**Lot 341, Silver Creek, according to the
map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat
Book 44, Page 52 through 57, Public
Records of Clay County, Florida.
More commonly known as: 2348
Creekfront Dr., Green Cove Springs,
FL 32043 ("Property").**

Any person claiming an interest in the
surplus from the sale, if any, other than
the property owner as of the date of the lis
pendens must file a claim in accordance
with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.
Dated this 10th day of October, 2022.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Tara Green
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Leigh Lecroy
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL PROPERTY

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2022CC000104
DIVISION:
SUMMERBROOK HOMEOWNERS AS-
SOCIATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.

CHARLEMAGNE HOBOUR; EL AL.;
Defendants.
TO: CHARLEMAGNE HOBOUR; AND
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES
CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER
AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED
INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE
NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE,
WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES
MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUS-
ES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES
OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an
action to foreclose a lien on the following
described property:

LOT 29, SUMMERBROOK, ACCORD-
ING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RE-
CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGES
14 THROUGH 17 OF THE PUBLIC RE-
CORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
More commonly known as 1384 Sum-
merbrook Drive, Middleburg, Florida 32068
has been filed against you, and you are
required to serve a copy of your written
defenses, if any, on Plaintiff through their
attorney, whose name and address is:
Sean Murrell, Esq., Murrell Law, LLC, 35
Durbur Station Court Unit 106, St Johns,
Florida 32259 on or before thirty (30)
days after the first publication, and file the
original with the Clerk of this Court either
before service on Plaintiff or immediately
thereafter; otherwise, a default judgment
will be entered against you for the relief
demanded in the complaint.
DATED on Oct 11, 2022, Green Cove
Springs, CLAY COUNTY, Florida.
(seal)

TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Court
By: Robin Teft
As Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
(Invitation to Bid)

Advertisement for bid will be made on:
**October 27, November 3, and Novem-
ber 10, 2022**

Sealed bids will be received by the Clay
County District Schools until:
2:00 PM, December 8, 2022
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
consisting of:

**New Cafeteria Addition, Middleburg
High School**

CCDS Project No. C-33 19/20
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 32075
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/Engineer and
a CD is available for purchase at 25\$ per
copy. Please call in advance to order.
Printed sets of the plans are also on file
for purchase at cost in the following Plan
Rooms:

LDI Repro-printing Center
550 Wells Road, Suite 100
Orange Park, FL 32073
Tel: 904/579-4027
Fax: 904/579-4154
orangeprint@ldireproprinting.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 automatically (electronically) to the
known plan holders. Other delivery meth-
ods may be arranged with the architect.

Partial sets of drawings and/or specifica-
tions are not advised and neither the ar-
chitect nor owner will be responsible for
partial information given to subcontractors
by the general contractors.

**There will be Mandatory Pre-bid Meet-
ing at the site on November 17, 2022
at 9:00 AM per Section 00 21 13, Part
9.2. Bidders not attending the pre-bid
meeting will not be permitted to sub-
mit a bid.**

Only Contractors having been pre-quali-
fied 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 Statu-
tes).

Florida Statutes require that all contrac-
tural 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 discrimina-
tory 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 con-
struction 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 competi-
tiveness 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 Su-
perintendent 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 ac-
cordance with Florida Statutes, Section
255.0516F.S.

Bond Requirement:
With respect to state contracts and bids
pursuant to competitive bidding, whether
under chapter 1013, relating to education-
al 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 per-
cent of the lowest accepted bid, which-
ever 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 Hear-
ing. 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 re-
cover 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 an-
nounced 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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Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CITRUS
CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC, the holder of
the following certificate has filed said cer-
tificate for a tax deed to be issued there-
on. 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.: 3547/2020
Legal Description: (PT SUBJ TO
CONSV ESMT AS REC O R 1438 PG
2129) PT LOTS 3,4,5 & 6 BLK 1
SEC 9 RIDGEWOOD AS REC O R 4102
PG 1919 & 4189 PG 387

Parcel ID No.: 130425-020304-336-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,262.75
Physical Address: CONSTITUTION DR
ORANGE PARK
Classification: VACANT 10 AC AC/
NON

Name in which assessed: DUVAL
LAND TRUST SERVICE LLC (TRUST-
EE), CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST
#13-04-25-020304-336-00

Said property being in the Co#13-004f-
2C51-a0y2-05t3a0t4e-03f3 6f-Lo0r0i da.
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 7th day of
**December, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.
clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 12th day of October, 2022
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay
County, Florida
Larry L. Williams Jr. Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CITRUS
CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC, the holder of
the following certificate has filed said cer-
tificate for a tax deed to be issued there-
on. 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.: 2791/2020
Legal Description: LOT 11 BLK 17
MEADOWBROOK 8 AS REC O R 568
PG 34

Parcel ID No.: 010425-011505-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$37,475.50
Physical Address: 187 VENUS LN , OR-
ANGE PARK

Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: ESTATE OF
SYLVIA JEAN DECASTA

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 7th day of
**December, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.
clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 7th day of October, 2022
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay
County, Florida
By Jewel Baskin Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: 2022CA000746
DWIGHT FRANCIS,
Plaintiff,
vs.

KENNETH E. FRANCIS, ISABELLE
FERGUSON, deceased, and D.H. FER-
GUSON, deceased, and any and all
heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees,
lienors, creditors, trustees or other
claimants of ISABELLE FERGUSON
and D.H. FERGUSON,
Defendants.

TO: ISABELLE FERGUSON, deceased,
and D.H. FERGUSON, deceased, and
any and all heirs, devisees, grantees,
assignees, lienors, creditors, trusteees
or other claimants of ISABELLE
FERGUSON and D.H. FERGUSON;
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES
CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER,
AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED
DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN
TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER
SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM
AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS,
DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER
CLAIMANTS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of an ac-
tion to Quiet Title to the following property
in Clay County, Florida:

**Civic Description: 621 Walburg St.,
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043**

**Legal Description: Commence at the
most northerly corner of said Lot 5;
thence on the southwesterly line of
Pine Avenue, run South 37 degrees
09 minutes 57 seconds East, 74.00
feet to the northwesterly line of those
lands described in Official Records
Book 4227, page 1474 of said public
records; thence on said northwesterly
line, South 53 degrees 04 minutes 26
seconds West, parallel to the south-
easterly line of Walburg Street, 157.72
feet to the point of beginning; thence
continue South 53 degrees 04 minutes
26 seconds West, 92.69 feet to the
northeasterly line of Cypress Avenue;
thence on said northeasterly line,
North 37 degrees 00 minutes 00 sec-
onds West, 74.00 feet to said south-
easterly line of Walburg Street; thence
on said southeasterly line, North 53
degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds East,
92.66 feet; thence South 37 degrees 01
minute 29 seconds East, 74.00 feet to
the point of beginning.**

Parcel ID Number: 38-06-26-017742-
000-00

A lawsuit has been filed against you, and
you are required to serve a copy of your
written response to it on MacKinley Jus-
tin, Esquire, 1111 Oakfield Drive, #115D,
Brandon, FL 33511, or email your re-
sponse to mack@jflaw.com and cher@
jflaw.com at least thirty (30) days from
the date of first publication, and file the
original with the Clerk of this Court; other-
wise, a default will be entered against you
for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATED: August 24, 2022

(SEAL)
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Kayla Beard
As Deputy Clerk

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ty's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public
auction to sell personal property de-
scribed below belonging to those individu-
als listed below at the location indicated:

4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003,
November 15, 2022 at 10:00am
Daryle Fischer
House hold
Kristen Hammock
household items
Leocresia Barger
Boxes, Beds, Tables, Bookcase, End
tables, chairs,sofa,love seat
The auction will be listed and advertised
on www.storage treasures.com. Purchas-
es must be made with cash only and paid
at the above referenced facility in order
to complete the transaction. Extra Space
Storage may refuse any bid and may re-
scind any purchase up until the winning
bidder takes possession of the personal
property.

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newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: DNA BUSI-
NESS SOLUTIONS LLC, the holder of
the following certificate has filed said cer-
tificate for a tax deed to be issued there-
on. 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 RW O R 1402
PG 2006 & PT S OF CR C-226 DESC IN
PRCL 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

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**vs.**
JONATHAN CLARK, et al.

Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 10, 2022, and entered in 10-2020-CA-000161 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and JONATHAN CLARK; BETSY CLARK; STATE OF FLORIDA; HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realtorforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on November 23, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 1, HERITAGE HILLS UNIT 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 24, PAGE(S) 13 AND 14 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 585 CHARLES PINCKNEY ST, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 21 day of October, 2022.

Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Leigh Lucroy
As Deputy Clerk
IMPORTANT
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at clrtinrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102020CA000704A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
\$26,751 U.S. CURRENCY
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

WILLIAM DAVID BAIN, III, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about July 24, 2020 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
e-service: jdavenport@claysheriff.com
Telephone: (904) 529-6077

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102022CA000594A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2019 DODGE CHALLENGER, VIN 2C3CDZL9XXH705472
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

YEMANH GEBREMEDIH, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about March 22, 2022 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102022CA000594A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2019 DODGE CHALLENGER, VIN 2C3CDZL9XXH705472
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

YEMANH GEBREMEDIH, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about

March 7, 2022 and April 12, 2022 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property. Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102022CA001050A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2013 MERCEDES GLK350, VIN WDCG-G5HBXDG048013
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

ISABELLE GIBSON, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about August 10, 2022 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
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Telephone: (904) 529-6077

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102022CA000467A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2012 BMW 528i, VIN WB-AXG5C52DW85398
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

ROBERT SIMMONS, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about March 23, 2022 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
e-service: jdavenport@claysheriff.com
Telephone: (904) 529-6077

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102022CA000871A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2007 HONDA CIVIC, VIN 2HGFG21567H711799
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

CARLOS RAMOS, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about March 22, 2022 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102019CA001401A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2014 CHEVROLET IMPALA, VIN 2G1155S36E9157225
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

WILLIE CHARLES HOLT, JR., CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE

Florida 32043
e-service: jdavenport@claysheriff.com
Telephone: (904) 529-6077

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102022CA000689A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2015 HONDA CIVIC, VIN 2HGFG4A57FH70841
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

CARLOS RAMOS, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about May 19, 2022 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102020CA000590A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
\$8,420 U.S. CURRENCY
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

WENDELL LASHAWN WHITE, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about June 16, 2020 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102022CA000467A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2012 BMW 528i, VIN WB-AXG5C52DW85398
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

ROBERT SIMMONS, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about March 23, 2022 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102019CA001400A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2007 CHEVROLET SILVERADO, VIN 3GC6C13C87G530649
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

LESTER BELL, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about December 19, 2018 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102019CA001401A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2014 CHEVROLET IMPALA, VIN 2G1155S36E9157225
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

WILLIE CHARLES HOLT, JR., CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE

ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY

The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about December 3, 2019 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
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Telephone: (904) 529-6077

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102020CA000590A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
\$8,420 U.S. CURRENCY
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

WENDELL LASHAWN WHITE, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about June 16, 2020 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
e-service: jdavenport@claysheriff.com
Telephone: (904) 529-6077

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102019CA001400A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2007 CHEVROLET SILVERADO, VIN 3GC6C13C87G530649
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

LESTER BELL, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about December 19, 2018 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102019CA001400A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2007 CHEVROLET SILVERADO, VIN 3GC6C13C87G530649
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

LESTER BELL, CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY
The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about December 19, 2018 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY

COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
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Telephone: (904) 529-6077
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PUBLIC SALE

West Stor of Middleburg, LLC will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder. The sale will take place online at self-storageauction.com in enforcement of Florida Statutes section 83.806 ending Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 4:30pm on the following units. The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted: Tonya Davie, William (Ross) Dieter, James Fagan, Christopher L Green, Jacob Griffin, Michael Koelling, and Frank Morabito.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2022-CP-000561
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY VIRGINA WIBBING, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of MARY VIRGINA WIBBING, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clay County Courthouse, 825 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Certificate No.: 3146/2020
Legal Description: PT OF NE 1/4 OF SE1/4 AS REC O R 2772 PG 1866 & 2776 PG 157
Parcel ID No.: 350726-016016-018-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,455.39
Physical Address: 873 LOVERS LANE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: DEREK MAYO
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Legal 42565 published Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10 and Nov 17, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFY, LLC CAPITAL ONE, N.A. AS COLLATERAL ASSIGNEE OF TLGFY LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate No.: 329/2020
Legal Description: LOT 4 BLK 28 BIG TREE LAKES SEC A AS REC O R 1438 PG 797 Parcel ID No.: 140823-001437-123-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$19,571.12
Physical Address: 7526 APPOMATTOX AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: JON P SHAVER & JODY M SHAVER

Legal 42470 published Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10 and Nov 17, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MICHAEL X MCNANEY, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate No.: 3731/2015
Legal Description: PT LOT 1 MILLERS S/D OF LOT 1 BLK 27 N S G.C.S. AS REC O R 1751 PG 1314
Parcel ID No.: 380626-017745-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,827.13
Physical Address: 413 PINE AVE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: RAYMOND COLLINS

Legal 42467 published Oct 27, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to consider the adoption of an ordinance bearing the following title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CLAY COUNTY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE II, ANIMAL SERVICES, SECTION 4-36. - RETAIL SALE OF DOGS AND CATS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. All interested persons are invited to at-

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

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 269-6376, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd Middleburg FL 32068 at date and time listed below:
CLAY COUNTY TOWING AUCTION
NOVEMBER 21, 2022 @ 10:00 AM
2018 TOYT 5 T F R M 5 F 1 1 J X 1 3 3 2 0 6
Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or eject any or all bids.

Legal 42465 publish Oct 27, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd Middleburg FL 32068 at date and time listed below:
CLAY COUNTY TOWING AUCTION
NOVEMBER 14, 2022 @ 10:00 AM
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2005 INFI J N K C V 5 4 E 1 5 M 4 0 6 0 4 5
Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Legal 2464 publish Oct 27, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF MEETING SHADOWLAWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Shadowlawn Community Development District ("District"), will hold a regular meeting on November 9, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., at Reinhold Corporation, 1845 Town Center Blvd, Suite 105, Fleming Island, FL 32003 for the purpose of conducting any business that may properly come before the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the offices of the District Manager, Wrothell Hunt & Associates, 2300 Gladys Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (877) 276-0889 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2022-CP-575
Division B

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA O. JONES, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of MARTHA O. JONES, deceased, whose date of death was September 13, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, or 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 27, 2022.
Attorney for Personal Representative: Dale S. Wilson
E-Mail Addresses: wilsdale@bellsouth.net

Florida Bar No. 176945
Dale S. Wilson PA
PO Box 1808
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Telephone: (904)284-5618
Personal Representative: Donna R. Grohman
1219 Bulltail Road
Belgrade, Montana 59714

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Nail Baby

Located at 814 Celebration Lane in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32065 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 20th day of Oct, 2022.
Owner's/corporation name: Adrienne Perry

Legal 42618 published Oct 27, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102019CA001401A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2014 CHEVROLET IMPALA, VIN 2G1155S36E9157225

MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS. WILLIE CHARLES HOLT, JR., CLAIMANT
TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY

The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about December 3, 2019 at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
e-service: jdavenport@claysheriff.com
Telephone: (904) 529-6077

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PUBLIC SALE

On 11/08/2022 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:
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