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Tourism Chairman Mike Cella and Kayak Bass Fishing's Chad Hoover announced the county will host monthly and national tournaments.

## County tourism makes a big splash with national fishing tournament

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Since there are no major amusement parks in Clay County, tourism officials decided to put the spotlight on one of its greatest assets to attract visitors – its expansive waterways.

The county entered an agreement with Kayak Bass Fishing and Airstream Ventures to create a year-long fishing tournament.

"We're not trying to do this as a flash in the pan," said Kayak Bass Fishing founder Chad Hoover. "What we're trying to

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## Wake up Santa!

### Santa Claus is in town

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The Christmas season officially arrived at the Orange Park Mall last Saturday when hundreds of children screamed and sang to wake up Kris Kringle from his year-long nap. Once he rose from his slumber, he was greeted with hugs and kisses.

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OP tennis Adam Blackner Adam Blackner, Director of Racquet Sports at Club Continental, fires away an incoming practice serve to an Orange Park student participating in the seven-week United States Tennis Association (USTA) Florida Section Foundation program, which concluded with a tournament on Wednesday.

## USTA provides tennis lessons to children in Orange Park

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – For the past seven weeks, 22 children residing in Orange Park have spent the last seven weeks participating in a special program funded by a grant provided by the United States Tennis Association through Orange Park High.

After practicing forehands, backhands, positioning and hand-eye coordination for seven weeks, the crew got together for one

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# Day as a Deputy enlightens citizens the daunting tasks of being a cop

By Don Coble  
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FLEMING ISLAND – It was unnerving to come around the corner and see two brothers arguing over a \$180 pair of boots, especially when one of them pulled a gun from his waistband and pointed it at the other.

Do I pull my gun? Do I yell at him to drop it? Do I try to coax him into giving up?

The reality is, the brother – or I – could be dead in the time it took to think about any of the options.

The Day as a Deputy Citizens' Academy offered insights into the difficult job of being a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy.

A group of 16 took the four-hour class on Friday, Nov. 22. We were given insight into answering disturbance calls, as well as getting information on the marine unit, dive team, SWAT team, K-9, traffic enforcement and getting a sneak peek inside the Mobile Command Unit.

It was a lot of information in a short amount of time. It also proved, before a deputy puts on a badge and hits the street, they've gone through hundreds of training hours and real-life situations.

"You guys will get to see some of the fun stuff," said CCSO Undersheriff Ron Lendvay said before the session started.

Fun? perhaps. Enlightening? absolutely.

What's clear is being a cop isn't anything like you see on television. Decisions often have to be made in split seconds. And there are no do-overs.

We saw how K-9s are used to alert deputies of the likely presence of illegal substances. The sheriff's office has dogs that are trained for specific jobs. Dogs like Cash and Ory have been responsible for helping



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies taught how SWAT team operates, how K-9 Cash is used as a valuable weapon to find illegal drugs, along with how the dive team and traffic enforcement work. Then Glen Taylor (bottom, right) got a sneak peek inside the mobile command center.

deputies uncover drugs – and make arrests.

What we learned is that dogs can't differentiate between marijuana, cocaine, fentanyl or methamphetamine. If they smell

something, they react.

Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects of the day was learning how deputies enforce traffic laws. Patrol cars and motorcycles are equipped with radar detectors on the front and rear bumpers, so they can get a speeder coming or going. When they use hand-held laser detectors, they are required to estimate the speed of a driver before deploying the laser. Their estimate is supposed to be within 5 mph, either way, of the laser finding. If not, they won't stop you.

But we also learned, since they've seen thousands of cars on the road, they're really good at estimating speed, so slow down.

We learned the waterways in Clay County are so murky or filled with dark tannins, divers have no visibility once they go under. They rely solely on feeling with their hands, and they train by recovering items tossed into a retention pond or creek.

Every aspect of law enforcement can be done inside the Mobile Command Unit, including the 911 call center. In an emergency, it can offer the tools needed to answer any emergency. And it's on wheels.

More important, it didn't cost taxpayers a dime. The money used to buy the truck

came from drug seizures.

Now we go back to answering calls. Anytime a deputy is dispatched, they generally are walking into a volatile – and unpredictable – situation. Worse yet, no two calls are alike.

To show that, all 16 deputies for a day were subjected to different scenarios. I had one brother pointing a gun at his brother during an argument. I also had a suspicious SUV parked in an area where there had been a lot of copper theft. When I found the SUV, it turned out to be a couple fighting. They ran from the car with the man threatening the woman.

In both situations, I didn't react quickly enough.

When I saw the brother pointing a gun at his brother, I should have reacted by shooting the armed man. In the case of the fighting couple, I should have tried to get between the two to break it up.

In both situations, I not only was unprepared, but I also don't believe I was capable of making such difficult – and physical – decisions.

That's why I'm going to leave it to the professionals.

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## Hello Clay County! I'm your new reporter, Lee Wardlaw

By Lee Wardlaw  
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CLAY COUNTY – As I start with Clay Today, I wanted to tell you a little about me. I'm a 26-year-old reporter from Columbia, South Carolina. I graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2019 with an advanced degree in multimedia journalism, but my journey in the industry began long before that. My first role was with Bleacher Report from 2009-2012 covering college and professional football. But Bleacher Report was just the beginning for me.



Lee Wardlaw

I now have 13 years of sportswriting experience, with four years overlapping as a news reporter. My byline has been featured in more than 10 publications, including Fansided, Front Porch Football, The Daily Gamecock, South Carolina Public Radio, Cola Daily, The Daniel Island News, Fits News, The Florida Keys Free Press, Rivals, and now, The Clay Today! During my time in the newsroom, I have covered more than 60 news and sports beats, with my byline featured in cities like Columbia and Charleston in South Carolina, as well as Key Largo, Key West and Miami.

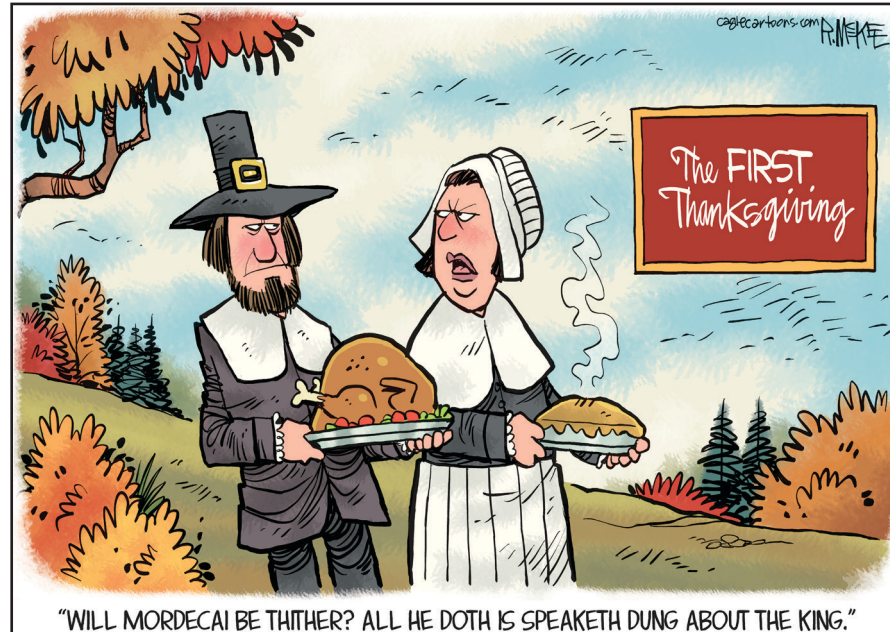
I have written on several major topics, including the 2020 presidential election, and the 2019 Carolina versus Tampa Bay Thursday Night Football Game featuring former FSU quarterback Jameis Winston.

Most recently, at The Florida Keys Free Press in Key Largo, I wrote localized state, national and international news topics, including state tourism, the housing affordability crisis, the gasoline price crisis, which hiked to the highest prices in U.S. history and the Ukraine War, with a U.S. refugee fleeing to safety in Islamorada in February, leaving behind his home, car and community.

Hotly-contested Village of Islamorada politics and local artists, musicians, restaurant and resident features were part of my weekly coverage, which also dove into non-profits, the auctioning off of the island chain's six lighthouses and other topics that make the Keys and South Florida unique, including deep-sea fishing tournaments, hurricanes, shark attacks, dolphin rescues, coral reefs, the python problem in the Everglades National Park and wild tales from residents, such as Keys' resident John Lincoln's tale of hand-building

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## OPINIONS



## Be thankful all the time, not just on Thanksgiving Day

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

There are days when my knee replacement hurts so bad I can barely walk. My left hip pops in and out of the joint, which means another joint replacement is coming soon. The only thing that may delay my hip replacement is my right shoulder cracks and snaps every time I move it, putting it on the short list of upcoming surgeries.

And yet, I feel more thankful than ever before for the good things in my life.

This is the time of year when we're supposed to count our blessings. But I do it all the time, not just on Thanksgiving.

Don't get me wrong. Thanksgiving turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, collard greens and sweet potato casserole have big been, and always will be, my favorite meal of the year. That's why I usually cook a bird four or five times a year, not just during Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. No matter how much I hurt, I can crawl to the dinner table if necessary.

I am very thankful for Facetime. The app allows me to feel like I have my grandson, Don Henry in the same room with me, although he's nearly 1,700 miles away.

I'm also thankful I don't have neigh-



Don Coble

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bors who cut their grass and use a blower to blow their grass clippings into the street.

I am thankful to be surrounded by so many good people. Being happy is a choice. So is being unhappy. What's amazing is there are so many good things happening around you every minute. You simply have to choose to recognize it.

I always smile in gratitude when someone uses their turn signal. I just wish it happened more often.

I am thankful I moved from the County Road 218 and Blanding Boulevard area to Doctors Inlet. My neighbors aren't any nicer here, but I don't have to deal with the never-ending construction and delays on Blanding.

I am thankful to fill Angel Tree requests and deliver household goods and food to the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.

I am thankful I bought one of Pastor John Sanders' Boston butts last week. Not only did I get enough incredible pork to last for 10 meals, but it also helped him inch closer to rebuilding the Vineyards Transitional Center to help provide inmates the skills and knowledge to transition back into society.

I am thankful I no longer have to clean my plate before dessert.

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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.

**Vulpine:** (VUHL-payn) an adjective that means anything relating to a fox.

*"The red dog next door had a small, vulpine face and white feet."*

## This Week in History

### 5 years ago, 2017

- Dentists come to Clay County to donate \$60,000 worth of dental work to residents on Friday, Nov. 17.

- Rev. Bill Randall of St. Simon Baptist Church in Orange Park tells the Orange Park Town Council of his plans to create the Clay Youth Connection for homeless children.

- Clay High beats Zephyrhills, 52-49, to advance to the regional championship against Baker County in the Class 2-5A football playoffs.

### 10 years ago, 2012

- The Clay County Development Authority moves ahead with plans to pick a site for the Big League Dreams complex of baseball and soccer fields.

- For the third consecutive year, Middleburg-based Red Jumpsuit Apparatus said it would play an all-ages show at the Prevatt's Sports Bar and Grill on Blanding Boulevard.

- Carlton Construction of Jacksonville wins the \$490,000 bid to remodel Gordon Chevrolet.

### 20 years ago, 2002

- The first Empty Bowls Luncheon, where students create soup bowls that are sold to benefit the Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary, ends with \$11,000 in donations.

- Chris Croxton and Victor LaBrie are arrested during a traffic stop that wound up leading Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies to uncover more than \$100,000 of stolen equipment from Clay Hill area businesses and the eventual discovery of a methamphetamine lab.

- Orange Park High standout Alicia Gladden signs a national letter of intent to

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### Send us a letter ...

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### Opinions ...

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## Lee

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a boat in Indonesia and sailing the 'Borneo Princess' across the South China Sea from Indonesia to China before he boarded a cargo ship to his new home in Key Largo. Preceding my time in Key Largo, I covered several pertinent topics in my home Palmetto State, including duck hunting, turkey hunting and pertinent state industries such as agriculture and forestry, along with state infrastructure, city services, residential and commercial real estate at The Daniel Island News and Cola Daily.

I led freelance coverage of South Carolina, Clemson, Carolina Panthers and Coastal Carolina football while working at Daniel Island News and also spent time covering high school football and basketball features and all Gamecocks' sports at Cola Daily.

I am a proud southerner and outdoorsman that greatly enjoys duck and squirrel hunting and catfishing. I have harvested 33 species of fish, birds and animals during my time in the woods and on water. An avid supporter of the University of South Carolina, I even served as the mascot 'Cocky' from 2015-16 for baseball, softball and other community events. I am always busy writing, but I enjoyed a gap year in 2021, when I was a ranch hand

at A-Bar-A Guest Ranch in Wyoming. I also spent two months living in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where I freelanced, fished the Mississippi River and explored Cajun Country.

When I'm not busy writing for Clay Today, I will pursue my part-time passion for sports. I still work as a freelance recruiting editor for Rivals.com's South Carolina Gamecocks and Palmetto Preps high school page.

I have a network of coaches and student-athletes in 18 states. And I have visited top scouting camps, including one held in 2021 at the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium.

My knowledge has expanded to Jacksonville, so I'd be happy to have a water cooler discussions with Gators, Seminoles and Bulldogs fans about high school players to watch, but I'm much more concerned about writing and reporting the top issues and interests pressing Clay County. With that being said, feel free to contact me at lee@claytodayonline.com, or directly message me at Lee Wardlaw on Facebook or @RivalsWardlaw on Twitter.

I will promptly set up a face-to-face or phone call to field story pitches from residents. You tell the tales of the great Clay County, and without you, there wouldn't be a way to fill the pages of the newspaper. The issues that matter to you, matter to me, too.

## Thankful

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I am thankful to be greeted every morning by seven crows and a squirrel at my office window. A few months ago, I threw some stale peanuts in the yard for the squirrels, but the crows got there first. Now I throw a couple of hands full of raw peanuts in the shell out my front door every morning. And if I'm late, the crows know to fly to the back of the house near my bedroom window to squawk until I get out of bed and feed them. Sometimes it's the simple pleasures.

I'm thankful for my smoker grill. Briskets beware.

I am thankful for the bonus fries in the bottom of a McDonald's bag.

I am thankful the Red Kettle Bell season is here. I'm just as happy to stuff a saw-buck in one every time I go in and out of a store.

I am certainly thankful to work with so many caring and competent people at Clay Today. We are more than colleagues. We are family.

After counting my blessings, I just realized my knee, hip and shoulder don't hurt as much. As I said, being happy is a choice. So is being thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

## History

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play women's basketball at Florida State.

### 30 years ago, 1992

- Dale Wilson is selected to be the chairman of the Clay Board of County Commissioners.

- James Weeks is picked as the "Tree Farmer of the Year" during the annual Farm-City Luncheon.

- Plans are underway for the 12th annual J.P. Hall Christmas party on Dec. 22 at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

### 40 years ago, 1982

- Portable sign enforcements are set to begin in the county, particularly along the county line near Interstate 295 to Kingsley Avenue on Blanding Boulevard.

- Lyn Gustafson's photo entitled, "Family Affair," is chosen to represent Florida at the National 4-H Photo Exhibit.

- After 81% of county voters approved the ordinance in a straw ballot, the Recreational and Environmental Committee is tasked with implementing a program to restrict the removal of trees.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Reader thankful for 'national news cycle' during election

Dear Editor:

In (Don Coble's) column of Thursday, Nov. 17, you discussed "getting back to reality and stepping away from the national news cycle."

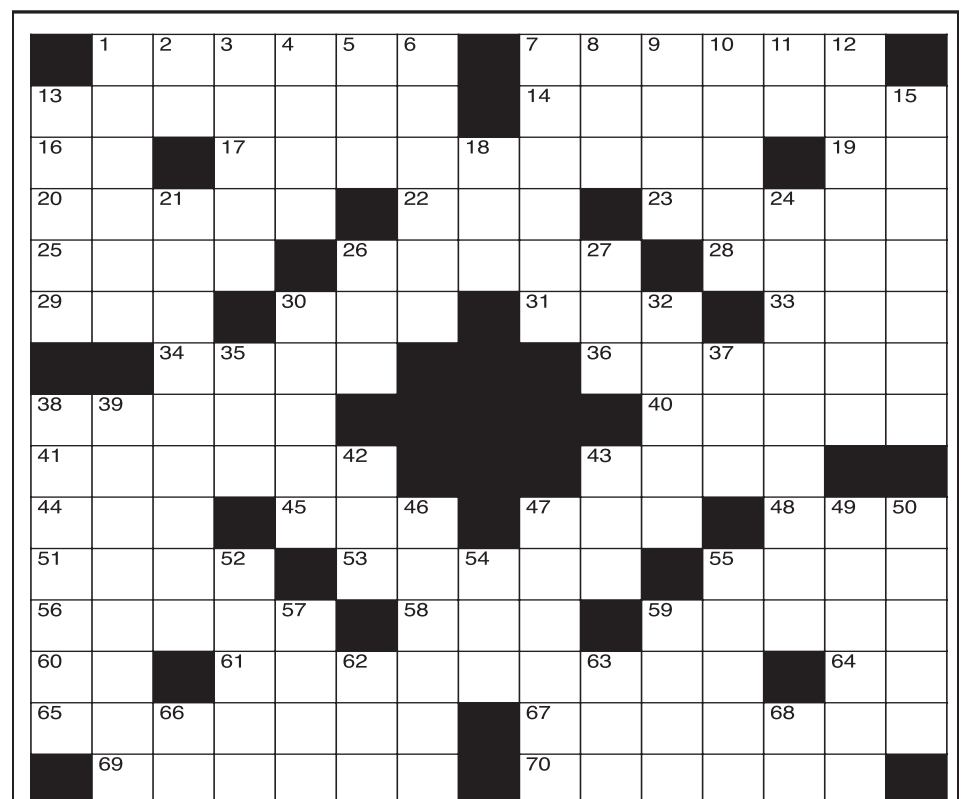
Your definition encompassed a number of personal tasks and preferred TV programs. "Reality" should be defined as those things which influence all of us as American citizens: the quality and expertise of the candidates and political parties for which we vote, policies which are functional, follow campaign promises, and are beneficial to all; immediate attention to pressing national issues; the rejection of political maneuvers which are punitive and divisive.

Thank God for the "national news cycle." Responsible reporting highlights the wrongdoing of corrupt or incompetent officials and reveals the accomplishments of those whom we can trust. It eschews lies and propaganda. Our own Governor has

made more than a few decisions that needed to be investigated and called out. My reality is found in what is happening around the world and in my country, and not just inside my house. Our "national shed" has been cluttered for years with

hypocrisy and its detritus and needs a thorough cleaning. Whether on a national, state or local level, nothing is more real than expert legislation which has good results for its citizens.

**Nancy Moore  
Penney Farms**



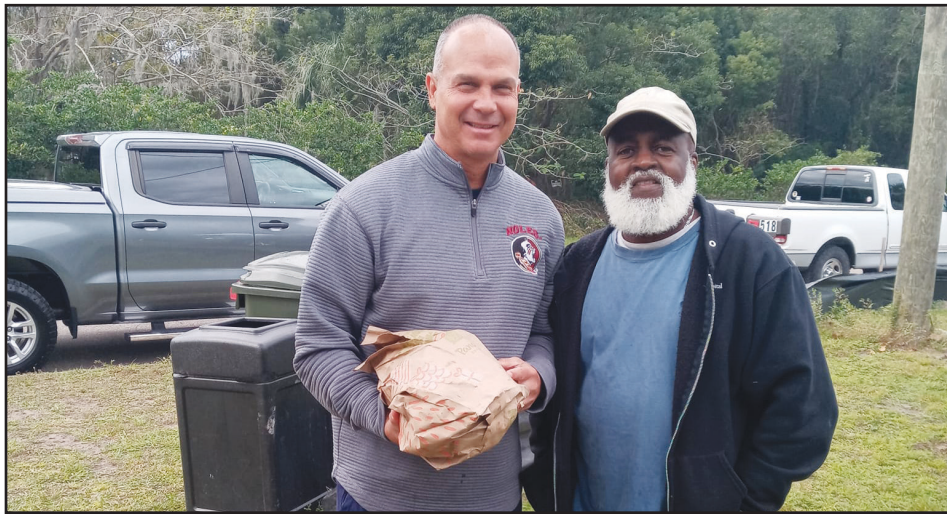
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- Large marine mammals
- Used to carry belongings when traveling
- Rechristens
- Equally
- Heavy plant-eating mammals
- Millihenry
- Japanese immigrant to N. America
- Deep, red-brown sea bream
- Norse gods
- Peppermint and peko are two
- Auguste \_\_, founder of positivism
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- High-resolution microscope (abbr.)
- Wide metal vessel used in cooking
- V-shaped open trough
- People of southern Benin
- People of southern Ghana
- It's a significant creed
- Period between eclipses
- Furies
- Emerged
- Phillipine Island
- Where wrestlers battle
- Unhappy
- Central European river
- Language
- Semitransparent gemstone
- Forming in a bottom layer
- Distinct region
- Broad blades
- Leavened bread
- Influential cosmetics exec
- Exclamation of surprise
- Era free of war
- One who helps professors
- Idealistic
- Ornamental plants
- Grouped
- Kids love this street

#### CLUES DOWN

- Beloved hound
- Equal to 100 grams
- S-shaped moldings
- Hawaiian cliff
- Everyone has one
- Subatomic particle
- Ghost
- Adult female bird
- Greek temple pillars
- Emits coherent radiation
- Measures the width of printed matter
- Musical interval
- Tantalizes
- Places of worship
- An unskilled actor who overacts
- One who volunteers to help
- Precaution
- Beverage holder
- Very long period of time
- Bullfighting maneuvers
- More critical
- Sends packing in a boxing match
- Taxi
- Decorative Russian tea urn
- North American Great Plains natives
- Seize
- A passage with access only at one end
- Cut a rug
- Devil rays
- Bubble up
- Veranda
- Outcast
- Car mechanics group
- Realm
- A place to get off your feet
- Popular music awards show
- Consumed
- A way to make cooler
- Thus
- Indicates it's been registered





**Clay County pigs out to support Vineyard Transitional Center**

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Pastor John Sanders laughed when he said he likes pork butts, and he could not lie. Apparently, so does Clay County. Along with a dozen volunteers – including the Awesome Boston Butts Dynasty Team, Carter Q Competition BBS and Catering, Premier Specialty Service, Highway 17 Motors, Worldwide Automotive, Van Royal, Teresa Scott, Sheriff Michelle Cook, Nancy Keating and Donna Newdiger – Sanders sold 600 Boston butts last Friday and Saturday to help his Vineyard Transitional Center, which helps men who’ve just been released from jail learn the skills to adjust and succeed in public. Sanders usually prepared 300 full butts during his annual cookoff, but he decided to double that order. He reached the 600 ceiling in advanced sales long before the grill was lit at the future home for Vineyard at 518 Pine St. And one of the happiest customers was Green Cove Springs Mayor Matt Johnson.



**Hundreds receive food, other services at second annual Fall Blessings**

MIDDLEBURG – Parents left with bags filled with enough food for the Thanksgiving holiday. Children left with painted faces, clothes, haircuts and full bellies. But most important, hundreds left grateful to Mercy Support Services, Saved2Serve Ministries and Seeds of Love was there to help during their second annual Fall Blessings on Saturday, Nov. 19, at Mercy Support Services. Most of the Thanksgiving meal bags were provided by Elevated Life Church, but Saved2Serve expanded its meal distribution to Mercy after providing families in need for the past nine years. The faith-based groups also were available to answer prayer requests.



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# Splash

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accomplish is a year-long promotion in Clay County for a virtual tournament that culminates with a championship at the end of the year.

“In January, we’re going to start a virtual series where we pay out growing prizes based on participation, cash payouts, plus prizes from all of our amazing partners

“This is old Florida, right on the east coast. It’s the tea-colored water. It’s the Spanish moss hanging in the trees. You can catch a redfish on one cast. You can catch a bass on another catch and catch a crappie on another. You can have all those experiences right here.”

– Chad Hoover

and sponsors. And we’re going use that to continuously evolve how we promote Clay County, to put it on the map. This is not a one-day or one-week or one-month type thing. This is a long-term partnership where we can show people that when you’re coming down the interstate headed to some of the more well-known southern destinations in Florida, you’re passing some a gem. You should stop on your way down or your way back up. Or you should



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Chad Hoover invented kayak bass fishing and his organization will be making a long-term commitment to make it popular in Clay County with tournaments to promote tourism.

just make this your way.”

Fishermen will be required to fish in a kayak, and unlike other bass organizations, fishermen are required to take a photo of the fish, measure the length and return the fish into the river, creek, lake or pond.

Other organizations rank catches by weight. KBF will use the combined lengths of the monthly catches to determine winners.

Hoover said each photo of a fish has to

be sent to the website, and it will be issued a virtual identifier to make sure every fish was caught in any public waterway in Clay County. The fisherman’s hand is to be included in the photo to capture a type of fingerprint to keep fishermen from sharing the same fish before it is returned to the water. Hoover’s system is so precise, tournament organizers from Lake Erie have asked for information to avoid another scandal after two fishermen were caught

adding lead weights to walleyes last month.

The fisherman who catches the greatest length will earn monthly payouts, Hoover said. Then in October, KBF will bring its Trail, Challenge and Pro series national tournaments to Clay County.

Bed taxes, not property taxes, collected from county hotels will be used to pay for the program, county commissioner and Tourism Council Chairman Mike Cella said.

“The No. 1 search word on the (tourism search bar) has been fishing,” Cella said. “The good news is that visitors really want to come to Clay County to fish. The problem is we’ve had very little fishing content on the website.

“Something that we needed to come up with was a way to encourage both folks to visit Clay County, and at the same time, take advantage of our beautiful waterways. We believe we’ve come up with a pretty creative solution for adding bass fishing content to our marketing efforts and adding another unique national event to a growing list of sports and entertainment options.”

Hoover said picking Clay County was an easy choice.

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# Obituaries

## Clayton J. Kicklighter

Clayton J. Kicklighter, age 99, beloved husband, father and philanthropist departed this life on November 16, 2022. He was born in Baxley, Georgia on March 6, 1923, and moved to Jacksonville, Florida in May 1930. He married his wife, Harriet J. Hutson in 1953, and they had one child (Pamela H. Kicklighter). He was predeceased by his daughter, Pamela H. Kicklighter, Mother Sallie Kicklighter, Father John Kicklighter, Sister Hazel Kicklighter Warren, Brothers Paxton and Spencer Kicklighter.



Clayton J. Kicklighter

Clayton J. Kicklighter attended elementary, Junior and High schools in Jacksonville and the University of Florida. He joined the U.S. Army and served in World War II. After the war, Clayton went into the Real Estate Business and became a Broker. He decided to finish college, attending Jacksonville University. Clayton graduated after Jacksonville University became a 4-year University, in their first graduating class.

Clayton J. Kicklighter joined the Free and Accepted Masons of Florida 68 years ago and served as Master of Orange Park Lodge. He also joined the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, The York Rite of Free Masonry, Morocco Shriners, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Clayton has been given Honors in Masonry, 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason and Grand Cross of Florida. He was also a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Head of Scottish Rite as a Personal Representative for 7 years.

Clayton J. Kicklighter was a General Contractor and Real Estate Broker for many years and has built store buildings and houses in Jacksonville, Duval and Clay County areas. Funeral Services were held at Oak Lawn Cemetery with Pastor Charles Lever officiating on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Wolfson Children's Hospital. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Hardage-Giddons Oaklawn Cemetery.

## Joseph M. Jackson, Sr.

Joseph Matthew Jackson, Sr., 66, of Orange Park, entered the sunset of life on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at Community Hospice Douglas Center for Caring, Jacksonville. The son of Joseph Blackshear Jackson and Betsy Youngblood, he was a native of Cleveland, OH. He was educated in the Glenville County, Ohio School District and earned his Bachelor's degree at the University of Phoenix.

He was of the Baptist faith. He subsequently enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp and earned numerous medals and commendations before attaining the rank of (E-6). SSGT Jackson earned an honorable discharge. Joseph was a retired Social Security Administrator with the Federal Government. He enjoyed soccer, chess, cooking, karate, and spending time with family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in eternal rest by his sister, Santa Jackson.

He leaves to cherish his memories: loving wife, Rosemary "Rose" Jackson; son, Joseph M. Jackson, Jr.; daughters, Santa Jackson, Vera (Ben) Jones, Kanika Thomas, Ebony (Michael) Jenkins, Shaquila (Brandon) Bullard; 9 grandchildren, Runiesha (Juan), Shanice, Alexis, Lavel Jr., Cayla, Michael, Marilyn, Brandon Jr., Brayden; 5 brothers, Eddy (Nettie) Martin, Howard (Wendy) Smith, Isadora (Elsie) Smith, David (Benita) Smith, Rodney Youngblood; 3 sisters, Denise (Melvin) Jackson, Joyce Sumlin, Jackie Youngblood; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life with the U.S. Marine Honor Guard conducting honors will be held 1 p.m., Friday, November 25, 2022 graveside at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Rd., Jacksonville. Elder Steven Mitchell, Shiloh Baptist Church, Orange Park, officiating.

Online condolences: flaggserenitychapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to the



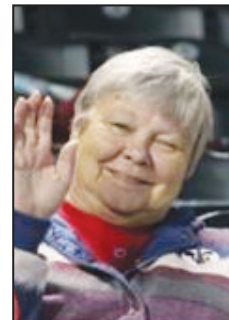
Joseph M. Jackson, Sr.

care of Karl N. Flagg Serenity Memorial Chapel, 2400 Madison Street, Palatka, FL 32177.



## Linda June (Solina) Laflamme

Linda June (Solina) Laflamme, 78 (Middleburg, Florida) passed away November 17, 2022. Born to John and Agnes (Romblad) Solina on July 18, 1944, in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Linda went to high school in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, she graduated in 1961 from Woonsocket High School. After graduation Linda started working at Amica Insurance Office in Lincoln, Rhode Island. She soon fell in love with her soon to be fiancé'. However, since he just joined the Navy, they would wait until he finished to get married. Once Linda and her husband were married, they moved to Florida to live and start their family. She had two children (a son, Dean and a daughter, Hally) and she was very involved with their busy athletic lives while they were growing up. Linda was involved with the North Palm Beach/Palm Beach Garden Jaycee for many years with her husband, she held different titles within the Jaycee organization. Linda was an avid church goer, and she was a member of the Nativity Lutheran Church in Palm Beach Gardens and sang



Linda June (Solina) Laflamme

in the choir, then her and Mike became members at Faith Lutheran in North Palm Beach, and when Linda and her husband moved to Clay County they became members of Advent Lutheran in Orange Park, Florida. Linda was a member of the 50-year medalist group of the Joslin client, in Boston. This is a group of individuals who are being studied and who have been living with diabetes for more than 50 plus years. Linda loved crocheting, quilting, and sewing. Linda enjoyed playing Bingo and Rummikub. She liked doing all kinds of crafts especially if she could do them with her grandchildren. Linda will best be remembered as being a wonderful and dedicated Meme, who would take care of the grandchildren and visit their elementary schools when they were younger. She also enjoyed staying active and going places with her husband, Mike.

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Linda was preceded in death by her father John Solina, sister Joyce (Solina) Richmond, Mother Agnes (Romblad) Solina.

She was survived by her Son Dean Laflamme (Carol Fox) of Tampa, Florida, and her daughter Hally Adams (Danny Adams) of Green Cove Springs, Florida and grandchildren Sydney and Bryce Adams of Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Funeral services will be held at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Date and Time will be announced.

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

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



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# Tennis

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final lesson on Wednesday, Nov. 16, for a program-culminating tournament at the Club Continental Tennis Club.

The event provided a family-friendly, community-oriented, and fun way for student-athletes to show off their skills, all while soaking in more skill training from Adam Blackner, the Director of Racquet Sports at Club Continental, and Robert White, Orange Park High teacher and tennis coach, among others, who were all elated to offer local youth additional training at the highly-anticipated event.

The tournament concluded a two-month journey of tennis practice that lasted 49 calendar days, ranging from the dog days

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– Lauren Pfanestiel

of summer to the turn of the calendar, commencing the cooler flow of autumn winds.

The students participated in 13 sessions before the program’s de facto “Super Bowl,” which was complete with drinks, snacks and an opening presentation from Lauren Pfanestiel, Community Partnership School Director of Orange Park High.

Pfanestiel said she could immediately detect the impacts that the fun in the sun with friends of Orange Park students who participated in the program.

“We have students who are more confident, made friends, and are even planning to join the varsity tennis team this spring. So, we’re certainly excited about this opportunity as we grow. We want to make our tennis team at Orange Park more competitive. We provide coaching and extra hours during the summer for tutoring, college exploration, and allow them to increase their tennis skills. So we’re definitely excited about what the future holds. We can’t wait to continue,” she said.

After students, parents, Club Continental, and community members heard from Pfanestiel, all in attendance made an introduction to their peers, stating name and



Lauren Pfanestiel, Community Partnership School Director of Orange Park High, opened the final session of the seven-week program with a speech to students, volunteers, and those in the community that attended the de-facto “Super Bowl” of the 13-session, grant-funded program.

number of years of playing experience.

Then, teams of two adults and two students split up, taking charge of the five main courts consisting of the club’s home base shaded under the beautiful palmetto trees and tucked between the streets of the historic neighborhood bordering the St. Johns River.

Pfanestiel also said, “We received a grant from the USTA Foundation to run tennis programs throughout the year for our students. Our goal was to introduce the sport of tennis to a diverse group of young people to make this a lifelong sport for them and increase the engagement of those who can love this sport after they leave this school.”

Expanded learning is the key focus of the Community Partnership Schools Model to improve student attendance, behavior, and course performance. Orange Park

implemented the model in 2019 as a partnership alongside Children’s Home Society of Florida, Clay County District Schools, HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, Palms Medical Group and St. Johns River State College.

Matthew Lovejoy, sophomore and the fifth-ranked student-athlete on the Raiders’ boys’ varsity tennis team, said the program has provided for indispensable improvements in his game as he shoots for a big sophomore season at Orange Park in the spring alongside his dedicated teammates, Austin, Brandon, Michael and John.

Lovejoy, who is taking to his second season with the racquet, said White has already helped him at forehands, backhands, serves and all other elements involved with the game.

“I feel like going to practice in the off-season has really helped me maintain my skill. I feel like I’ll be able to pick up right where I left off in the spring,” he said.

As for the event he, his teammates and his classmates were flattered. He summed it up: “I think it was amazing that we were able to pull this all together.

“Last year, this was a small team that did not have a whole lot of experience. Some were also not experienced at the beginning of the (partnership) program, and they’ve already come a long way. I’m really happy for Coach White, obviously, and I know he’s really happy with how the team has grown.”

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### Village Improvement Association Women's Club honors veterans

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Mother Nature couldn't detour the Village Improvement Association's plan to honor veterans. The organization originally planned to host its annual luncheon a week earlier, but it was pushed back to Thursday, Nov. 17, by the threat of Tropical Storm Nicole. The VIA paid homage to all veterans and they gave awards to those who helped make the luncheon so special, including Gary Newman, who was the chairman of the TAPS Monument committee that led to the creation of an \$82,000 marker in the Historic Triangle to honor all Clay County soldiers who died in combat dating back to the Civil War. Local singer LeeAnn Purvis also was honored for her stirring rendition of the National Anthem.



## Green Cove Springs gets \$1.3 million to renovate Augusta Savage cafetorium

### Special to Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – With grant funding awarded and a design and build contract approved, the City of Green Cove Springs will soon start work to revitalize the last building on the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center Complex.

Originally the cafetorium building of Dunbar High campus, the city planned to renovate the interior as part of the community center complex since it owned the building in 2006. The biggest hurdle was finding enough money for it to meet today's building safety codes. That opportunity came when the city applied for the Community Development Block Grant CARES

Act funding in March 2021. It was awarded \$1,397,600 in September 2022.

"The City Council, staff and the community have long-awaited this last piece of the puzzle in revitalizing the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center Complex. It will be wonderful to see the entire campus open and available to serve the citizens of Green Cove Springs," said Assistant City Manager Mike Null.

Once completed, the renovations will create an open auditorium space for coronavirus testing and vaccination, as well as a community event space when testing and vaccinations aren't conducted. Renovation work includes rebuilding the kitchen as a



commercial kitchen for food preparation and distribution during emergencies, rebuilding the auditorium stage, new auditorium flooring, and new plumbing, electrical wiring and HVAC systems.

The design and building contract for cafetorium renovations was approved by City Council at its last meeting on Nov. 13. City officials estimate the work will take two years to complete.

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# Challenge Enterprises tapped top-rated nonprofit by leading website group

**GreatNonprofits based rating on reviews, ratings from volunteers, donors, recipients**

By **Natalie Gilstrap**  
For *Clay Today*

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – GreatNonprofits, which is the leading website for community recommendations of charities and nonprofits, selected Challenge Enterprises of North Florida a 2022 Top-Rated Nonprofit. The organization chose Challenge Enterprises as one of its winners based on their reviews and ratings from volunteers, donors and aid recipients.

“We are honored to be named a 2022 Top-Rated Nonprofit,” Nancy Keating, CEO of Challenge Enterprises of North Florida, said in a press release. “We are proud of our accomplishments this year, including celebrating 50 years of service and employing over 250 individuals with different abilities.”

Challenge Enterprises’ mission is to promote the power of people and possibilities for individuals living with disabilities. They provide a variety of programs and services to help people to be successful and independent in life. They offer different levels of adult training, residential serv-



Challenge Enterprises not only helps individual with different abilities learn coping skills, it provides training that leads to employment. Those components were big factors in GreatNonprofits recognizing the Clay County group for its outstanding work.

es such as group homes, employment, and career opportunities to individuals with different abilities. They also provide recreational activities such as bowling, cycling and karaoke for individuals to enjoy during their free time. Through their efforts, the organization has been able to promote the power of employment and greater independence to people with different abilities for 50 years.

“Challenge has been serving my brother for many years in an exceptional way. They have adapted well to the changes in his life over the years. I feel so lucky to have them

support me in caring for my brother. I am also a professional in the field and I can’t say enough good things about Challenge Enterprises,” GreatNonprofits’ Sherma K. wrote in her review.

In the past, the organization has also been honored with the 2005 Governor’s Point of Light and the 2006 Presidential Point of Light awards.

The recent achievement not only reflects the excellent care Challenge Enterprises shows to the individual that come, but it also reflects the impact they have had in people’s lives.

“Challenge Enterprises of North Florida, Inc. is a great example of a nonprofit making a real difference in their community,” Perla Ni, CEO of GreatNonprofits said. “Their award is well-deserved recognition not only of their work, but the tremendous support they receive, as shown by the many outstanding reviews they have received from people who have direct experience working with Challenge Enterprises of North, Inc.”

The organization has offices located in Green Cove Springs and Orange Park.


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From left, Tina Brown, Jessie Heckels and Kristina Blackshackle were pleased their spay/neuter program helped drop the number of animals in shelters by 83% compared to last year.

# Twisted Oaks Rescue keeps pets, and owners together

**Low-cost spay, neuter program reduces animals taken to shelters**

By **Kylie Cordell**  
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Twisted Oaks Rescue spayed and neutered 15 local pets, as well as fed 350 dogs and cats during its drive-by Pet Food Pantry on Saturday, Nov. 19.

“Part of our mission is feeding pets in crisis, so people who find themselves in crisis automatically qualify for free pet food,” said founder Jessie Heckels. “We distribute it as it comes available so there is no guarantee on the brand or size of food when we do distributions, but we try to make sure that everyone gets something.”

The rescue opened Loki’s Lunchbox, a Pet Food Pantry, in 2020 as a one-stop shop for many pet needs.

“In the pandemic, I noticed they were doing a lot of ‘people food’ distributions, but not a lot for pets, so I started couponing dog and cat food and giving it away, and it developed until a tremendous need in the community,” Heckels said.

Twisted Oaks Rescue now has a permanent home at 7637 El Dorado Ave. When the Pet Pantry is open for business, cars are usually parked down the street, and up to three hours in advance of opening said.

“We typically feed 150 families a month and the typical family has seven pets, so it’s something like a thousand in some animals that we feed in the lake area per month,” she said.

Although delivering pet food and supplies is a large part of Twisted Oaks’ Mission, Heckels said education has to be the No. 1 goal.

“Spay and neuter are super important to our mission because overpopulation in the home is the number one reason why people show up for food. That’s kind of the caveat

to giving food away; you also must provide additional resources, not just food. The food is a great resource, but it is a band-aid for a bigger problem,” she said.

Heckels works with many organizations to provide free spay and neuter resources to the community including Sheltering hands, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of cats through humane care, spay/neuter, adoptions, education and support services, as well as Fix Them All.

“Fix Them All is a 501 (c) organization in Gainesville. It a group of volunteers whose mission is to spay and neuter. They get local vets to join their program to help people get their pets spayed and neutered. That’s the program that we run here, through Fix Them All,” Heckels said.

Typically, surgeries can cost anywhere from \$35 to \$500. However, Fix Them All offers low-cost spay and neuter cat and dog surgeries for a baseline of \$50 a dog and \$30 a cat. Surgeries are performed by medically trained veterinarians at the rescue’s mobile site on their property. Thanks to programs like Fix Them All, they can reduce the number of unwanted animals going into shelters. In January 2017, there were more than 300 animals turned over to shelters. In January 2022, there were less than 50.

“You don’t do that unless you have other people and organizations standing behind what you do,” Heckels said. “There are different ways that our services are distributed throughout the county. It’s not just here. And it’s not just us doing this, it’s a lot of places. It’s amazing to see the community come together to tackle this issue.”

Thanks to partnerships, Twisted Oaks can continue to help provide the community with pet services, to “keep pets and their owners together.” Ultimately, that’s what it’s all about, coming together to make sure that pets and their owners stay together.

“People who have resources make better choices, period. It’s not a competition. It’s sharing. Everyone’s sharing,” Heckels said.

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# Celebrate Clay County: A cornucopia of agriculture history

**By Archives Supervisor Vishi Garig**  
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CLAY COUNTY – November is a month during which we give thanks for the bounty our farmers and ranchers bestow upon us. Clay County was not too long ago a county known mainly for its farms, dairies and ranches – a literal cornucopia of fresh fruits, grains, vegetables, dairy products and livestock flowed from the county, filling tables and the bellies of many.

In the past, Orange Park was known for strawberry crops. All over the county dairies dotted the landscape with the most well-known being Gustafson's and Foremost's Shadowlawn Dairy. And lest we forget, the most famous agricultural experi-

ment in Clay County, Penney Farms.

You may be pleasantly surprised to find out that, even today, Clay County has more than 400 farms of differing sizes and types: livestock, hay, timber, beekeeping, hydroponics, aquaponics, vegetables, fruits to some citrus. In 2017, the value of farm products sold in Clay County was \$5 million.

Make time to visit the Amazing Grace Crop Maze this holiday season, attend the Clay County Agricultural Fair in April or visit a U-pick blueberry farm like Blackberry Hill Farm in Middleburg, Seamark Ranch in Green Cove Springs and Blu By U Blueberry Farm in Maxville when in season. You'll learn more about the cornucopia of products Clay County produced, both past and present.



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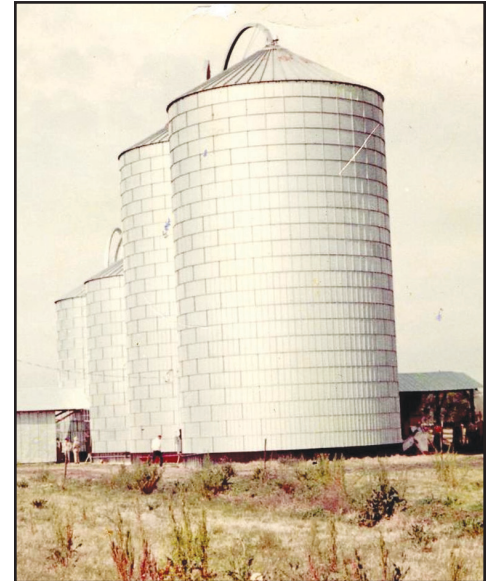
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Left, hogs, pigs and goats at Jennings Farm. Above, Mairfeldt Strawberries in Orange Park. Bottom left, Pumpkin patch on Long Branch; Below, grapes in Keystone. Below right, Silos on SR 220.



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### Three local students on Flagler's President's List

ST. AUGUSTINE – Flagler College congratulates more than 80 students who were named to the Spring 2022 President's List. "This is a list of students who, not just academically, but in a comprehensive way, are making the most of their time at Flagler," Dean of Academic Life, Craig Woelfel said during his opening ceremony remarks.

Woelfel said it is in part these students' commitment to academic excellence that influences the academic culture of campus as a whole.

"The academic culture of a campus lives only to the extent that students breathe life into it," Woelfel said. "All of the students that are being recognized today are being recognized in part because they breathe a lot of life into our campus."

The following local students are named to the Spring 2022 President's List:

Three students from Clay were included on the list, including Gabriel Sheppard of Green Cove Springs, a sophomore majoring in Political Science, Jarrod Stephens of Middleburg, a senior majoring in Psychology and Benjamin Tran of Keystone Heights, a senior majoring in Graphic Design.

The President's List is compiled in recognition of students achieving a certain standard of academic excellence and is distributed by the Office of Academic Affairs. Students who earn a 4.0 grade point average with at least 12 semester hours of graded credit are named to the President's List.

### Fleming Island's Hamilton selected to Alabama's Freshman Forum

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The University of Alabama has selected Tiffany Hamilton of

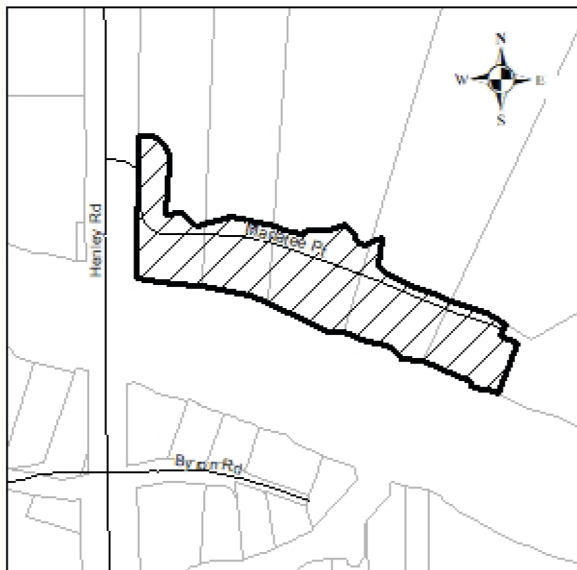
Fleming Island among it's annual cohort of students for the 2022-2023 Freshman Forum.

These students will be continuing the tradition of more than 60 years of leadership growth for University of Alabama Freshmen. First Year Experience and Retention Initiatives is an area of the Division of Student Life committed to supporting the academic and social transition of first-year students to The University of Alabama. First-year students are defined as any undergraduate student attending UA for the first time.

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A PORTION OF TAX PARCELS # 09-05-25-009110-005-00, # 09-05-25-009110-000-00, # 09-05-25-009110-003-00, # 09-05-25-009110-004-00 AND # 09-05-25-009110-001-00

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

### ORDINANCE NO. O-23-2022

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 117 OF THE CITY CODE TO ALLOW OUTDOOR SALES OF SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS IN THE C-2 AND GCC ZONING DISTRICTS AS A PERMITTED USE AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION RESPECTIVELY, WITH CONDITIONS; , REVISE SEC. 117-3 - SPECIFIC ALLOWED USES, GENERALLY TO ALLOW OUTDOOR SALES OF SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE C-2 ZONING DISTRICT AND A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE GCC ZONING DISTRICT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS; REVISE SECTION 117-253 TO ADD SUBSECTION 4 TO ALLOW OUTDOOR SALES OF SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE C-2 ZONING DISTRICT; REVISE SECTION 117-565 TO ADD SUBSECTION 6 TO ALLOW OUTDOOR SALES OF SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE GCC ZONING DISTRICT; ADD SECTION 117-797 REGARDING CONDITIONS FOR OUTDOOR SALES OF SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The following public hearings have 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:

Planning and Zoning: Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;  
 City Council: Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;  
 City Council: Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at these scheduled public hearings, they will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay – Dial 7-1-1.

Said 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  
 Lilly Delvecchio, Development Services Representative  
 321 Walnut Street  
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
 Steve Kennedy, City Manager





STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

## Santa is awakened at Orange Park Mall to ring in Christmas season

By Don Coble  
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ORANGE PARK – Everyone was treated as a child last Saturday at the Orange Park Mall, as the mall and Clay County Salvation Army ushered in the Christmas season by serving hot chocolate, offering pony rides, eating cookies, signing songs and, most importantly, waking up Santa Claus.

Hundreds, young and old and many still in their pajamas, filled the courtyard area near Dillard’s to listen to the Salvation

Army band – all while a white-haired man, also in his pajamas, was sleeping in a chair behind the stage. Eventually, some of the children found him and started screaming “Wake up Santa!”

Although he woke up enough to stretch, Santa didn’t escape his slumber until everyone started singing “Santa Claus is Coming to Town.” And once he was awake, he was mobbed by the children who were eager to get the season underway.

The event also included the start of the Red Kettle Bell and Angel Tree programs for the Salvation Army.

To volunteer as a bell ringer or to find an Angel Tree, call Kim at the Salvation Army at (904) 276-6677.





# Saint Leo-Jacksonville to host 'Polar Express Family Night Out' fundraiser

OAKLEAF – Saint Leo University's Jacksonville Education Center is hosting Polar Express Family Night Out, a fundraiser for Shades of Autism Parent Network Inc., from 6 -9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16. The train departs from the Jacksonville Education Center across from The Home Depot at Oakleaf Town Center, 9775 Crosshill Blvd. in Oakleaf.

Two special cars are available:

- The Hot Chocolate Car children's party. Dress your child (ages 4 -12) in their favorite holiday pajamas as they watch "The

Polar Express" movie, enjoy making popcorn balls, and other activities. A meal is included.

- The Dancing/Dining Car for parents only. Parents are invited to dress in their holiday best for a night of fun including trivia, games, music, dancing, and a photo booth. There will be a silent auction and raffle tickets will be sold. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served.

Ticket prices are \$15 for a parent and \$10 for a child. Ticket bundles also are available: \$20 for a family of two (one child

and one parent); \$35 for a family of three (any combination); and \$50 for a family of four (two children and two parents). Tickets may be purchased at [https://www.shadesapn.org/polar\\_express](https://www.shadesapn.org/polar_express). For more information, contact Urrikka Woods today at [urrikka@shadesapn.org](mailto:urrikka@shadesapn.org) or (301) 768-1847. Shades of Autism Parent Network Inc. is a Florida nonprofit organization that provides peer support to diverse communities with children with autism spectrum disorders. It is a family support services agency that delivers in-person and virtual care, consulting

services, childcare services, and fun events to help families thrive. Saint Leo University opened the Oakleaf Town Center location in 2017, now offers associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees. Degrees include bachelor's degrees in accounting, business administration management, criminal justice, elementary and middle school education, early childhood development, human services, psychology, and health care management. In addition, the center offers several Master of Business Administration specializations.

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# Keystone Heights Airport to host 80<sup>th</sup>-anniversary bash on Dec. 3

By Natalie Gilstrap  
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – As one of 43 airfields from World War II, Keystone Heights Airport is filled with a rich history. Established in 1942 by the U.S. Army Air Corps, the airfield was built as a support field for Camp Blanding and home to the AAFSAT Strategic Reconnaissance School.

In February 1945, the airfield was deemed inactive by the AAFSAT and it was not until 1947 that it was deeded over to the city of Keystone Heights.

In order to commemorate its 80th anniversary, the airport is throwing a one-day event for the whole community to enjoy.



A group of P-3s at Keystone Heights Airport are operated by MHD Rockland of Quebec, Ontario, Canada, and used to train pilots from several countries.

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The celebration will be held on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will have an opening ceremony with the skydiving team from SkyDive Palatka will deliver the U.S. flag.

Local musician Stephen Quinn will sign the National Anthem. Keystone Heights High's JROTC will be participating in the ceremony. Visitors then will be able to enjoy a classic car show, helicopter display and a military museum items from Camp Blanding.

The event will include seven vintage military aircrafts like a TBM Avenger, B25, T34, T33 and a Steer Man. The airport also will feature a Touch a Truck Event, Fun-tastic Fire Brigade's Jambulance and free plane rides for children ages 8-17 to enjoy. Families can also enjoy tours of P3 planes and a demonstration performed by the Cloud Buster RC Club.

The anniversary party will have food vendors and live music played by the Keystone Community Band.

"It'll be a great event and it's free," said

airport manager Maria Searcy.

Though the celebration is to celebrate the airport's 80th anniversary, it is also a way to give back to the community. "It's important for us because we are a community airport that we want to give back to the community and host this free event," Searcy said. "We want to be able to help educate our community about aviation and what a local airport brings to the economic value for our local businesses. Also, educating our youth, so that they can see what they have in their backyard and maybe be inspired by aviation as a career for them."

The airport anticipates more than 3,000 people will attend.

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# Compass Health committed to possessing immigrants, non-English language speakers

By Lee Wardlaw  
lee@claytodayonline.com

ORANGE PARK – Florida is the third Spanish-speaking state in the country with 21.8% of all households speaking the language as their primary shared ‘tongue’ between all members of the household, according to the American Community Survey, which is conducted in 2020 by the U.S. Census.

In Clay County, 2020 census data found that those living within county borders include residents that are 10.2% Hispanic, 2.71% Asian, and 9.61% White (Hispanic), other (Hispanic) or Multiracial (Hispanic).

Not all of those residents speak Spanish or another non-English language as their primary form of verbal communication. However, it is still crucial for thousands of residents to have a helping hand with a familiar native tongue when looking to obtain essential services, especially when it comes to health insurance.

That’s why Compass Health Insurance at 950 Blanding Blvd. in the Publix Plaza in Orange Park, is staffed with native-born and now American-nationalized residents hailing from Haiti, the Philippines and multiple Hispanic countries to assist new residents with services.

“They are native-born and naturalized citizens. The clients normally want to do business with agents that speak their language, especially the Haitians. It’s very

important for (clients) to go to Compass because when they go in, they know there are going to be agents that will help them,” said Maria Mauricio-Ortiz, branch manager of the agency’s Orange Park location.

Compass Health Insurance is open to all customers of nationalities and races, but their unique ability to reach out to non-native groups in the county is what especially sets them apart from the rest.

“Compass Health is really very supportive of our ethnic groups,” Mauricio-Ortiz said.

Their office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but with health insurance being a top priority for new U.S. residents in unfamiliar territory with language barriers and other obstacles that must be met, Compass Health provides the necessary help for clients around the clock.

“The Haitian group (of agents) is there on Saturdays because Haitians work (during all of the other days of the week). So the agents who are Haitian are usually there on Saturdays to cater towards their clients,” she said.

But that’s not all.

“We just want people to know that no matter what, we are always there to help them, especially when it’s enrollment time, and if it’s over, we can still help them. Anytime that you come to the office and it’s closed, we have our phone numbers at the door and you can call us 24/7. We can

definitely answer your calls and assist with your needs. We can set up an appointment. If it’s not the same day, we can do it the following day,” Mauricio-Ortiz said.

The Orange Park location is part of a larger 16-chain conglomerate operating throughout the Sunshine State. Compass offers a myriad of product services, including health insurance, life insurance, medicare, dental and supplemental and prescription coverage.

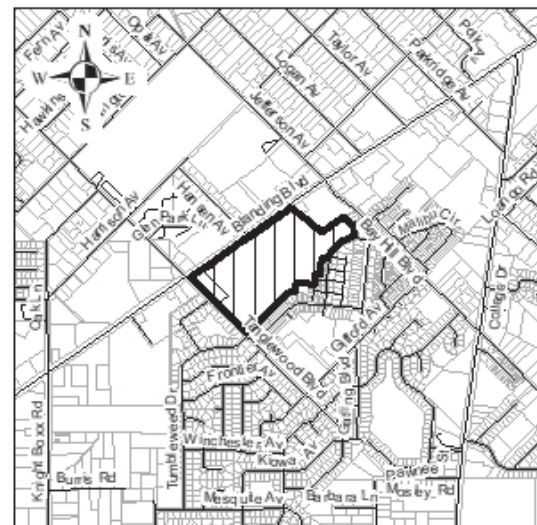
Compass Health Insurance can be reached via telephone at (904) 579-3928 or by email at info@compasshealthinsurance.com.

Clay County residents can also connect with Compass Health Insurance on social media on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CompassHealthInsurance> or Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/compasshealthinsurance/> (@CompassHealthInsurance).

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY GOVERNORS PARK DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT DEVELOPMENT ORDER (“DRI/DO”) APPROVED BY CLAY COUNTY ORDINANCE 2009-29 ON JUNE 30, 2009, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2017-45, IN ORDER TO: MODIFY DRI/DO CONDITIONS RELATED TO DRI PHASING, BUILDOUT, EXPIRATION, COMMENCEMENT AND DOWNZONING PROTECTION DATES, AND MODIFY DRI/DO EXHIBITS RELATED TO DRI PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION, MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN MAP H AND TRAFFIC MITIGATION MAP, CONFIRM THE DRI DEVELOPER AND UPDATE STATUTORY AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY REFERENCES; PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDE FOR THE DRI/DO MODIFICATION.

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

Board of County Commissioners

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# 'Children's Art for The Holidays' on display at Clay County Courthouse

By **Kylie Cordell**  
For *Clay Today*

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The fourth and final Art in the Courthouse installation was celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 17, during the gallery's open house and reception. The unveiling featured a combination display of artwork provided by Clay County children from four programs: Augusta Savage Art & Cultural Center, Guardian Ad Litem, Quigley House and the Clay County Fair Art Contest.

The installation, showcasing students 3 to 18 years old, may be viewed between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on days the courthouse is open. The display will last until Jan. 3.

As part of the office's annual community outreach efforts, Art In The Courthouse was founded in January of 2022 by Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara Green and Public Outreach Manager Mary Justino. The idea for the project arose when Green was in her president-elect role in 2019. After doing "quite a bit of traveling to different clerks' offices," she noticed that, "whether it was in a county administration building or courthouse, they always had community type displays and events."

The project, Green claims, not only enriches the community but creates a more welcoming, accessible place for visitors.

"The courthouse can be a very scary place. Normally, people are not coming here

for great reasons, so we were trying to invite people to a public building, a beautiful building, and utilize this pretty area to display our artists," she said.

The fourth-floor gallery has since featured various artists including the Orange Park Art Guild, First Coast Plein Air Painters and a compilation of Orange Park Woman's Club and the Village Improvement Association.

"But Children's Art for the Holidays is uniquely special because it is the only gallery to feature youth artwork," Justino said.

Green and Justino received a wildly positive response for this year's installation, receiving more than 80 works of artwork with more than 60 coming from the Augusta Savage Art and Cultural Center. The gallery features a range of works, including paintings, drawings and sculptures.

"They display here, we took it down beyond the wall and even in front of the window. Whatever came in, we were determined to have it displayed," Justino said. "And it's going to come back to the courthouse by popular demand next year."

Green and Justino would like to see a rotating show, permanently designed for children to display their artwork. While currently working out the logistics, Justino said the community can expect to see the show running next year.

"We have identified an area of the second floor that is very close to where the

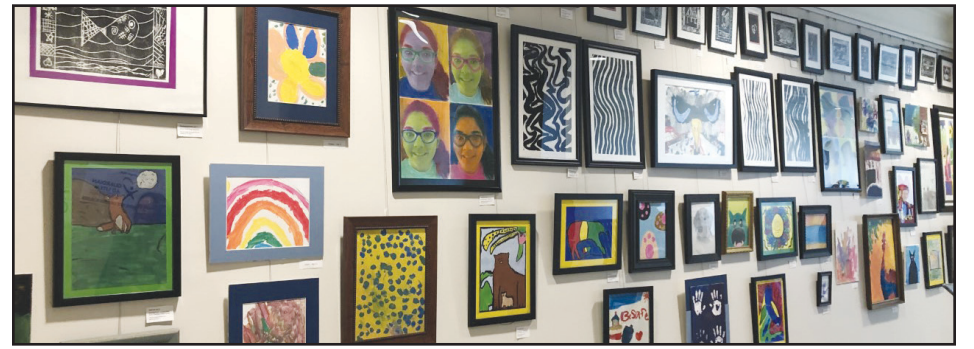


PHOTO BY KYLIE CORDELL

An amazing array of children's art will be on display until Jan. 3 at the Clay County Courthouse.

family court takes place, so a lot of times it's where children are coming in, not for good reasons, but what better place to have artwork that adds a little color to the walls, a little levity, maybe is comforting and inspires them," Justino said. "That's what we would consider Phase 2. We'll be working on that in 2023." Besides offering a welcoming atmosphere, Justino believes there are many benefits to having artwork in public spaces. "I wasn't sure what the response would be until I saw it. It's not only what you are seeing tonight. Folks are enjoying it because it's the art community. But what I see during the regular business day is what really inspires me," she said.

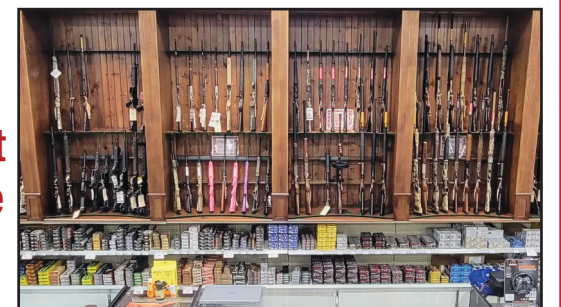
"I have seen our own employees come up here with their bagged lunches to look at the artwork on their lunch break. The attorneys come out of court and seem very

preoccupied and busy but they stop when something catches their eye. You can see that it causes them to slow down, stop and think, and appreciate something other than the nitty-gritty of what's going on in the courtroom. So that's what really inspires us more than anything."

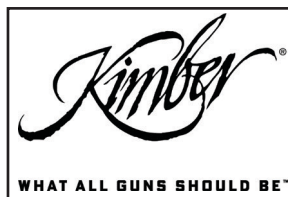
"Kids are teaching us through what they are doing. As adults, sometimes we might even give up on looking into our own creativity and our own ability to create something, but when you see their artwork on the walls, you start to think, if that child can do that, maybe we need to dig a little deeper as adults and our creativity," Justino said. "It teaches us that no matter your age you can create art. You can appreciate art. You can definitely have a place to display it, and I think there will be more and more venues in the future at other public buildings."

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**Marshall Tucker Band rides into the Thrasher-Horne**

The Marshall Tucker Band, who've been delighting fans for 50 years, took their iconic music to the Thrasher-Horne Center on Friday, Nov. 15. The band played their hits and mixed in some new songs, much to the delight of their fans. Chris Hicks, left, warmed up back stage before the show, but one the house lights came down, the entire band played a 90-minute set.

# Community Briefs

**Pulte collecting Shoeboxes of Love at Green Cove Springs, Middleburg**

CLAY COUNTY – The Northeast Florida Division of PulteGroup, one of the nation's leading home builders, is collecting donations in support of City Rescue Mission's Shoeboxes of Love project.

Through Dec. 15, Pulte is collecting shoeboxes filled with personal care and toiletry items at the following Pulte Homes and Del Webb sales offices in Northeast Florida, including the main offices at Bradley Creek subdivision at 2308 Bradley Park Dr. in Green Cove Springs and at Double Branch at 3495 Kindewood Dr. in Middleburg.

The Pulte Homes and Del Webb sales

offices are open daily.

The Shoeboxes of Love project is a boxed kit filled with personal care and toiletry items that will be distributed at City Rescue Mission's emergency shelter. Donors are asked to wrap the box with a blanket and indicate on each box whether it is for a man, a woman, or a child (boy or girl). Donations are also being accepted at City Rescue Mission at 426 S. McDuff Ave., Jacksonville.

For more information about PulteGroup in Northeast Florida, visit [www.pulte.com/jacksonville](http://www.pulte.com/jacksonville).

**Seaton's Lunchtime Holiday Concert coming to Shepherd's Center**

ORANGE PARK – Craig Seaton's holiday concert, an annual event at the Shepherd's Center of Orange Park, will be on Nov. 21 at 12:30 p.m.

It is a free community event that's held in the Family Life Center of the Orange Park United Methodist Church, 2105 Park Ave., and is sponsored by Broadus-Raines Funeral Home.

The main auditorium can be accessed off Reed Street.

For more information, visit [craigseaton.com/events](http://craigseaton.com/events).

**Rockin' for Stockins to benefit the Agency for Life Transformation**

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Booger-ville Hideout will host its "Rockin' for Stockins" show on Dec. 4 from noon to 6 p.m. at 6043 U.S. Highway 17. Proceeds will benefit the Agency for Life Transformations. The first 100 children will receive a gift bag, T-shirt, dinner voucher and toys. In addition to a visit from Santa Claus, there will be a Santa's workshop, bounce house, pony rides and face painting. The Paul Wayne Experience and DCL will perform, and some children will receive a guitar from Wayne's Rising Star Guitars for Kids foundation. For more information, visit [PaulWayneMusic@gmail.com](mailto:PaulWayneMusic@gmail.com).

Rescue, Emergency Management, Schools District and the Schools District, Green Cove Springs and Orange Park police departments to join with Waymaker GIs and Operation Barnabas to support the fundraiser.

**BCC to conduct public workshop ahead of Impact Fee vote**

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County will hold a workshop to discuss Impact Fees on Monday, Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Str.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard at the meeting. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting of the Board or 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 proceeding is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

**Chili cookoff to bring the heat to Shane's fight against leukemia**

FLEMING ISLAND – Clay County first responders and veterans groups will their secret recipes for chili at a special cookoff planned for Dec. 18 from 2-4 p.m. at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220, on Fleming Island. Proceeds will benefit Shane, a boy who's fighting leukemia. The cost is \$10 a taster.

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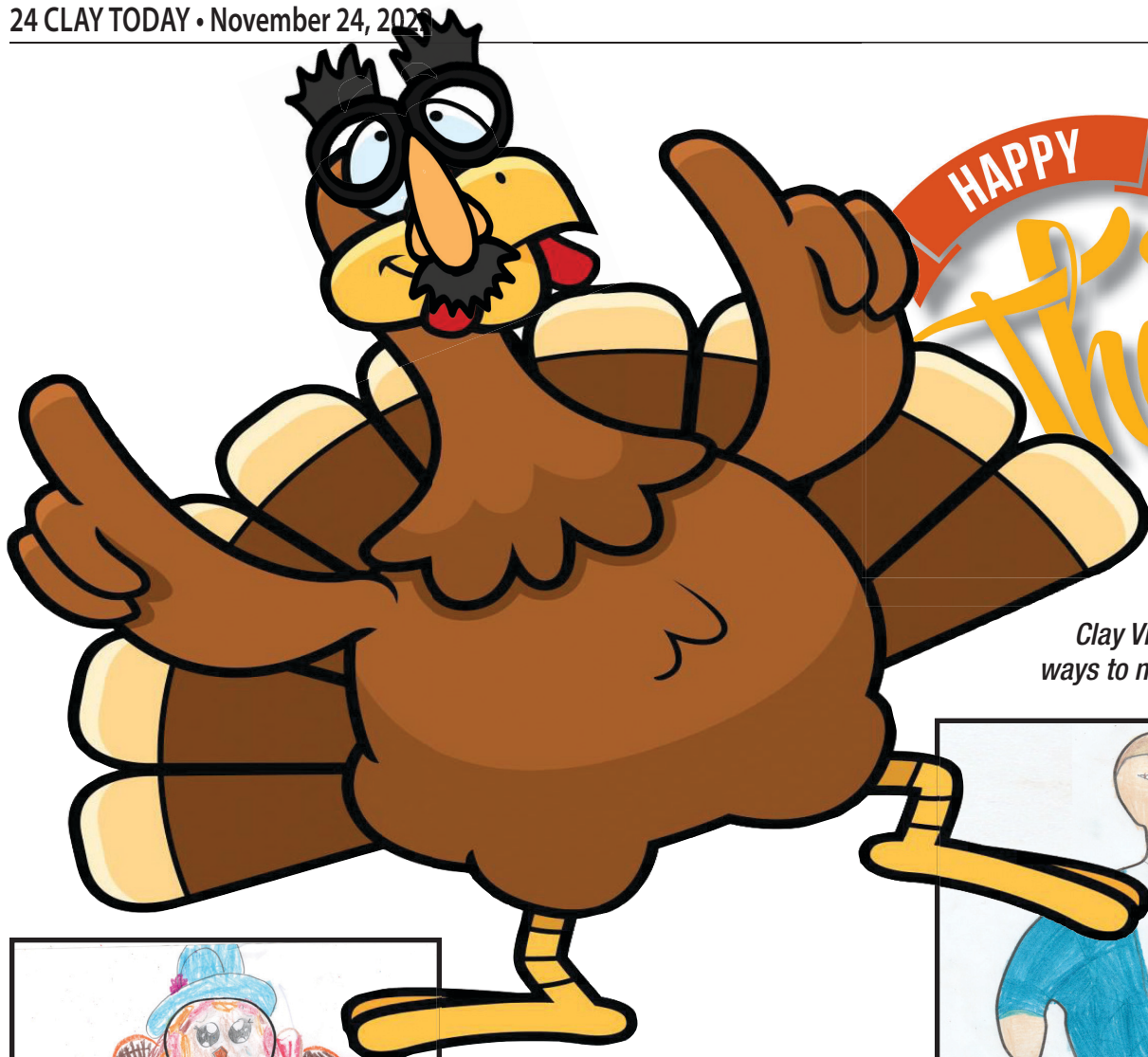
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*In true Thanksgiving tradition, Mrs. Turner's students at Clay Virtual Academy helped out out this year with some clever ways to not be the main dish on the Thanksgiving menu. Enjoy!*



Once upon a time Alisa the turkey saw from the window of the farm where she was born, that the turkey is delicious food on a Thanksgiving celebration. She escaped from the farm and ran to the mountains. There she met Kathy the chicken and Liona the turkey. They were hiding in a cabin. They went to the country where all people were feed and not hungry so they would never be eaten. Then when all the celebrations were done and Christmas started, they went to their home safe and happy!

– Manuela Miata



The turkey was chased and almost eaten he tried to get into the election and was able to go, undercover. No one else knew about his top-secret costume. He won the election and now is our president, so he can keep our state maintained and safe. U.S. citizens and everyone are now happy and all safe. So, we can't eat him, or we are all going to be endangered and won't be safe and everything will go down wrong.

– Hayden Michaels



Same turkey, different year

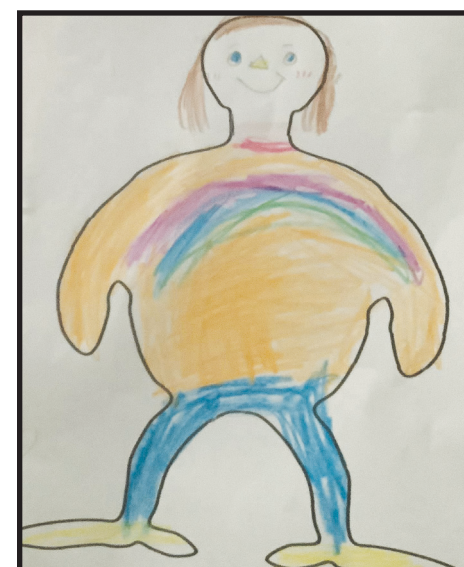
I'm helping the same turkey friend from last year. I can't get my friend eaten. Last year, I turned him into a caramel drink and everyone tried to drink him! This year, I'll dress him up as a Postman. No one eats a Postman! He will be safe this Thanksgiving. He might even be invited to Thanksgiving dinner.

– Blue Buting, Second Grade



This is the story about a lil turkey! Thanksgiving is coming up in a few weeks, so she wanted to go to the store to get things for her family, but she had to disguise herself like a person. She put clothes, shoes and even a wig! So, after she was ready, she walked down the street to the store, and no one knew she was a turkey! She was so proud of herself, that's when she came home and told her family all about it.

– Madalynn Thomas



There once was a turkey named Jerry he escaped to Africa on a ferry and he is a mascot for McDonalds. Please don't eat him. Because he is a plushie and plushies are not edible.

– Jasmin Miata



I am popcorn! I'm not dinner!

– Zaylee Wilson

**There's no turkey among us**

Its that time of year again when everyone is looking for a turkey. I decided that nobody was going to find me this year. I'm going to hide among us. How many turkeys are you going to find? I say none. Because there are no turkeys among us.

– Gabriel Henri, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Once upon a time there was a turkey named Liona. Liona hated Thanksgiving. She wanted to find a place wherr people don't eat turkeys. One day she packed to find the place, she got her jacket on, pants, socks and boots. AS soon as she puts on her hat, she hears a loud "BOOM"! It was the hunters! She closed her suitcase with a loud "SCRRECH." One of the hunters said. "There's one!" The other said, " Get em." She ran as fast as she could. When she was already far away it started to rain. She found a bush and she walked into it feeling blue. Liona made a big sigh and said to herself, "I hate Thanksgiving" and started crying. She fell asleep super-fast because of the rain. When she woke up birds started singing, she made a big "yawn" and saw a rainbow. Liona grabbed her suitcase and ran into the rainbow. She climbed on the rainbow and onto a cloud. When Liona got onto the cloud, she drank a cup of tea and ate a piece of sweet bread with honey. She closed her eyes and thought about the land she was dreaming of. When Liona opened her eyes, she saw another rainbow leading to the place she was dreaming of. She got off the cloud onto the rainbow and she saw a girl coming to her with nine turkeys following her. Liona found out the girl's name was Penelope, but she liked to be called Peno. They became friends. Liona found her long lost brother. Liona gave him a cup of tea, sweet bread with honey and some carrots. He ate the food and hugged Liona and said, "I miss you." And Liona said, "I missed you too."

– Melissa Miata





Turk the Turkey does not want to be eaten for Thanksgiving! So he is disguised as super hero, Black Adam. Because no one would dare eat a superhero! Instead, Turk the Turkey will be flying around saving the other turkeys!

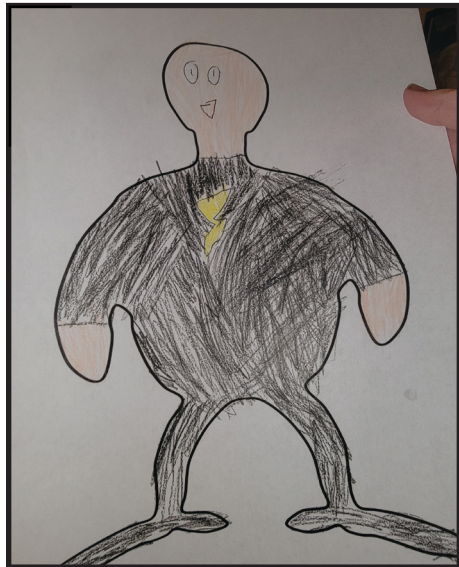
- Isaac Grantham



The Turkey Thief!

What's the best thing about Thanksgiving? Food! But not turkey! Who wants to eat turkey? Well of course someone does. Who is this someone you ask? This person is Jack Franklin. Jack Franklin, well who is he? He's the turkey thief. He goes around on the night before Thanksgiving and steals a turkey from someone's farm. Well, that's not very giving at all. But whose turkey is next? Ben the turkey is! Ben the turkey is very experienced, he always watches Jack in November. Ben knew he was next. He couldn't be next. He needed a plan; he thought and thought some more. "Ahhhhh!" said Ben "I'll dress up! But in what?" Hmmm, Ben thought. He asked a good old friend for help. "Hey, Pig, could you help me with something?" said Ben. "Sure thing," said Pig. "With what?" "A costume," said Ben "I might be dinner soon, if you know what I mean." "Oh no," said Pig. "Should I be a cupcake?" said Ben. "No!" said Pig. After a few no's Pig finally got it! "You should be a businessman," said Pig. "Your right," said Ben "But are you sure," said Pig. "Wait here, I'll be back in two hours." "OK" said Ben. Two hours later Pig comes back with a suit, tie, and a briefcase. "Where did you get all that?" said Ben. "Magic! Now put this on," said Pig. After Ben got everything on, he set up his place. That night Ben saw Jack Franklin looking for Ben. Jack walked right past Ben. He even looked at Ben and kept walking, thinking it wasn't Ben because of the costume. Hours later Ben saw Jack put a different turkey in his truck and moments later Jack drove off. At that moment Ben knew he wasn't going to be dinner. His costume saved the day!

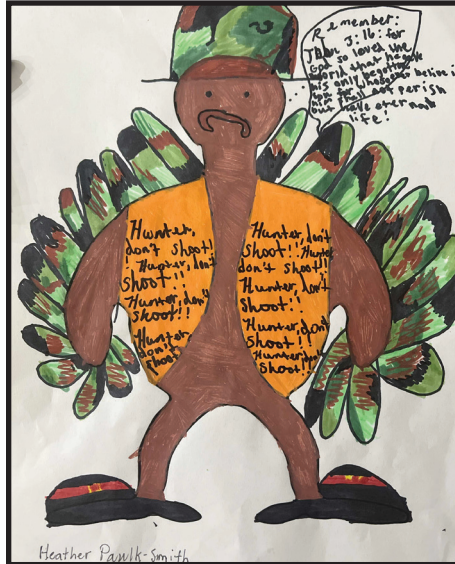
-Jaylin Dameron



The Great Turkey Problem

Once upon a time, there was a farmer and his name Bob. It was almost Thanksgiving and farmer Bob had not picked out a turkey for Thanksgiving yet. Not one single turkey wanted to be gobbled up for Thanksgiving dinner. So, the next day they thought and thought and thought of what they could do to not become Thanksgiving dinner. Every now and then one of the turkeys would say, "That's it." Or I got it!" Then Matilda the Turkey would say, "What, tell me!" So, Chuck the Turkey would tell her the idea, but instead of a wow or amazing Matilda said, "No, that won't work." The at the last thought of the day Matilda was amazed at it. Robbie has a thought to disguise us turkeys like hunters. We can put all the hunting details on, so we look like real hunters. The next day they gathered all the clothing, props, and supplies for their project. Soon it was time to put all these clothes on. They had a lot of clothes to put on. They had green, black, and brown hairspray to put on their feathers to make the feathers look camouflage. The next thing they had was a camouflage hat. They had a fake mustache, followed by a jacket that said "Hunter don't shoot" all over it, and then finally they had big clown shoes that were mostly black, and the middle was a red line with a little bit of yellow inside the red. They of course, had their brown hair. Lenny kept thinking in his mind aloud remember John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son for whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal ... " "Ahem" Matilda spoke, " We have already been over this Lenny, you don't need to say John 3:16 silly." We are not going to be Thanksgiving dinner if we are hunters." "Duh Matilda added, "Well I was just trying to say that to comfort me because I'm scared." "Ugh ... such a scaredy cat." "I'm not a scaredy cat." "Whatever." By that time, it was time to run to the forest, So they all ran to the forest together

when they got there. It was dark so they went to sleep. In the middle of the night Matilda woke up to something snoring, it was Lenny. She woke up Lenny and said, Lenny you're snoring." Lenny did not hear her. So, she went back to bed. The next morning, they woke up and head this person chopping wood. So, they decided to get a closer look. "Oh no!" they all cried, "It's famer Bob." "What are we gonna do," said chuck. Let's hide Matilda suggested. Ok they all said. So, they hid and saw farmer Bob coming over to them. "Hey, I've been looking all over for ya'll. I was chopping down a Christmas tree." Why did ya'll come here." Well one started then the next. "We came here because we did not want to be eaten for Thanksgiving." Farmer Bob chuckled. "Y'all would never be Thanksgiving dinner." "We won't they all cried." "No, let's go home and eat Thanksgiving dinner." So they all went home and ate hamburgers and hotdogs, And they lived happily ever after.



- Heather Paulk-Smith grade 4

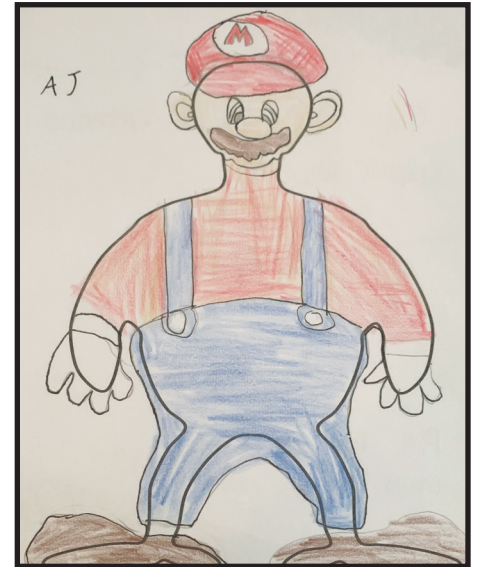
My turkey is a hero called Super Jump. It is important not to eat him because he needs to fight in wars. He can jump to many places in one second.

- Diegoalejandro López-Valedón, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



My turkey is "Captain Turkey America" and he must not be eaten because he leads the Turkey Avengers!

- Pabloenrique López-Valedón, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



It's me Mario. You can't eat me. I'm a Nintendo Superstar. Yipee!

P.S. He tried to make his own shirt.

- Ayden Teague



You can't eat me because I will save your life from anything that will happen to you.

- Avery Cattin



## What is luminarias?



Aside from safety guidelines established by local authorities, there are not many rules when it comes to decorating for the holidays. Some individuals prefer a more understated look marked by a Christmas tree in their front windows, while others go all-out and cover their homes in colorful lights. Luminarias is one of the lesser known ways to decorate for the holiday season, but it can be awe-inspiring and even help to bring communities together during this special time of year.

### What is luminarias?

A luminaria is a Christmas lantern that consists of a votive candle placed inside a small paper bag. The bag is weighted with sand. Communities or neighborhoods that decorate with luminarias typically place the luminarias at the end of their driveways or along sidewalks on a predetermined night, such as Christmas Eve. When all the candles have been lit, the result is an awe-inspiring and uniform display.

### How long has the tradition of luminarias been around?

According to LumaBase®, a manufacturer of decorative luminarias, the tradition of luminarias dates back to 16th century Spain. At that time, small bonfires known as "luminarias" were lit along roads to help people travel safely to Midnight Mass on the final night of Las Posadas, a traditional celebration in many countries with significant Hispanic populations that runs from December 16 through December 24. The celebration is meant to serve as a remembrance of the story of Mary and Joseph seeking lodging in Bethlehem prior to the birth of Jesus Christ.

### Where is luminarias practiced today?

In North America, luminarias remains a tradition in Mexico and the southwestern United States, though FLIC Luminaries© indicates it is practiced in communities throughout the U.S. and Canada. Modern lights have evolved so individuals interested in introducing the tradition of luminarias in their communities need not light traditional candles if they're concerned about safety. Battery-powered, electric and solar options are available as alternatives to candles lit by a flame.

The tradition of luminarias can bring communities together in celebration of the holiday season.

## Jingle Bells

The instantly recognizable "Jingle Bells" has become a wildly popular Christmas carol despite not mentioning Christmas or any other holiday. Written by New England native James Lord Pierpont, "Jingle Bells" is commemorated with plaques in two different cities, each of which claims to be the place where Pierpont wrote the song in the 1850s. One plaque is in Medford, Massachusetts, where Pierpont is said to have written the song from a tavern while watching sleigh races taking place outside. The other plaque is in Savannah, Georgia, where locals believe Pierpont wrote the lyrics prior to leading a sing-along of the song at a local church in 1857.



### "Jingle Bells" Lyrics written by James Lord Pierpont

Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way

Bells on bobtail ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight! Oh,

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh. Hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago  
I thought I'd take a ride  
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright  
Was seated by my side,  
The horse was lean and lank  
Misfortune seemed his lot  
He got into a drifted bank  
And then we got upstot.

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh. Hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago,  
The story I must tell  
I went out on the snow,  
And on my back I fell;  
A gent was riding by  
In a one-horse open sleigh,  
He laughed as there I sprawling  
lie, But quickly drove away.

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Now the ground is white  
Go it while you're young,  
Take the girls tonight  
and sing this sleighing song;  
Just get a bobtailed  
Two forty as his speed  
Hitch him to an open sleigh  
And crack! you'll take the lead.

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.

## Simple ways to involve kids in holiday decorating

Millions of people across the globe feel that the holiday season is a magical time of year. Though those people come from all walks of life, it's likely that no group is as taken by the unique spirit of the holiday season as much as children.

Whether they're looking forward to Santa's arrival or preparing for a school holiday pageant, kids have much to be excited about come December. Parents can channel that enthusiasm by involving kids when decorating around the house this holiday season.

- Make homemade ornaments. The options are limitless when making holiday ornaments with children. From simple ornaments made from pine cones picked up outside to more complex projects designed for children nearing adolescence, parents can look to the internet to find design ideas and directions for hundreds of ornaments.

✓ Let kids lead the way when decorating the tree. Families that celebrate Christmas can let kids lead the way when decorating their Christmas tree. Kids are likely to spend the weeks leading up to Santa's arrival gazing in awe at the tree, and knowing they decided where to place the various ornaments on it might make the season even more special for youngsters.

✓ Take kids along when choosing lawn ornaments. It's not safe to involve children when installing lighting displays, but kids will get a kick out of choosing inflatable lawn decorations and other items to place around the yard. Take kids along when buying new items and then seek their input when placing Frosty, Santa and his reindeer friends around the yard.

✓ Include kids in culinary decor. Many celebrants cannot imagine a holiday season without gingerbread houses and cookies. These traditions provide another great opportunity to involve children in holiday decorating. Set aside some time to make homemade gingerbread houses, which can be used as decorations before they're ultimately eaten. Cookies may not have the shelf life of a typical gingerbread house, but kids can pitch in and decorate cookies prior to a holiday party or family meal.

The spirit of the holiday season can be seen on the faces of children each December. Inviting kids to pitch in when decorating for the holidays can make the season even more special for its youngest celebrants.





# HOW TO PET PROOF YOUR HOME WHEN DECKING THE HALLS

The holiday season is a special time of year. Many factors combine to make the holiday season so unique and festive, and that includes all the effort people put into decorating their homes.

Much thought is given to holiday lighting arrangements and which tree to buy, but it's equally important to consider pets when decorating. Many common household pets are naturally curious, and that curiosity can make it difficult to decorate safely come the holiday season. But various pet-proofing strategies can ensure holiday decorations and displays aren't compromised by four-legged friends this season.

- Secure the Christmas tree. Much like other residents of the home, pets may be mesmerized by a glowing Christmas tree. Pets may sniff around the tree or investigate it closely, which can increase the chances that it tips over. That poses a significant safety hazard and underscores the importance of using a sturdy stand. Fastening the tree to a wall, much like one might do with a television that isn't mounted, adds a further layer of protection from tip-overs.

- Block off the base of a live tree. Live trees need water to stay green and keep their needles throughout the season. That water could prove enticing to thirsty pets. Drinking water from a tree stand could increase the risk of the tree tipping over and the water could upset the stomach of pets if the tree was treated with pesticides prior to being brought home. When decorating with a live tree, make sure the base of the tree where the water will be is blocked off. A small fence around the tree

could keep curious pets away. The room where the tree is located should be locked or inaccessible when pets are home alone.

- Inspect and conceal light wires. Wires can become frayed over time, and that could pique pets' curiosity. Lighting wires should always be inspected prior to decorating and frayed or damaged wires should be thrown away, even if it means replacing lights. If wires are still sturdy, conceal them along the base of the wall using a cable concealer, which prevents pets from chewing on them.



- Avoid lighting candles. Candles should not be lit in homes with pets. Even candles on shelves that are seemingly beyond pets' reach can be hazardous, as pets, especially cats, have a way of accessing spaces they seemingly shouldn't be able to reach. Use electric candles in lieu of traditional ones.

- Speak to a vet about seasonal plants and flowers before bringing them into the home. Pet owners can speak with their veterinarians before bringing poinsettias, holly and other seasonal plants and flowers into their homes. Some pets could suffer allergic reactions if they eat certain seasonal plants, so it's best to err on the side of caution and speak to a vet before including live plants and flowers in decorative displays.

Decorating is part of the holiday season. Pet owners must exercise an extra bit of caution to keep their pets and homes safe when decorating during this special time of year.

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## Secret samplings

Periodically, *Clay Today* will review one of our local restaurants. Without notice and unannounced, we will try to sample a variety of menu items, as well as observe the ambiance, décor and the reactions of other diners. This week: *La Catrina Tacos and Tequila Bar* at 2720 Blanding Blvd. in Middleburg.

### La Catrina Tacos and Tequila Bar serves phenomenal food, drink, atmosphere

By Lee Wardlaw  
lee@claytodayonline.com

MIDDLEBURG – From the outside, it seems like just another establishment. But make no mistake: *La Catrina Tacos and Tequila Bar* is no ordinary eatery.

When you walk inside, you quickly notice they are cooking down-home, fresh-to-order, Mexican-style favorites, which is why they already are recognized as one of the premier restaurants in the southern part of the county.

After Clay County residents give *La Catrina* the full go-round, they may not only find it to be one of the most underrated eateries inside the large plaza featuring 11 businesses but perhaps the best in and around Middleburg.

The first of the five senses that might draw you in: the aroma. The pleasant aura of the fresh ingredients of the Mexican food can be detected from as far away as 50 yards away in the parking lot.

Then, the next sense: sound, which will be activated once you get closer to the door where customers can relax to the soft, soothing Mexican soul music playing from *La Catrina's* inconspicuous speakers.

But that's just the beginning. The experience will engage all five senses. *La Catrina* opened its first restaurant in St. Augustine, and that proved to be so successful, it expanded to Middleburg in mid-October.

The store frontage is decorated with Christmas-style bulb lights lining the ceiling of the open-air breezeway that houses *La Catrina* and several other shops.

Diners are greeted by two real-life, artistic depictions of human beings dressed in *Dia De Muertos* (Day of the Dead) themed garb, both figures which are attached to two benches right outside the restaurant.

Before a friendly staff member finds your seat, take a moment to enjoy the beautiful artwork ordaining the walls of *La Catrina's*, which is easily discernible throughout the establishment. A psychoactive rainbow of color is apparent at all corners within.

The work, which was perhaps crafted by a highly-paid professional artist features authentic depictions of Mexican culture that jump out at customers while they enjoy chowing down on fresh-to-serve antojitos, tacos, burritos, quesadillas, fajitas, nachos or other hot-off-the-grill menu item favorites that would perhaps be best coupled



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

From left, the surf and turf (grilled steak and shrimp, topped with avocado and siracha mayo) the Mr. Papa (grilled potatoes and chorizo, topped with pico de gallo and queso fresco), and the Chinola ribeye (ribeye steak topped with house chimichurri, pico de gallo and queso fresco).



Left: The bar tabletop and legroom are decked out with alluring depictions of shapes, with shelves fully stocked with a variety of 22 brands of tequila and more. Right: The beautifully painted *senorita* (woman) adorns the left wall of the establishment as customers walk in, complete with two roses for each ear and face paint perhaps serving as an ode to *Dia De Muertos* (Day of the Dead).

with a glass of wine or specialty margarita cocktail.

The "stars of the show" include three standout portraits – two of women and one of a man. On the left wall, *Dia De Muertos* is apparent, with beautiful flowers painted alongside the lady. Then, another in an Indian headdress, perhaps depicting Aztec times of old. Last but not least, the man is a singer donning a sombrero, whose eyes seem intent on singing another hit Salsa song.

If that's not enough, the bar table and leg space are custom-set with maze-like circles that should enthrall customers of all ages. 12-point, black, star-like light structures hang down to provide additional brightness.

But let's face it. The biggest reason you'd come to *La Catrina* is the food.

Customers are treated to a large and diverse food and drink menu, which could make an especially nice option for those looking to mix it up and try something new.

All sorts of Mexican classics are on the menu, but if you want to go for a flavor bomb, try three (or more) of the specialty tacos. Seven options are available, but while I was visiting, server Jaylin's recommended the surf and turf (grilled steak and shrimp, topped with avocado and sriracha mayo), Mr. Papa (grilled potatoes and chorizo, topped with pico de gallo and queso fresco) and the Chinola ribeye (ribeye steak topped with house chimichurri, pico de gal-



lo, and queso fresco).

If you want to keep it simple, stick with the 210 Burritos, with the star item featuring two flour tortillas stuffed with ground beef, nacho cheese and ranchero sauce.

There are 22 brands of tequila, seven versions of handcrafted drinks and nine options of *Cerveza Mexicana* (Mexican Beer) for customers looking to kick it back after a long day's work. The recommendations were spot-on.

If that's not enough, make sure to come in during lunch hours where they serve 11 hearty, warm and budget-friendly menu options that should especially make for a treat during the cold winter months, including tacos, quesadillas or burritos with a side of delicious and filling rice and beans.

At the end of the day, the menu truly has something for everybody, whether that be adults, children, vegetarians, big or small-budget spenders and even those simply looking to enjoy an adult beverage or sweet-toothed Mexican dessert such as churros.

*La Catrina Tacos and Tequila* could make the perfect occasion for lunch, dinner, take-out, a birthday party, date night or game day. If you're watching Gators, Seminoles, Knights, Hurricanes, Jaguars or other favorite football teams, just make sure to sit at the bar, where the gigantic, lone flat-screen television sits, which underneath includes a shelf lined with a plethora of alcoholic beverages.



## Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register  
True Life Church  
Clay County

### Count your Blessings

**H**appy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the time with your loved ones and friends! But remember to count your blessings.

Many people know the saying, "count your blessings." But do we practice it? Even in times of difficulty, God is blessing you with His presence. Thank God for the little things! What is yours? A couple of mine are the smell of fresh-cut grass and the unique beauty of cloud formations in the sky. They may seem trivial, but these things are a blessing to me.

Think less about what's in this for me and more about the goodness of God. Psalm 103:2 says, "Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me." Sometimes, we have an unfortunate tendency to focus on the negative or uncomfortable things in life. But when we subscribe to this pattern, we miss the innumerable blessings of the Lord all around us.

C.S. Lewis once said, "When we lose one blessing, another is often most unexpectedly given in its place."

No matter where we find ourselves in life, God has surrounded us with blessings. To recognize them, all we need do is open our eyes to His presence. We can place all our struggles, concerns, and pain in His hands, asking Him to cast them away from us forever. When we do, He will help us to walk in a renewed perspective that will transform how we see our lives. Instead of being weighed down by the challenges of life, we will be able to count our blessings!

*Psalm 136:1* says, "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever."

Many may not realize this is not a suggestion, but rather a commandment from the Word of God. God has showered us all with His faithful love, and there is no other proper response than sincere gratitude.

God has brought us freedom, salvation, peace, love, joy, hope, and so much more. Let your heart cry out in thanks to Him and count your blessings!

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# Police Briefs

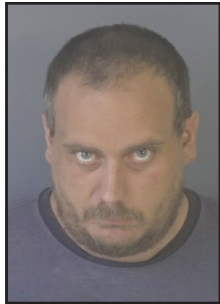
## Man charged with using six fake identifications to take property

MIDDLEBURG – A man who created six fake identities was tracked down by the Clay County Sheriff's Office Burglary unit and Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Secret Service on Nov. 16.

Christopher Leo Daragjati, 33, of Middleburg, was charged with creating fictitious personal identification information after deputies learned he set up an account with Clay Electric under one name, renting a pressure washer and scrubber mop from a company under another name and pawning the items for \$1,425 under a third name, according to the arrest report.

With the help of the Department of Homeland Security and Secret Service, CCSO executed a search warrant at Daragjati's house.

Daragjati, whose bond was set at \$100,003, also was charged with failure to return rented property.



Christopher Daragjati

## Argument leads to drug trafficking arrest in Middleburg

MIDDLEBURG – A argument between a couple eventually led to a man's arrest for trafficking fentanyl on Nov. 15 for a 38-year-old man.

Christopher Dale Terry, of Middleburg, was charged with trafficking more than four grams of the drug, as well as possession of methamphetamine with the intent to sell or distribute and marijuana after deputies arrived to a camper on Maluke Lane.

Since Terry was already a suspect in an ongoing drug investigation, deputies asked if they could search the camper. After Terry agreed, they found the drugs inside a dresser drawer beside Terry's bed.

His bond was set at \$355,008 and his next court appearance is scheduled for Dec. 12.



Christopher Terry

## Middleburg man indicted for illegally possessing firearms

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Attorney Roger

B. Handberg announced the return by a grand jury of an indictment charging Paul Steven Hulbert, 27, of Middleburg, with unlawful possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, unlawful possession of a firearm by a person subject to a domestic violence injunction, and two counts of possession of an unregistered short-barreled rifle and short-barreled shotgun.

Hulbert faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison on each count.

The indictment also notified Hulbert that the United States intends to forfeit multiple firearms which are traceable to the offenses. Hulbert made his initial appearance in federal court today and was ordered detained.

According to the indictment and public records, in August 2021, Hulbert was convicted of the misdemeanor crime of domestic battery, in Clay County, Florida. During this timeframe the Clay County Court also issued a "Temporary Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence with Minor Children" against Hulbert, which specifically prohibited him from possessing firearms and directed him to surrender any firearms in his possession to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

After the domestic battery conviction and issuance of the domestic violence in-

junction, both of which prohibited him from possessing firearms, Hulbert obtained seven firearms that included rifles, pistols and a shotgun. The barrel of the shotgun and one rifle were illegally modified to shorten their length.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed one or more violations of federal criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the Clay County Sheriff's Office and the Jacksonville Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It will be prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin C. Frein.

The case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence, and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone.

On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.

# 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.

## Monday, Nov. 21

George W. Fagan, 46, Orange Park, install tracking devices

Richard S. Vey, 55, Orange Park, disorderly intoxication

Bryan A. Ennis, 40, Green Cove Springs, battery

Gina M. Nasser, 33, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia

Melina S. Hodges, 48, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-drug paraphernalia

Erica D. Sammons, 30, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Derrick D. Evans, 19, Orange Park, failure to obey/stop for law enforcement, DWLSR

David C. Puliafico, 22, Green Cove Springs, possession-marijuana

Clayton R. Helwig, 33, Jacksonville, failure to report driver's license, failure to report change of address

Brandon C.E. Dugan, 31, Orange Park, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Marquise R. Williams, 28, Middleburg, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement with lights/siren active

## Sunday, Nov. 20

Roy E. Futch, 55, Orange Park, possession-oxycodone, possession-alprazolam, possession-drug paraphernalia

Joseph L. Lunsford, 54, Green Cove Springs, FTA, two counts attempting to flee/elude law enforcement with lights/siren active, DWLSR

Joshua A. Soto, 27, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery, violation of pre-trial release conditions for domestic violence

Rickey A. Little, 41, Orange Park, simple battery, child abuse

Re Jon J. Jackson, 23, Fleming Island, child neglect, shoplifting, possession-cocaine, possession-ammo/firearm by convicted felon.

Destiny C. Devine, 19 Fleming Island, child neglect, shoplifting, possession-crack cocaine, concealed weapon violation

Ronald G. Neal, 45, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft

Steven C. Lewandowski, 31, Middleburg, trafficking-opium, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia, DWLSR

Ashely R. Clifford, 35, Green Cove Springs, possession-drug paraphernalia

Shawn M. Hall, 22, Orange Park, criminal conspiracy

Tyrique J. Williams, 21, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, armed trespassing, vandalism

## Saturday, Nov. 19

Jahlyn M. Williams, 19, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon,

armed trespassing, possession-unlicensed firearm

Tyler J. Mills, 22, Orange Park, battery

Zachary P. Harris, 31, Orange Park, battery

John M. Overby, 34, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia, delivering methamphetamine

Gabriel T. Harris, 29, Orange Park, battery

Wendy J. Kiefer, 50, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon

Howard D. Tinsley, 69, Orange Park, two counts grand theft, giving false name/ID

Viviana A.G. Guavita, 37, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Carol L. Smith, 57, Middleburg, shoplifting

Gregory Stanback, 56, Orange Park, burglary

Zlata S. Montgomery, 50, Green Cove Springs, petit theft

Arturo Z. Posadas, 33, Orange Park, aggravated battery with deadly weapon

## Friday, Nov. 18

Janice E. Stubbs, 59, Middleburg, shoplifting

Terry D. McDonald, 46, Orange Park, use of computer to seduce/solicit/lure child, transmit information harmful to minors, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony

Hannah R. Otterson, 43, Melrose, DUI

Lindsey N. Pearce, 31, Orange Park, trespassing

Deondre W. Mincey, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP-larceny

Savanna A. Helwig, 25, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Loranzia Outin, 46, Middleburg, sale of methamphetamine

Robert E. Patterson, 76, Middleburg, lewd/lascivious molestation

Arthur J. Green, 31, Orange Park, grand theft

## Thursday, Nov. 17

Demetrius C. Alexander, 22, Orange Park, follow/harass/cyberstalking

Loranzia Qutin, 46, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine

Julian A. Daliz, 21, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Clifford R. Stober, 43, Middleburg, trafficking-amphetamine/methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl

Robert A. Velleca, 33, Orange Park, shoplifting

Alan M. Cook, 29, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-morphine, possession-drug paraphernalia, two counts possession-methamphetamine with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver

John D. Bryant, 43, Orange Park, domestic battery

Drake W. Newberg, 26, Fleming Island, two counts trespassing

Julia N. Gill, 38, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-drug paraphernalia, drug paraphernalia advertising, possession-cocaine, maintaining public nuisance structure for drug activity

Timothy E. Simcox, 60, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-drug



## Camp Chowenwaw:

# Forming a generation of leaders, thinkers, activists

By **Kylie Cordell**  
For *Clay Today*

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Summer camps have long been a highlight of Girl Scouting.

Troop One, founded in 1912 by Juliette Low in her hometown of Savannah, Georgia, was made up of just 18 girls. During a time when women weren't allowed to vote and stuck to strict social norms, the Girl Scouts taught them they could do anything, and be anyone, encouraging them to embrace their strengths and find community in one another. The Girl Scouts of America became a nationwide movement and quickly spread throughout the country and Northeast Florida was no exception.

When Elizabeth Starke founded the first troop in the area at Mayport in 1916, the United States had just officially joined the movement. During WW1, many worked with the Red Cross to roll bandages and knit goods for servicemen, as well as played a key role in supporting the nation's food supply. Others took on a more operative role. Cherokee Rose Troop One helped patrol the First Coast after school hours.

"They had their Girl Scouts on horseback with shotguns patrolling the beaches for German invaders," said Chowenwaw Park Naturalist, Barbara Beyerl.

Although the Girl Scouts have come a long way from riding horseback with shotguns in hand. The legacy of these young women lives on in the organization's commitment to serving the community, and most importantly, in its perseverance.

By the time the Girls Scouts Council of Duval County was incorporated in January 1927, four more troops were active in Jacksonville. And in the early 1930s, Clay County was looking to build a campground. Before the construction of Camp Chowenwaw in 1933, several potential camp properties were considered and rejected, including Lakeside, Keystone Heights and Fleming Island. It wasn't until a free federal labor program provided free construction during the early years of the Great Depression, that the council officially decided on the property in Green Cove Springs.

"[They] were looking for someplace to have a summer camp for the girls, and they came upon this property which is out in the middle of nowhere. It had been a foreclosed dairy farm during the depression and it was up for sale," Beyerl said. "The Girl



PHOTOS BY KYLIE CORDELL

Many of the buildings at Camp Chowenwaw still have a rustic look. The Girl Scouts camp opened in 1933 and operated until the organization sold the land to Clay County. The Big House, however, was remodeled and remains a focal point of the park.



The overwhelming majority of Camp Chowenwaw - 100 of 150 acres - is considered swamp and water ways.

Scouts originally bought a very small piece of this land. It was 20 or some acres and then they added on over the years. Now it's something like 150 acres – 50 acres are dry land and 100 is swampland."

The initial property was purchased for \$250. Daily work crew numbers of 30 to 75 otherwise unemployed men. The first load began working on Jan. 17, 1933 with practically no equipment other than logs on-site and a rented saw mill attached to a Fordson Tractor. The workers harvested raw materials from the property as much as possible: pine for log walls, flooring and support beams, and the clay for chink-

ing between the logs was taken from the natural clay pit that would become Otter Springs.

"Even the furniture was made of magnolia trees cut down on the property," Beyerl said. Once completed, the camp included the five sleeping cabins, a bathhouse, the Orange Blossom "Health Lodge," the "Cook's Cabin" and the "Big Cabin" consisting of a huge lounge with two stone fireplaces on either side, a dining hall, kitchen and serving room, the first of the buildings to be constructed.

"It was a gathering space and a dining hall. They ate their meals here or they

gathered here to sing songs," Beyerl said.

The camp provided the girls with a place to learn new skills and talents as Girl Scouts from cooking and first aid, to athletics, pioneering and art. The 4,700-square-foot Big Cabin is still the main space for large groups, although it's generally rented out for weddings and parties.

"When the Girl Scout camp closed in 2005, it went up for sale and in 2006, the county bought it," Beyerl said. "The whole place was in disrepair. It was in really bad shape, but the county wanted to restore it for preservation purposes, so they made repairs that the Girl Scouts made in the 70s: they took out the old logs, put in new logs, removed the support posts, and built a whole new roof and a new floor. It was just amazing the work they had to do."

The Board of County Commissioners voted in 2011 to spend \$403,000 to renovate the Big Cabin. Now, the women's restroom is the only part of the cabin that still has the original floors. Even the clay between the wooden log slats was replaced with concrete mortar.

The Girl Scouts left such an indelible mark on Camp Chowenwaw and Clay County, it is home to the Historic Girl Scout Museum. Although the park has seen many changes over the years, Camp Chowenwaw pays respect to the 1930s campground with the preservation of many of its original structures and even received awards for the restoration of its buildings.

## Arrests

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paraphernalia

Christopher S. Baltzley, 41, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia

Sharena L. Denegal, 45, Orange Park, two counts insurance fraud, communicat-

ing to obtain property

Lori A. Glass, 54, Jacksonville, traffick-

ing-amphetamine/methamphetamine

Jessica R. Mabry, 45, Middleburg,

possession-controlled substance

### Wednesday, Nov. 16

Cody E. Padgett, 22, Green Cove

Springs, possession-marijuana

Delisha R. Ricks, 40, Green Cove Springs,

DWSLR

Kimberly Z. Caliendo, 51, Fleming Island, petit theft, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia

John F. Brown, 46, Fleming Island, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, use of anti-shoplifting device

Christopher L. Daragjati, 34, Orange Park, failure to redeliver hired/leases property, three counts create/use fictitious ID

Anthony L. Mabary, 38, Middleburg, non-support

Alesha B. Kyte, 34, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia

Austin J. Clarke, 28, Orange Park, possession-controlles substance, possession-drug paraphernalia



# NE Florida garden clubs celebrates Christmas comes to Gardenfest

For Clay Today

PALATKA – On Nov 18, at the Ravines State Park, the garden clubs of NE Florida came together for a day of education, social gathering and Christmas shopping.

The theme of the day's talks was ecological principles in gardening and the beautiful natural setting of the park provided an excellent backdrop. Each club came with items for sale and created a mini-Christmas bazaar to everyone's delight. It was a day full of information, meeting up with friends, and getting great bargains on garden-related Christmas crafts. Everyone left feeling satisfied from this dip into the Christmas season. During this time of year, we reflect on the meaning of being together. The simple, day-to-day, activities help us to realize how important we are to each other and how the ordinary things in life can have a great deal of meaning. Members of the Garden Club of Fleming Island were very grateful for all our "community friends" who support its work and come to our events.

There will be no public meeting for the Garden Club of Fleming Island. The group will be having its Christmas party for members. But be sure to mark your calendars for a spectacular presentation on easy and down-to-earth rose propagation on Jan. 9 at the Fleming Island Library.



# Winn-Dixie celebrates season of giving by feeding families, helping USO

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Southeastern Grocers Inc., parent company and home of Winn-Dixie grocery stores, is celebrating the season of giving with donations to dedicated nonprofit partners and encouraging customers and associates to embrace the holiday spirit. SEG is activating a community donation program to help raise funds and awareness for food insecurity in support of its longstanding partner Feeding America. The grocer's holiday hunger relief program will aid the nonprofit in its enduring efforts to help food-insecure communities during the holidays, and every day. Now through Dec. 27, customers at all seven Winn-Dixie stores in Clay County can help their neighbors in need this season of giving by donating \$1, \$5 or rounding up their grocery bill. Every cent raised will support Feeding America and Feeding America network food banks throughout the Southeast.

Raymond Rhee, Chief People Officer of Southeastern Grocers, said, "As a grocer committed to feeding our local communities, we believe everyone should have the opportunity to celebrate the holidays and enjoy a meal with their loved ones. At Southeastern Grocers, we put people

first, always. That means providing great savings to our customers who shop in our stores, as well as supporting our community members that may not know from where their next meal will come. We are grateful for our partnership with Feeding America and the privilege to help so many of our neighbors in need."

To commence the season of giving and help those in need celebrate Thanksgiving, SEG, together with the SEG Gives Foundation, hosted 13 food distribution events throughout its communities to give away more than 7,000 frozen turkeys as well as holiday meal staples. Additionally, SEG donated \$100,000 to the USO in support of the organization's mission to strengthen America's military members by keeping them connected to family, home and country throughout their service. The donation was made possible by generous Winn-Dixie customers and associates during the grocer's two-week community donation program in recognition of Veterans Day.

Now through the New Year, Winn-Dixie customers can enjoy deeper discounts on more than 150 everyday items and save an average of 15% as part of the grocer's Holiday Down Down program.

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Orange Park High guard Autumn Nesmith applies tight defense on Camden County point guard in Lady Raiders tough 61-52 win over Camden County.

## Lady Raiders muscle back to win column

By **Randy Lefko**  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - After a season opening win over Ponte Vedra High, the Orange Park Lady Raiders girls basketball team, chock full of talent including Clay Today player of year Eris Lester, hit a speed bump against Bolles.

"Last night (vs. Bolles, a 59-48 loss), we played uncharacteristic of ourselves and we gave them four or five shots to make one," said Orange Park coach Michael Nesmith, who guided the Raiders to a region final finish last year. "When you Bolles, a fundamentally sound team, and make just 20 percent of your shots, you

are going to lose."

After a spirited day of inspiration, Nesmith was able to see his Lady Raiders play actual Lady Raider basketball in a tough 61-52 win over Camden County High. 7A-Camden County was playing their season opener.

"We switched up a couple of things tonight and we got our energy player, Alanna Kennedy, back after missing the Bolles game," said Nesmith, now 2-1 after a 24-6 campaign last year and a region final finish. "Her energy feeds the team and we were flying around the court."

With Orange Park rifling to a quick 10

**SEE HOOPS, 40**

## KHHS Guy runs school record at region XC

Mussante: All Region

Courtesy of **FSCMOCS.com**

LAKELAND, Fla. – Senior Alex Guy of the Florida Southern men's cross country team ran the fourth fastest 10K time in program history while setting a new program record for a 10K performance at the NCAA Region Championship Saturday morning. The Keystone Heights, Fla. native completed the distance in 31:45.4 to become just the fourth Moccasin all-time to run a sub-32 minute 10K. Guy led the Mocs to a sixth place team finish in the 18-member field at the 2022 NCAA South Region Championship hosted by Florida Southern College in conjunction with

Polk County Sports and Tourism. Guy's individual time earned him 19th overall and secured All-Region honors for the senior.

Guy surpassed the previous FSC Regional Record Holder Eric Walker's (2003-06) time of 31:47 which was set at the 2006 NCAA Region Championship.

In the womens race, the Florida Southern women's cross country team took ninth overall Saturday morning at the 2022 NCAA South Region Championship. The Mocs suffered a few injuries late this week which caused the team to have just six competitors compared to the rest of the field which all had seven

**SEE GUY, 38**



Keystone Heights High graduate and Florida Southern College senior cross country runner Alex Guy, center, No. 43, takes off from start of conference championship race held two weeks ago in Daytona Beach. Guy ran the fourth fastest 10K (6.2 miles) in school history at last week's NCAA Region championship race in Lakeland.

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Former Clay High volleyball standout Taja Valmyr, here in high-fly action for Flagler College, helped guide the Edward Waters College womens volleyball team to one of their best seasons in program history.

## Diaz-Merced, Valmyr part of Edward Waters national volleyball run

Excerpts from EWUTigerPride.com

MOBILE, AL - Edward Waters College's bid to win back-to-back championships in two different leagues unfortunately fell short with a 3-0 loss to West Division Champion Spring Hill in the 2022 Cricket Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC, NCAA Div. II) Women's Volleyball Championship game on Saturday afternoon at the Arthur R. Outlaw Recreation Center.

On the roster for the Lady Tigers are two former Clay County standouts; libero

Andrea Diaz-Merced, an Oakleaf High graduate, and assistant coach Taja Valmyr, a Clay High and Flagler College standout.

"I have always wanted to give back to the sport I love," said Valmyr. "The opportunity was waiting for me on indeed one day and I did not hesitate! It has been a great experience here at Edward Waters University, now NCAA."

The Lady Tigers came out of the blocks slowly to start the contest, dropping the first set by an uncharacteristic 25-4 score. Edward Waters began to show some fight

in the second set, but could not close the gap, falling 25-18. Spring Hill closed out the Lady Tigers in the third set, 25-13, en route to winning their fourth consecutive SIAC championship and will represent the conference in the 2022 NCAA Division II National Tournament.

Edward Waters had difficulty controlling the Badgers' heavy hitters, surrendering 50 kills to SHC in the match, while only totaling 18 themselves. Fatima Ramirez, the SIAC Player of Year in 2022, led Edward Waters with six kills, while Saldy Amparo Smith finished with four, and Saniya Spalding totaling three. Mataiya Barber, the SIAC Setter of the Year in 2022, dished out 12 assists, while Andrea Diaz Merced, playing in her final collegiate match, fin-

ished with 13 digs for the Lady Tigers.

Diaz Merced finished her season with 503 digs in 2022 with 87 assists.

Valmyr is in her second season as assistant coach with the Blue Devil standout the womens team win their first-ever conference title in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference last year before Edward Waters joined SIAC.

Despite the loss, Edward Waters has a lot to be proud of this season. EWU finished the year with a 26-10 overall record, 17-2 in SIAC play in the regular season, and clinched the 2022 SIAC East Division Championship. The Lady Tigers will look to regroup and reload in the offseason with their sights firmly squared on a championship in 2023.



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Former Oakleaf High School graduate Andrea Diaz-Merced, in orange, has been strong defensive player for Edward Waters College in recent national playoff run.



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Andrea Diaz-Merced was as strong on back line for early success of Knights volleyball program.

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St. Johns Country Day School weightlifting coach Justin Frisbee is among Clay state champions Geniyah Stevens, left, and Emma Heck in tri-meet last week at Clay High. St. Johns Country Day School weightlifter Sasha Wallace was a first-year member of the small Spartan girls weightlifting team that added more lifters for 2022.

# Clay Iron Ladies host triple summit

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - With an historic season last year with two team state titles and a handful of individual state champions, Clay High girls weightlifting coach Rodney Keller created a summit of sorts to see just what the rest of the county might look like, competitively.

"Nothing really changes from last year to now," said Keller, team state champions in Traditional and also in Olympic Snatch in 2021. "The process is the same. You return and try to do that same things that were successful last year."

Keller's invites for the tri-meet with Middleburg and St. Johns Country Day School featured five state champions in one room and a much-larger number of challengers to the Lady Blue Devils dominance.

"We have a few champions returning at Clay; Geniyah Stevens, Emma Heck, Kyleigh Lafary, so the expectations are really high," said Keller. "We have a process that worked and will be sticking to it."

From St. Johns Country Day School, coach Justin Frisbee saw a two-fold jump in his team with twice as many athletes coming out for the team after a stellar first year from his own state champion; daughter Addison Frisbee in the Olympic Snatch discipline.

"We've got double the size in here; 12 girls, so that's good," said Frisbee. "We are hoping to qualify a couple of them this year. You can look around the room and see the new faces."

Frisbee's optimism is evident in the fact that his small team is included in the mix of county powerhouses.

"It's not often that a team like ours, just kind of getting our feet on the ground and building gets invited to a meet like this where there are five state champions walking the floor," said Frisbee. "Most of the kids come first to improve their other sports; we got four softball players here, and then we got some that this is their first time lifting weights. I've learned that I don't have to travel far to get good competition."

For Middleburg coach Rhiannon Weiskopf, who had her own contingency at the Class 2A championship meet last year, along with husband Chase, the chase (no pun) to take down Clay is part of her process after both were put into Class 2A.

"Of course, this being our first meet is a good one to get all of our nerves out and see where we are," said Weiskopf. "The entire county's success has added to all the school's programs. We have 85 athletes just in our program and that makes it difficult to pick 30 of the best to go to meets."


Weiskopf sees a trend in other sports athletes using weightlifting as a supplement, then finding it a new sport for themselves.

"We get athletes come into the room for their other sports then find out they kind of love the sport," said Weiskopf. "It's a good situation for both sports."


In 2022, volleyball stars Allison Cox and Taylor Mills were to of Weiskopf's state lifters with Katlyn Griffin an unlimited region champion.



Clay High weightlifting coach Rodney Keller, right, makes point with Middleburg coach Rhiannon Weiskopf in tri-meet last week at Clay High School.



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Middleburg High coach Sean Sweeney with Chase Carroll after Carroll's dramatic tie for first in Class 2A championship tournament finished with Carroll second in sudden death overtime.

# Carroll fourth quarter surge falls just short

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

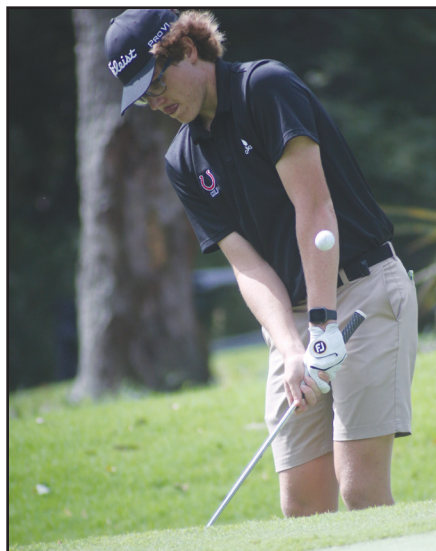
Middleburg High senior golfer Chase Carroll blitzed the final nine holes of his second round of play at the FHSAA Class 2A championship tournament at the Mission Inn Resort in Howie in the Hills and then...

Waited and Waited and Waited... before being put into a sudden death overtime playoff with Ponte Vedra High senior Brock Blais that ended after five holes with Carroll missing a state title by a five foot putt.

"The ball circled the hole and spit out," said Carroll, who was on his fourth trip to the Class 2A championship tournament. "When I made the tying putt on 18, I thought, it just makes the story better. Then we went into overtime."

The miss ended a dramatic and exciting finish to the Class 2A title; by the tie-breaker to Blais, as Carroll was reliving the equally dramatic overtime finish that big brother Cody Carroll successfully negotiated for his Class 2A title in 2016.

"I started out in the middle of the pairings pack because I was not in the top three after the first round," said Car-



Chase Carroll got four trips to the Class 2A championship tournament and earned a scholarship to play at University of North Florida.

roll, who finished with a par 72 on the hilly course. "I got done about an hour before the lead golfers came in, but made up a ton of strokes with two eagles and four birdies to knock down about eight strokes and finish one stroke under par,

SEE CARROLL, 42



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

St. Johns Country Day School guard Taliah Scott signed last week to play at the University of Arkansas after an outstanding high school career that included a summer of top tier camps around the country.

# SJCDS Scott goes Arkansas

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - St. Johns Country Day School sports has created a truckload of NCAA Division I athletes in the past 20 years; mainly girls soccer with their dominance landing more top tier scholarships under coach Mike Pickett, but Thursday, it was girls basketball taking the lead with senior point guard Taliah Scott inking a ride to the University of Arkansas.

"I've been to the school twice and just love the atmosphere and the coaches," said Scott, who averaged a bit over 30 points per game last year with 6.2 rebounds, 3.4 steals and 4.0 assists. "I think I will be able to complete quickly in the system with my skill set."

Note: Arkansas is currently unbeaten; 4-0, in regular season play after seasons of 18-14 and 19-9 under coach Mike Neighbors who is the winningest coach against Division opponents in his nine years.

St. Johns coach Yolanda Bronston has had Scott for two years and has seen the emergence of Scott as a nationally-acclaimed player.

"Obviously her skill level is the first thing coaches notice," said Bronston. "What she has done is become a great team leader and to bring her teammates along with her. Her approach to the game brings her teammates to a higher level."

Bronston got Scott after Scott lead the 8A Oakleaf High basketball team to a state semifinal, but Bronston did not think there was any transition time for Scott when she arrived at St. Johns Country Day School.

"Her game is her game whether she is at the 8A level of the 2A level," said Bronston. "Taliah is going to do what Taliah does. Right now, I'd like to find a way to clone her to keep a version of her here for a while."

Scott, who had nearly 30 offers from colleges across the country, had two games above 50 points, five games above 40 and

six above 30 for her immense point production.

"I never really had a top five," said Scott. "They were the first school to show the commitment. They came to a lot of my games and kept in touch."

Bronston concurred that Scott's physical preparation to step on the Arkansas court has been impressive.

"Her practices are already like a college level athlete and I can't wait to see her at that next level," said Bronston.

As for her preparations, Scott, a wicked outside shooter, a tenacious inside drive specialist and a dominating face-to-face defender, Arkansas is asking for one small piece of the puzzle.

"After talking to coach Neighbors, the main thing they want from me this year is to get stronger," said Scott. "This season, I want to work on perfecting stuff in my midrange and being ready to translate my game to the college level. I want to have fun with my team to see how far we can go."

Under coach Yolanda Bronston, at St. Johns for four years, Scott has been asked to be a more vocal leader and to pull the rest of the talented Spartans; with the talents of feisty guard duo Juliet Moody, a senior, and long-range shooter Mary Kate Kent a junior with an astounding 69 three pointers, and senior power forward Semaj Williams, Scott wants to improve on last year's 21-6 season record, but, more importantly, the Spartans early exit in the region playoffs, a region semifinal loss to top-seed Florida A&M, 53-45. St. Johns also looks to avenge a district championship game loss to University Christian. University Christian eventually lost in the Class 2A state semifinal.

"I know I'm not the loudest person on the court and coach Bronston wants me to be more vocal out there," said Scott. "We have a lot of players that are talented and it's my job to put that all together."

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# HOG JOG 5K

Community First hosts Thanksgiving Distance Classic Half Marathon on Thurs.

**By Randy Lefko**  
Sports Editor

LAKE ASBURY - Fleming Island masters road racer Shelly Allen, after her recent race in the famous Fifth Avenue Mile in New York City, contemplated the challenge of holding off Orange Park's Belissa Del Valle in the medal run at the annual Hog Jog 5K cross country race held Saturday at Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury. The Hog Jog is a Florida Striders event with nearly 250 runners ignoring the cold, rainy morning to chase some fast times.

"She just had twins recently and she's back running," said Allen, who, at age 59, ran a quick five minute, 56 second road mile in New York to place seventh in her age group on the storied New York boulevard. "I'm running well and that mile was a good sign of my fitness after a couple of nagging injuries."

Del Valle, a strong local finisher in area road races at age 34, delivered her twins and then delivered a near-upset finishers' kick on Allen at the finish line with Allen holding off the charging Del Valle to take third behind Allen; 22:06 to 22:11. Allen was seventh overall with Del Valle eighth.

Mikaela McGee, a sprite 23, won the overall female title in a strong 20:03 with a fourth overall finish.

In the mens race, Ponte Vedra High runner Ray Gottschalk, 15, finished as first finisher in 18:32 with members of the Fleming Island High School team running in ahead of Gottschalk unofficially. Gottschalk finished 70th in the Class 3A cross country championship race on November 5. Fleming Island's boys team finished third with Ponte Vedra suffering a flu blast on the team finishing 10th after a region title win over Fleming Island.

Veteran runners Charles Delay, 52, took second in 19:09 with Josue Velazquez, 32, third in 19:41.

Next up is the annual Community First Thanksgiving Distance Classic Half Marathon on Thurs., Nov. 24 (7 a.m.).



Hog Jog 5K action included; top left, masters runner Shelly Allen, 59, outpacing Belissa Del Valle while Deborah Russell, 65, and Peter Russell, 76, cross the finish line together. Center, from left, womens winner Mikaela McGee cruises past Lake Van Zant, while McKinley McGee, left, battles with James Sorrell for 33rd place and 34th place, and, right, Neena Swann, 9, left, and Katherine Davis, 10, get a swig of water. Below; left, Belindo Di Spirito, 52, cruises in for second in her age group, and, right, runners take off at start.

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## Guy

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runners in the race.

Junior Ellie Fluman and sophomore Emma Mussante led the way for the Mocs as they took 23rd and 24th, respectively, to earn All-Region recognition.

Mussante is a Middleburg High graduate. In Lakeland on November 19, Fluman posted the ninth best 6K region championship performance in program history as she crossed the line in 22:21.7 while Mussante posted the 10th best time in program history at 22:24.0. At Embry Riddle University two weeks prior, the Florida Southern women's cross country team took sixth overall at the 2022 Sunshine State Conference Championship held in Daytona Beach, Fla. Junior Ellie Fluman and sophomore Emma Mussante earned Second Team All-SSC honors while Fluman was named to the All-Championship Team. Mussante is a Middleburg High graduate.

In the mens race, former Keystone Heights High runner Alex Guy, a senior at Florida Southern, finished as the fourth Moc in 16th overall in 27:06.6. The Florida Southern mens team finished fourth with host Embry Riddle winning the team title with 24 points with Saint Leo, Tampa and Florida Southern finishing in a tight flurry with scores of 65, 66 and 74, respectively.

"That was one of the toughest courses we've run all year," said Guy. "We ran three loops around the campus with a nice hill at the start of all three loops."

For the girls, Fluman picked up her second Second Team All-SSC honors of her career after taking ninth overall in the meet, just two spots out of First Team rec-



The Florida Southern College womens cross country team takes off from conference race in Daytona Beach with Emma Mussange, front left No. 57, and Marisa Kortright, No. 55, representing Middleburg and Fleming Island high schools.

ognition. Fluman completed the season-long 6K course in 22:56.8. Mussante secured her first all-conference honors after placing 13th overall with a time of 23:22.6.

The next three finishers for the Mocs placed between 34th and 37th place to round out the scoring five. Sophomore Marisa Kortright, a Fleming Island High graduate, took 34th in 24:54.8, just ahead of junior Emery Roth who finished in 35th with a time of 24:58.5. The fifth and final member of the scoring five was sophomore Mya Stam who crossed the line in 37th in 25:14.3.

Sophomore Julia Svartstrom and junior Jinia Johnson finished 51st and 52nd, respectively. Svartstrom completed the distance in 26:15.0 while Johnson crossed the line in 26:17.5. The next pairing for the Mocs were freshman Caitlin Beery and sophomore Karah McElhone who went 62nd and 63rd. Beery finished in 27:03.5 while McElhone turned in a time

of 27:07.7.

### Kailes top Bull at American XC

The University of South Florida men's and women's cross-country men and women's teams competed in the American Athletic Conference Championships held at Mohawk Park on Friday.

For the men's 8K race, senior Ben Kailes (St. Johns Country Day School) was the top finished for USF with a time of 25:40.5. Tyler Wadsworth (Port Charlotte, Fla.) and Sebastian Edwards (Celebration, Fla.) followed behind for the Bulls with times of 26:31.9 and 26:33.8.

The women finished in 11th with a final score of 313 and the men's squad checked in at 9th place among with a score of 259.

Freshman Cora Kolodge (Fair Haven, Mich.) paced the women's team with a time of 22:50.1 and finished in 51st position, while Kelly Lynch (Wilmington, Del.) placed second for the Bulls in 53rd position with a time of 22:54.7. Alyssa Wyatt

(Jacksonville, Fla.) rounded out the top three for the Bulls with a mark of 23:52.0.

Also in the American Athletic Conference, the University of Central Florida women's team place eighth. Keystone Heights High graduate Camryn Williams is a member of the Lady Knights team.

UCF and USF will travel to the NCAA South Region championships in Huntsville, AL on November 11 with the NCAA championship in Stillwater, OK, on Nov. 11 and 19.

### Young finishes as Lagrange College XC top runner

The LaGrange College Cross Country teams took a road trip to Grady, Alabama, on Sat., Oct. 29 for the Collegiate Conference of the South Championship race at the Greenbrier cross county course.

Competing in the 6K, the women's team posted a seventh-place finish and was led by freshman Kennedy Young, who had a time of 29:13:5. She was followed by teammates Laurel Reese with a time of 30:23:5 and Lindsey Swearngin with 32:38:9.

Kennedy is a Middleburg High School graduate in Clay County, FL.

The LC men earned a sixth-place finish, with sophomore Luke Jarvis leading the pack with a 32:36:7 finish. Following close behind were Elijah Rachel and Eddie Montgomery with times of 39:19:6 and 39:59:8, respectively.

"I'm really proud of everyone today," said Head Coach Jasen Jonus. "The team finished strong, and this was a great end to the season. I am excited to see what the team is going to accomplish next year."

The conference championship marked the end of the season for both teams.

## Area runners spot FSCJ national XC ride

From FSCJ XC coach Joey Hale

JACKSONVILLE - Unseasonably hotter than usual temperatures greeted the 400-plus athletes representing more than 80 colleges from across the country competing in Saturday's National Junior College Athletic Associations National Cross-Country Championship held at Apalachee Regional Park in Tallahassee Florida.

On the Florida State College-Jacksonville cross country team, coached by former St. Johns Country Day School assistant coach Joey Hale, are runners Meghan Bonser, Kayleigh McWatters and Whitney Mathis of Middleburg High, plus, on the mens team, Orange Park's Noe Benitez and Middleburg's Corey Rhoads are on the Blue Wave roster.

The first race of the morning saw the BlueWave Women's team led for the fourth time this season by freshmen Zandi Pienaar, of Wilson High in Pennsylvania, and Lynn Winkler, of Atlantic Coast High. Scorching fast last kilometers from Bonser, McWatters, Mathis, and sophomore Abigail Gray, of Sandalwood, secured 17th place



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The Florida State College-Jacksonville mens and womens cross country team, with plenty of Clay County representation, had a banner year under coach Joey Hale with an invite to the National Junior College Cross Country Championships.

for the Blue Wave with Bonser moving up seven places. Mathis passed five runners, Gray six, and McWatters moved up a whopping 23 places in the last half of the race to record a new personal record of 22:12 over the hot and hilly 5,000m course.

"We saw a great racing effort today from this team," said Hale. "That last kilometer these ladies were still racing hard. And in the last half of this race Kayleigh McWatters was on fire! Her 4:20 last kilometer was awesome to watch!"

The Women's 2022 team of Pienaar, Winkler, Bonser, McWatters, and Mathis

now has four spots in the Top 10 and an average time of 22:05, and ranks them top team in FSCJ BlueWave XC history

The men's race was contested an hour and a half later under a hot Florida sun. The men's team powered by a late race charge by Sophomore Adrian Figueroa, of Nease High, who passed 13 runners over the last two kilometers to lead freshmen Luke Williams, of Bishop Kenny, moving up 2 spots, Jaxon McKim, also of Nease, passing three runners, and Noe Benitez moving up 12 positions, placed the team securely in 14th place.

"It was too hot for fast times today but not too hot for this team to pass a combined 30 runners in the last 2k and move into 14th place," said Hale.

"Regardless of the weather, they came to race and Adrian's 3:33 last kilometer was impressive."

When asked about next year's teams Coach Hale added "We have the best group of freshmen runners ever, we have five on the All-time Top 10 List returning and a few other's that are just seconds away from making the list coming back next year. It'll be our best year yet."





**FSCJ XC**

Top Left: MHS Whitney Mathis, Top right: MHS Meghan Bonser, center left, MHS Kayleigh McWatters, center right, MHS Corey Rhoads, bottom, team FSCJ.



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Ridgeview High's girls basketball program got a third boost with incoming freshman Narissa Blocton, center, joining sisters Nia Blocton, left, and Nacoya Blocton in two wins in first two games.

## Hoops

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point halftime lead, the Lady Raiders kept the foot on the gas behind quick-reacting man-to-man defense led by Autumn Nesmith and Piera Alexander with center post anchored by 6'-1" Mychaela Parker blocking any incoming drives by the Wildcats.

Lester led the Lady Raiders with 20 points with a key three pointer in the Orange Park corner by junior Piera Alexander with four minutes the final stake in the heart of the Wildcats. Alexander had a best game with 16 points.

"We surprised people last year, but we are hitting our stride with a game like this," said Nesmith, who lost two key seniors from last year's team; Samantha Hardison (at Spring Hill College) and Nia Brown (at Chipola College).

### Ridgeview triple Blocton goes 2-0

Ridgeview High girls basketball already had a double Blocton attack from last year,



Ridgeview senior guard Paetyn Miller is reliable three point shooter and tough field leader for Panthers.

but 2022 will feature a third Blocton as the Lady Panthers have scorched the first two games with wins of 53-33 over Sandalwood and a 52-20 pasting of Trinity Christian on Fri., Nov. 18.



Oakleaf High senior guard Kaylah Turner (34 Pts, seven steals) has taken on lead role for Lady Knights who look to return to Final Four talks after an 80-20 win over Middleburg in their season opener.

Ridgeview has two more rough rides in the next week with a trip to Bartram Trail on Mon., Nov. 21 and a home game against Bishop Kenny on Mon., Nov. 28 after the Thanksgiving break.

"Not bad having Nia, a junior, and Nacoya, a sophomore, on the same team, but now we have freshman Narissa Blocton on the same court," said Panther coach Tyler Miller, who takes over after Gussie Solomon stepped down after a 16-11 season and district runnerup finish to Orange Park. Ridgeview lost in their region opener to Pine Forest, a Class 5A Final Four finisher. "Now we have freshman Narissa Blocton and if the family genetics work, we should be seeing her with more playing time."

Miller also returns key shooter Paetyn Miller, a hot three pointer ace, to direct traffic in the backcourt with freshman Emma Rayes getting Miller's attention.

Against Sandalwood, Miller and Rayes led the scoring with Rayes nailing 11 points and Miller at 10 with three three pointers. Nacoya Blocton added nine with Nia Blocton at eight. Narissa Blocton scored five points. The Blocton trio pounded the glass for 31 total rebounds.

Against Trinity, with Miller playing his entire squad, Rayes and Nic Blocton doubled down with 11 points apiece. Rayes netted three three pointers. Nacoya Blocton nabbed 10 rebounds with Nia Blocton five shots.

### Keystone opens big versus Clay

Keystone Heights scored a 52-22 season opening win over Clay High, now under the coaching of former Green Cove Springs Junior High coach Doug Deters.

Keystone Heights was led by senior center Dezaray Bright who canned 19 points with senior Kiley Channell adding 14. Bright also had 16 rebounds.

The Lady Indians then ran into a bump with a 39-31 loss to 5A-St. Augustine.

Against St. Augustine, Channell led with 15 with Yasmin Bryant adding 10.

Bright had 16 rebounds with Kaitlin Brown snaring 10 off the glass.

Keystone Heights hosts Fort White on Mon., Nov. 21 with Eastside High coming to Keystone Heights Tues., Nov. 22.

A noted showdown with Ridgeview on Thurs., Dec. 1 highlights the return to the schedule after Thanksgiving with the Lady Indians upsetting Ridgeview in last year's Clay Christmas Tournament.

### Oakleaf triple threat throttles Broncos

Led by senior Kaylah Turner's 34 points, Oakleaf High looks to return to prominence after a topsy turvy 2021 with the Lady Knights, a Final Four finisher two years ago, trouncing Middleburg 80-20 in the season opener for both schools.

Oakleaf coach Fred Cole has an explosive three-man return squad in seniors Kamiya Jones, Fantasia James and Turner to fuel his return to the Final Four.

After an impressive preseason sprawl on Creekside a week prior, Cole's defensive high-energy attack played out with Turner getting layups off seven of Oakleaf's 14 turnovers against Middleburg.

Oakleaf's normally rugged schedule turns to a Mon., Nov. 21 game against Valor Christian of Georgia, with Daytona Beach Mainland (5A region semis last year) to follow on Tuesday.

### Scott, Kent double 23s in Spartans win

Recent University of Arkansas signee Taliah Scott opened her senior season with a 23 point effort as the St. Johns Country Day School defeated The Rock 66-61 in their season opener on Tuesday.

Also scoring 23 was junior Mary Kate Kent for the Spartans.

St. Johns has tournament play against Valdosta on Mon., Nov. 21 at the Inside Exposure Classic at San Jose Prep. St. Johns travels to play The Rock against on Tues., Nov. 29.

### ♥ STAFF PICK OF THE WEEK ♥

A forever home for Lily

Lily is the longest resident in our shelter. She has been in our shelter for over 800 days. When a dog is in a shelter for that long people begin to think, "what's wrong with her" or "will she be able to acclimate into a home setting" we can proudly say "YES SHE CAN." Lily was fostered temporarily last month with a wonderful family who reassured us that she can be a normal dog in a normal environment. She did so well. She is house trained and did not have an accident once. She enjoyed playing with her toys, going on walks, and car rides. Lily has completed the P.A.W. (Pups at Work) Program at Lawtey Correctional Institution and graduated with her AKC Canine Good Citizen Certificate (twice). She is very obedient and has a strong desire to please and work for her owner. Due to her strong prey drive and natural instinct to hunt, she would do best in a home where there are no cats or dogs. She needs a fenced in backyard where she can get consistent exercise and a dedicated family willing to put in the work to train her due to her need for physical and mental stimulation. We know that she is capable of being an amazing dog and living a loving fulfilled life with a family of her own.



PET ADOPTION



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# SOCCER ACTION IN CLAY COUNTY



Top Left: St. Johns Classical Academy (1-1) celebrates lone goal in 1-0 win over Middleburg. Top right: Oakleaf (1-0-2) got a quick 1-0 lead on Fleming Island (2-0-1) only to have the Golden Eagles tie the game in the first minute of the second half for the final 1-1 tie. Center left: Oakleaf (2-0) scored first in the first half then cruised to 4-0 win over Clay. Center: St. Johns Country Day School (4-1-1) let one goal in just before the half in clash with nationally ranked Montverde Academy and the score stayed at 1-0. Below right: Clay High's girls (4-0) scored repeatedly; here Kirra Dodson on way to goal, to an 8-1 first half against Keystone Heights enroute to 9-1 and remained unbeaten.



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## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

## PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on December 15, 2022 at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.  
1999 Toyota ID# 4T1BG22K7XU418567  
2005 Toyota ID# 2T1BR32E25C326582

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## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No. 2022 CA 000071  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 11/17/2022, and entered in Case No. 2022 CA 000071 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida wherein **WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST M**, is the Plaintiff and **FLORIDA LAND TRUST NO 524 HOPEWELL DR, ORANGE PARK, FL, FLA TRUST SERVICES LLC AS TRUSTEE ONLY, WITH FULL POWER AND AUTHORITY TO PROTECT, CONSERVE, SELL, LEASE, ENCUMBER OR OTHERWISE MANAGE AND DISPOSE OF THE PROPERTY UNDER FLORIDA STATUTES 689.071; JOSEPH EVERETT; SHANA EVERETT; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AN OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; PLANTATION VILLAGE TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA; CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A MIKAYLA WHITE; UNKNOWN TENANT # 2 N/K/A DANIEL OLSON**, are Defendants, I, Tara S. Green, Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at  
CASE NO: 2022 CA 000071  
www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m. on January 17, 2023, the following described property set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 2D, BLOCK 1, PLANTATION VILLAGE UNIT 2, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 50, PAGES 7 THROUGH 12, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Property Address: 524 HOPEWELL DR., ORANGE PARK, FL 32073  
Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the Foreclosure Sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim with the Clerk no later than the date that the Clerk reports the funds as unclaimed. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.  
**DATED in Clay, Florida this, 18 day of November, 2022.**  
As Clerk of Circuit Court CLAY County, Florida  
Leigh Lucroy  
Deputy Clerk

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## NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No. 2019 CA 1107  
5950 SBA Loan 1, LLC,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
PORTER EDWARD WALDRON, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PORTER EDWARD WALDRON,  
LYDIA DENISE PARKER, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LYDIA DENISE PARKER, CLAY HILL AREA OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., et al,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 9th, 2022, entered in Case No.: 2019CA1107 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein 5950 SBA Loan 1, LLC, is Plaintiff, PORTER EDWARD WALDRON, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PORTER EDWARD WALDRON, LYDIA DENISE PARKER, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LYDIA DENISE PARKER, CLAY HILL AREA OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., et. al. are defendants, the Clerk, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 10:00 a.m., via the online auction at www.clay.realforeclose.com, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, on the 19th day of December 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**Parcel 12, SYLVIA ACRES, an unrecorded subdivision, being more particularly described as follows:**  
Commence at the Southwest corner of the North½ of the North½ of Section 5, Township 5 South, Range 24 East, Clay County, Florida; and run N89°41'29"E along the South line of said North½ of the North½ 1525.00 feet to the Northeast corner of HOLLY OAKS an unrecorded subdivision; thence run S00°27'12"E along the East line of said subdivision 2051.60 feet to the Northwest corner of SYLVIA ACRES an unrecorded subdivision being on the South Right-of-Way of a 100.00 foot access road; thence run N89°43'05"E along said Right-of-Way

199.85 feet to the P.C. of a curve, having a radius of 529.05 feet and being concave to the Northwest; thence run Northeasterly along the arc of said Right-of-Way curve an arc distance of 226.88 feet through a central angle of 24°34'14" to the West Right-of-Way of a 60.00 foot access road; thence run S08°33'13"E along said Right-of-Way 250.05 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue S08°33'13"E along the Right-of-Way 101.50 feet; thence run S89°43'05"W 469.45 feet to the West line of SYLVIA ACRES; thence run N00°27'12"W along the West line of said subdivision 100.00 feet; thence run N89°43'05"E 445.21 feet to the West Right-of-Way of said 60.00 foot access road and the Point of Beginning

Together with that certain 2009 Destiny Southern Pines Manufactured Home, Serial Number DISH04065GAA/B  
Property Address: 2048 Blue Sky Court, Middleburg, Florida 32068  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim with the clerk within sixty (60) days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After sixty (60) days, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the

surplus. DATED this 15 day of November, 2022.  
CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Gracie Moore  
Deputy Clerk

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## NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2022CA00107  
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CHARLES L. WRIGHTINGTON, DECEASED, et. al.  
Defendant(s),  
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CHARLES L. WRIGHTINGTON, DECEASED,

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:  
**LOT 2, OF WEST BIG BRANCH, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO AN UNRECORDED PLAT THEREOF PREPARED BY LOUISH. MCKEE, REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 1221, ON JULY 22, 1969, SAID LOT 2 BEING A PORTION OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 330 FEET OF THE NORTH 649.78 FEET LYING WEST OF THE EAST 4040.02 FEET OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, EAST-WEST DISTANCES ARE MEASURED PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND NORTH-SOUTH DISTANCES ARE MEASURED PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES OVER THE NORTHERLY TEN FEET OF SAID LOT 2. LESS AND EXCEPT: ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 133.50 FEET OF THE SOUTH 330 FEET OF THE NORTH 649.78 FEET OF THE EAST 327.00 FEET LYING WEST OF THE EAST 4040.02 FEET. LESS AND EXCEPT: COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, OF WEST BIG BRANCH UNIT 1, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 742.32 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 138.30 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, 315.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 138.30 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 315.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL "B") LESS AND EXCEPT: COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, OF WEST BIG BRANCH UNIT 1 AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF A DISTANCE OF 880.62 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 363.30 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 315.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 363.30 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 315.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL "A") SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND UTILITIES LYING 30 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID EASEMENT; SAID NORTH LINE BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, OF WEST BIG BRANCH UNIT 1, AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WESTERLY R/W LINE OF LONG HORN ROAD, 330.00**

**FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH- 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 1245.38 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 AND THE END OF SAID EASEMENT.**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before 12/16/2022 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.  
WITNESS my hat i/jf this Court at County, Florida, this 16 day of November, 2022.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Gracie Moore  
DEPUTY CLERK

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## NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2022CA000564  
MIDFIRST BANK  
Plaintiff,  
v.

JASON BROOKHART; TARA BROOKHART; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; ROLLING HILLS AT LAKE ASBURY HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 26, 2022 and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on November 16, 2022, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:  
LOT 190, ROLLING HILLS UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 51, PAGE(S) 36 THROUGH 48, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
a/k/a 3324 RIDGEVIEW DR, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043-7057  
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com, on January 18, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this 16 day of November, 2022.

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Gracie Moore  
Deputy Clerk

If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To Request ADA accommodations at the Clay County Courthouse contact: Family Court Services, Room 1035; (904) 255-1695 or 711- Florida Relay Service); Crtrintp@coj.net

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## Notice of Meeting South Village Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the South Village Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office. Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.  
Marilee Giles  
District Manager

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE Z-22-23

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, both hearings taking place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRs ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 46-05-26-010305-015-00) FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF AR (AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO LA RC (LAKE ASBURY RURAL COMMUNITY); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification on approximately 2 acres from AR (Agricultural/Residential District) to LA RC (Lake Asbury Rural Community) on the following land, the owner of the land being Gillis Investments II LLC:  
**Location Address for Z-22-23**  
Tax Parcel Identification Number 46-05-26-010305-015-00

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

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 284-6347 no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).  
Board of County Commissioners

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE REZ-22-25

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRs ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL ONE (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 40-04-25-020895-000-00) FROM THE PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF BB (INTERMEDIATE BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO RD (MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT), AND PARCEL TWO (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 40-04-25-020896-000-00) FROM THE PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF BB-2 (COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT) AND PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO RD (MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification on approximately 55.77 acres from BB (Intermediate Business District), BB-2 (Community Business District), and PUD (Planned Unit Development) to RD (Multifamily Residential District) on the fol-

lowing land, the owner of the land being Suncoast Properties of Jacksonville, Inc.: **Location Address for REZ-22-25**  
1201 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, Florida

Tax Parcel Identification Numbers 40-04-25-020896-000-00 and 40-04-25-020895-008-00

Interested parties may appear at the hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearing the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Department, 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 Planning Commission or Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearings or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043 or by telephone at (904) 278-4719 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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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE PID-2022-10

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 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 public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of considering the adoption of a rezoning application. The proposed ordinance is entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRs ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A SINGLE PARCEL (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 09-06-26-015514-002-00) COMPRISING 1.41 ACRES, FROM AR (AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO PID (PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of one parcel of land from AR (Agricultural/Residential District) to PID (Planned Industrial Development District), the owners of the land being Blue Sea Holdings, Inc.  
**Location Address for PID-2022-10**  
Tax Parcel Identification Number 09-06-26-015514-002-00

W. SR 16, Green Cove Springs, FL  
Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of said Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at 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 tele-

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF RESULTS OF QUALIFYING AND ELECTION

The citizens of Penney Farms, Florida are hereby notified that under the provisions of Article III, Town Charter 1974, an election will NOT be held December 13, 2022 to elect 2 (two) members to the Town Council to fill Seats 2 and 3 (2 vacancies) effective with the first Council Meeting, regular or special, whichever comes first, during the month of January 2023, by reason that the Qualifying Council Members below are unopposed and will take their respective seats in the month of January 2023.

Elizabeth G. Ryder – SEAT #2 (2023-2026 Term)  
Annette M. Brooks – SEAT #3 (2023-2026 Term)

For further information call the Town Hall at (904) 529-9078

## AVISO PÚBLICO DE RESULTADOS DE CALIFICACIÓN Y ELECCIÓN

Por la presente se notifica a los ciudadanos de Penney Farms, Florida, que bajo las disposiciones del Artículo III, Carta de la Ciudad de 1974, NO se llevará a cabo una elección el 13 de diciembre de 2022 para elegir a 2 (dos) miembros del Concejo Municipal para llenar los Asientos 2 y 3 (2 vacantes) efectivos con la primera Reunión del Consejo, regular o especial, lo que ocurra primero, durante el mes de enero de 2023, debido a que los Miembros del Consejo Calificado a continuación no tienen oposición y tomarán sus respectivos asientos en el mes de enero de 2023.

Elizabeth G. Ryder – SEAT #2 (Período 2023-2026)  
Annette M. Brooks – SEAT #3 (Período 2023-2026)

Para más información llame al Ayuntamiento al (904) 529-9078

Legal 44503 published November 17, and 24, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.



phone 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

**Legal 44860 Published 11/24/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 12/09/2022 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 4360 CR 218 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 5Y2SL62893Z471067 2003 PONT

**Legal 44858 Published 11/24/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## Clay County School Board Public Notice

The Clay County School Board will hold a Workshop on **Monday, December 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the draft agenda for the December 8, 2022 Regular meeting, review results of an impact fees study, and explore boundary options for Spring Park Elementary (opening 23/24 school year). The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to bonnie.onora@myoneclay.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 record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

**Legal 44852 Published 11/24/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE PUD-2022-09

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, both hearings taking place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRs ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 38-06-26-016516-000-00; 29-06-26-015611-001-00; 34-06-26-015714-000-00; 33-06-26-015652-000-00; 32-06-26-015650-001-00; 04-07-26-015818-000-00; 03-07-26-015792-000-00) FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification on approximately 3,112 acres from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) on the following land, the owner of the land being GCSD, LLC & GCSE, LLC:  
**Location Address for PUD-22-09**  
Tax Parcel Identification Numbers 38-06-26-016516-000-00; 29-06-26-015611-001-00; 34-06-26-015714-000-00; 33-06-26-015652-000-00; 32-06-26-015650-001-00; 04-07-26-015818-000-00; 03-07-26-015792-000-00

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

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

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

**Legal 44851 Published 11/24/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 2022CA000726 DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB AS TRUSTEE OF WV 2017-1 GRANTOR TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.  
UNKNOWNHEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JUDITH A. RECTOR a/k/a JUDITH RECTOR a/k/a JUDITH R. YNCLAN a/k/a JUDITH R. ANDREWS a/k/a JUDITH ANDREWS a/k/a MONA DRIGGERS ANDREWS a/k/a MONA DRIGGERS, DECEASED; et al Defendant(s).

**TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JUDITH A. RECTOR a/k/a JUDITH RECTOR a/k/a JUDITH R. YNCLAN a/k/a JUDITH R. ANDREWS a/k/a JUDITH ANDREWS a/k/a MONA DRIGGERS, DECEASED** whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not

- known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein  
**TO: ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE "NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS**

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage has been filed against you, in regard to the following property in Clay County, Florida, legally described as:

**A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**  
**COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8; THENCE ON THE WEST LINE THEREOF RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREE 59 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 2933.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 452.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 34 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST 375.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 55 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 397.39 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 218 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 218); THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE AND ON THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 5679.19 FEET, RUN A CHORD DISTANCE OF 205.51 FEET THE BEARING OF SAID CHORD BEING SOUTH 37 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST; THENCE NORTH 55 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 488.57 FEET; THENCE ON LAST ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS 380.59 FEET, RUN A CHORD DISTANCE OF 228.89 FEET, THE BEARING OF LAST SAID CHORD BEARING NORTH 37 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST;**

**THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 300.00 FEET; THENCE ON THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 645.52 FEET, RUN A CHORD DISTANCE OF 129.35 FEET, THE BEARING OF LAST SAID CHORD BEING NORTH 14 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST; THENCE NORTH 08 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 150.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 65 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 364 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE CENTERLINE OF A CREEK; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 119 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT WHICH BEARS SOUTH 71 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 372 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING 1.05 ACRES MORE OR LESS IN AREA. TOGETHER WITH THAT 1982 CAPE MOBILE HOME, VIN# GAM120A-09C3074A, TITLE # 21643371.**

This property is located at the street address of: 2275 Maluke Lane, Middleburg, FL 32068.

**YOU ARE REQUIRED** to serve a copy of your written defenses on or before 30 days after the first publication, if any, on **McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC, Plaintiffs Attorney, whose address is 3275 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Suite 312, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442,** and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiffs Attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

This Notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the CLAY TODAY

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on November 16, 2022.

TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Leigh Lucroy  
Attorney for Plaintiff:

Annalise Hayes DeLuca, Esq. Audrey J. Dixon, Esq.

Ashley Elmore Drew, Esq.  
**MCMICHAEL TAYLOR GRAY, LLC**

Attorney for Plaintiff

3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092 Phone: 404.474.7149

Email: ServiceFL@mtglaw.com

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 (904) 255-1695 or crintrnp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

**Legal 44754 Published 11/24/2022 and 12/1/2022 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. 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. : 689/2020**

**Legal Description: LOT 8 BLK 35 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 753 PG 476 & 1800 PG 155 PARCEL ID No.:**

**200823-002997-000-00**

**Opening Bid Amount: \$4,691.22**

**Physical Address: 6509 BAYLOR AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**

**Classification: MOBILE HOME Name in which assessed: LINDA BUCKLER**

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](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

Dated this 16th day of November, 2022

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida

By: Larry Williams  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 44744 Published 11/24/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2022-CA-0483 DIVISION: B .  
JOSEPH A. WITKOWSKI, Plaintiff,

and  
KARINA L. WITKOWSKI, Respondent.

To: KARINA L. WITKOWSKI  
1544 Beth Haven Church Road Denver, North Carolina 28037

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Petitioners' attorney, **ELIZABETH HASLETT, ESQUIRE,** 415 North Palmetto Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, on or before 30 days from the 1st day of publication, and

file the original with the clerk of this Court at Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, before service on the Former Husband's counsel or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Verified Complaint for Partition.**

**Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office.**

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Court  
Clay County Courthouse  
Kayla Beard  
Deputy Clerk

/s/ Elizabeth Haslett  
ELIZABETH HASLETT, ESQUIRE  
Florida Bar No.:6089 415 N. Palmetto Avenue  
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 (904) 363-2100  
.pleadings@haslettlaw.com

**Legal 44742 Published 11/24/2022 and 12/1/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF DEMOLITION

A Public Notice is hereby given by the Town of Orange Park regarding the intent to demolish this structure located at:

**1443 Winfred Drive East**

The Town of Orange Park, Clay County, has received from the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) the release of CDBG-DR funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

**Program Title:** Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program, for the awarded project Town of Orange Park -Voluntary Home Buyout (TOP-VHB)

**Purpose:** The town was hit by the Category 4 Hurricane Irma on September 11, 2017, that impacted homes and properties especially those in floodplain areas of the town. The TOP-VHB program includes properties within the town limits, located in floodplain areas that impact many low- to moderate-income areas. The town will acquire these properties from owners who have signed Voluntary Forms. The TOP-VHB plan will include demolition of structures on the acquired properties and ensure that these properties will be held by the town for conservation, recreation, or storm water management purposes in perpetuity.

**Project Cost:** The Town was awarded a \$3,176,309 grant with a project period June 4, 2020, through July 3, 2023

**Review:** The ERR that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Town Hall and may be examined weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

Town of Orange Park  
Attention: Courtney Russo  
2042 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073

**Environmental Certification:** The Town of Orange Park certifies to the State of Florida that Sarah Campbell, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Town Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

The State of Florida's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Orange Park to use HUD program funds.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

**Legal 44636 Published 11/24/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF DEMOLITION**

A Public Notice is hereby given by the Town of Orange Park regarding the intent to demolish this structure located at:

**711 Winfred Drive North**

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The State of Florida's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Orange Park to use HUD program funds.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

**Legal 44635 Published 11/24/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2022CP000659  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
CHERIE NICOLE DORLAC,  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of CHERIE NICOLE DORLAC, deceased, whose date of death was December 12, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court **WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

**ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.**

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

The date of first publication of this notice is November 24, 2022.

Personal Representative:  
Brian Smith  
5580 Carter Spencer Road  
Middleburg, FL 32068  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
MICHAEL J. SWAN, ESQ.  
mswan@rosswayswan.com clies@ross-wayswan.com  
Florida Bar No. 509116  
ROSSWAY SWAN  
2101 Indian River Boulevard  
Suite 200  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960  
Telephone: (772) 231-4440

**Legal 44630 Published 11/24/2022 and 12/1/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File Number: 2022-CP-0558  
Division:  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
NITA REYNOLDS,  
Deceased,

The administration of the estate of Nita Reynolds, deceased, whose date of death was August 20, 2022, 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 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 November 24, 2022.

**Personal Representative**  
Sandra Hughes  
7702 Brandon Court  
Jacksonville, FL 32219  
**THE HINSON LAW FIRM, P.A.**  
Matthew H. Hinson, Esq.

Florida Bar No. 94017  
Kathryn E. Stanfill, Esq.  
Florida Bar No. 1002636  
300 West Adams St., Suite 500  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
Phone: 904-527-1700  
Fax: 904-355-8088  
Matt@HinsonLawPA.com  
Kathryn@HinsonLawPA.com  
Attorney for Personal Representative

**Legal 44621 Published 11/24/2022 and 12/1/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE

ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE  
District Board of Trustees  
\*Amendment to SJR State Board Rule #5.21 (R3) Fingerprints and Criminal Background Checks

The St. Johns River State College public hearing will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, in the Thrasher-Horne Conference Center, suites C and D, on the Orange Park Campus, 283 College Drive, Orange Park, Florida. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. 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).

**Legal 44620 Published 11/24/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

**Certificate No. : 581/2020**

**Legal Description: LOTS 12 & 13 BLK 3 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2558 PG 350**

**Parcel ID No. : 210823-002391-000-00**

**Opening Bid Amount: \$1,935.40**

**Physical Address: 6354 ANTIOCH AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**

**Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL**

Name in which assessed: JEAN CLAUDE GILLES AND EDNIE GILLES

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 18th day of January, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

Dated this 14



CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida  
By Larry S. Williams Jr.  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 44517 Published 11/17/2022, 11/24/2022, 12/1/2022 and 12/8/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:**

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 12/13/2022 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at FIRST COAST TOWING INC- 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 1FA6P8AM0H5270825 2017 FORD 2MEFM75WXW664173 1998 MERC

**Legal 44504 Published 11/24/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2020-CA-000162 DIVISION: A

AJX MORTGAGE TRUST II, A DELAWARE TRUST, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,

v.  
ESTATE OF WESLEY K. THOMAS, SHEILA W. THOMAS, TENANT I, ERICA FELDER, JASMIN THOMAS, SETH WADE, ALEXIS THOMAS, OLIVIA THOMAS, JEYLINA THOMAS, WESLIE THOMAS, ADDALYN FELDER, ANNIE LEE FLUCHER, HANNAH THOMAS, UNKNOWN CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF WESLEY K. THOMAS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF WESLEY K. THOMAS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

TO: The Estate of Wesley K. Thomas, Sheila W. Thomas, Tenant 1, Jasmin Thoams, Seth Wade, Jeylina Thomas, Weslie Thomas, Addalyn Felder, Annie Lee Flucher, Hannah Thomas, Unknown Creditors of The Estate of Wesley K. Thomas, unknown Heirs and/or Beneficiaries of The Estate of Wesley K. Thomas, and any and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the named individual Defendants whether the unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida: **LOT 14, TANGLEWOOD VILLAGE UNIT 6, AS PER PLAT THEROF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGES 1 AND 2 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** Parcel ID Number: 27-04-25-020963-569-00

also known as 1439 Mesa Court, Orange Park, Florida 32065 (the "Property"), has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Alexander B. Cvercko of Cvercko & Associates P.A., whose address is 13500 Sutton Park Drive, Suite 304 Jacksonville, Florida 32224, and e-mail address is alex@cverckolaw.com, associate@cverckolaw.com, and admin@cverckolaw.com, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the complaint or petition.

**Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice**  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 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 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 or (904) 284-6302 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.

**WITNESS** my hand and the seal of said court in Clay County, Florida on this 3rd day of November, 2022.  
Tara S. Green  
As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By Kayla Beard

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 22-CA-363  
DOVE INVESTMENT CORP  
Plaintiff(s),  
vs.

A&M HOME BUILDERS LLC AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) Defendant(s).  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant

to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated November 7, 2022 nunc pro tunc to November 2, 2022, and entered in Case No. 2022- CA-000363, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida wherein DOVE INVESTMENT CORP, is Plaintiff, and A&M HOME BUILDERS LLC, et al, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com beginning at 10:00AM on the 19th day of December, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 21, Block 7, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT ONE, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, pages 36 through 45, inclusive, of the public records of Clay County, Florida.  
Property address: 67 Orchid Ave, Middleburg, FL 32068.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED.

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 (904) 255-1695 or crtintrp@coj.net 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.

DATED this 9 day of November, 2022.  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clerk of said Circuit Court  
By: Taylor Tison  
Deputy Clerk

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**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2019CA000387  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Plaintiff(s),  
vs.

LANE R. LARSON; et al.  
Defendant(s).  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Order Granting Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on October 17, 2022 in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 21st day of December, 2022 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to wit:

LOT 217, OAKPOINT AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 45, PAGES 59 THROUGH 65, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
Property address: 3180 Tower Oaks Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

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

Tara S. Green  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
As Clerk of the Court  
BY: Taylor Tison  
Deputy Clerk

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**SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2020CA000884

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-QS13, Plaintiff,

vs.  
GEORGE SAMANIEGO A/K/A GEORGE W. SAMANIEGO; SILVIA J. SAMANIEGO A/K/A SILVIA SAMANIEGO; SILVER CREEK OF CLAY COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL. Defendants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment in Mortgage Foreclosure entered October 26, 2022, and entered in Case No. 2020CA000884, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY

AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-QS13 (hereafter "Plaintiff") is Plaintiff and GEORGE SAMANIEGO A/K/A GEORGE W. SAMANIEGO; SILVIA J. SAMANIEGO A/K/A SILVIA SAMANIEGO; SILVER CREEK OF CLAY COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are defendants. Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court for CLAY, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via the Internet at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on the 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 510, SILVER CREEK, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGE 52-72, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

"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 ADA Coordinator, Phono. 904-255-1695, via Email crtintrp@coj.net 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."

"Si usted es una persona minusválida que necesita algún acomodamiento para poder participar en este procedimiento, usted tiene derecho, sin tener gastos propios, a que se le provea gasta ayuda. Tenga la amabilidad de ponerse en contacto con ADACoordinador. ADACoordinator, Phono. 904-255-1695, via Email crtintrp@coj.net por lo menos 7 días antes de la cita fijada para su comparecencia en los tribunales, o inmediatamente después de recibir esta notificación si el tiempo antes de la comparecencia que se ha programado es menos de 7 días; si usted tiene discapacidad del oído o de la voz, llame al 711."

"Si ou se you moun ki andikapé ou enfim ki bezwen akomodasyon pou w ka patipise nan pwosedi sa, ou kalifye san ou pa gen okenn lajan pou w peye, gen pwovizyon pou jwen kèk ed. Tanpri kontakte ADA Coordinator. ADA Coordinator, Phono. 904-255-1695, via Email crtintrp@coj.net nan 7 jou anvan dat ou gen randevou pou parèt nan tribinal la, oubyen imedyatman apre ou fin resevwa konvokasyon an si li ou gen pou w parèt nan tribinal la mwens ke 7 jou; si ou gen pwoblèm pou w tande oubyen pale, rele 711."

Dated this 8th day of November, 2022.

Tara S. Green  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By Taylor Tison  
As Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2021-CA-000319  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs.

SANDRA HUMPHREY N/K/A SANDRA HARRELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANDRA HUMPHREY A/K/A SANDRA HARRELL; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT #20WN TENANT #2, Defendants.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure date the 3rd day of November 2022, and entered in Case No. 2021-CA-000319, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, is the Plaintiff and SANDRA HUMPHREY A/K/A SANDRA HARRELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANDRA HUMPHREY A/K/A SANDRA HARRELL; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT #20WN TENANT #2, the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession are defendants. The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com, the Clerk's website for on-line auctions, at 10:00 AM on the 19 day of December, 2022, the following described property as set forth

in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 60, HIGHRIDGE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 38 THROUGH 44, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Property Address: 6184 CORNELL ROAD, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656  
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 WITH THE CLERK BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED.

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 (904) 255-1695 or crtintrp@coj.net 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.

Dated this 8 day of November 2022.  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Rebecca Crews  
Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2022-CA-000136  
VYSTAR CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs.  
EDUARDO C. TORRALBA; ET AL, Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment or Mortgage Foreclosure dated the 26 day of October, 2022, and entered in Case No. 2022-CA-000136 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein VYSTAR CREDIT UNION is the Plaintiff, and EDUARDO C. TORRALBA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDUARDO C. TORRALBA; BEVERLY CAMPBELL DAVIS, AS TRUSTEE

OF THE HD CAMPBELL FAMILY TRUST U/T/D APRIL 18, 2016; THE LOCH RANE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.; IRENE LIM CHUA A/K/A IRENE CHUA; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AS TENANT IN POSSESSION OF

THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 AS TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via electronic sale at

www.Clay.RealForeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes on the 25 day of January, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 25, IN BLOCK 4, OF LOCH RANE UNIT 1 REPLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE(S) 37 TO 40, OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Property Address: 339 Devonshire Lane, 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 WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to

access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods:

Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crtintrp@coj.net.

Dated this 7 day of November, 2022.  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Leigh Lucyroy  
Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF ACTION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY  
CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No. 2022-CA-00083 9  
Division

NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Plaintiff, vs.  
APRIL O. HOBBS, CHRISTOPHER HOBBS, et al.  
Defendants.

TO: CARL J CHAMPAGNE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 1613 TWIN OAK DR MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 3925

You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida:

LOT 9, BLOCK A REPLAT OF OAKHILL ESTATES UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 47 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

commonly known as 1613 TWIN OAK DRE, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 has been filed against

you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Laura E. Noye, of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiffs attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813) 229-0900, on or before 30 days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before 1 - service on the Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: November 7, 2022  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
Honorable TARAS. GREEN  
P O BOX 698  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, Florida 32043  
By Taylor Tison  
Deputy Clerk

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

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**NOTICE OF ACTION**

IN THE CIRCUIT CNIL COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY  
CIVIL DMSION  
Case No. 10-2022-CA-000827  
Division

FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.  
JOSEPH DAUGHERTY A/KIA JOSEPH MICHAEL DAUGHERTY, et al., Defendants.

TO: CAMBRIDGE MARKETING, LLC F/K/A CAMBRIDGE LENDING, LLC LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 3400 PINE TREE, SUITE 105 LANSING, MI 48911

You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida:

LOT 10, BLOCK 23, BELLAIR UNIT 3, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 64 AND 65 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.1

commonly known as 396 BONNLYN DRIVE, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Laura E. Noyes of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiffs attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, on or before 30 days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: November 7, 2022  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
Honorable TARAS. GREEN  
By: Rebecca Crews  
Deputy Clerk

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

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS (Invitation to Bid)**

Sealed bids will be received by the District School Board of Clay County until 3:00pm on Thursday, 8 December 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 construction of:

**ORANGE PARK JUNIOR HIGH BUILDINGS 1, 2, 3 & 4 WINDOW REPLACEMENT**

All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by: **BRIAN BOATRIGHT ARCHITECT, INC.** 914 Plainfield Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073 email all questions to brianboatrightaia@gmail.com

include project number in subject line Plans are available for purchase and on file with the following plan room:

**LDI Reprinting Center** 550 Wells Road, Suite 8, Orange Park, FL 32073 (904) 579-4027 orangepark@ldireprinting.com

Any addenda will be sent automatically (electronically) to the known plan holders. Other delivery methods may be arranged with the architect. Partial sets of drawings and/or specifications are not advised and neither the architect nor owner will be responsible for partial information given to subcontractors by the general contractors. Electronic drawings and specifications will not be distributed. There will be Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting at the site on Tuesday, 22 November 2022, at 9:00am per Section 00100, Part 9.2. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid.

Only contractors having been pre-qualified by the Clay County School District are eligible to submit bids for this project. Only pre-qualified Contractors should submit bids for this project (Florida Stat-

utes). **DISCRIMINATION:** An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

The owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit, with his bid, a bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid price, payable to the owner.

**The successful bidder will be required to provide a performance, labor and material bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted bid amount.**

No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the invitation to bid, contract award, or recommendation for contract award, shall file a notice of protest with the superintendent of schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the notice to protest. Failure to observe such time-lines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The school board requires a protestor to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.

**Protest Bond Requirement:** Should a contractor wish to protest the bid recommendation, the protestor shall be required to post a bond as follows: I. Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00), or 2% of the lowest accepted bid, whichever is greater, for projects valued over \$500,000.00; and II. Five percent (5%) of the lowest accepted bid for all projects valued less than \$500,000.00.

Conditioned upon payment of all cost and fees, which may be adjusted against the protestor, in the administrative hearing. If at the hearing, the school board prevails, it may recover all costs and attorney's fees from the protestor; if the protestor prevails, the protestor shall recover from the school board, all costs and attorney's fees.

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

David Broskie, Superintendent  
Clay County District Schools

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**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 10-2020-DP-00095  
DIVISION: JV-F

IN THE INTEREST OF:  
J.F DOB: 06/03/2015  
J.F DOB: 04/08/2016  
J.M.F DOB: 04/08/2016  
EACH A MINOR CHILD / TO:

**Le'Ron Faust, 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 children, J. F., born on June 3, 2015, J. F., born on April 8, 2016, and J.M. F., born on April 8, 2016. You are hereby commanded to appear before

**Honorable Gary L. Wilkinson**, 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 **December 13, 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 CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN 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 crtintrp@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 1st day of November 2022.  
Tara S. Green  
As Clerk of Said Court



CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

By: Denise Haselwood

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**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 10-2021-DP-000085  
 DIVISION: JV- F  
 IN THE INTEREST OF:  
 R.R DOB: 11/16/2014  
 A MINOR CHILD  
 TO:  
 Cassandra Mills, MOTHER  
 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, R.R, born on November 16, 2014. You are hereby commanded to appear before **Honorable Gary L. Wilkinson**, 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 **December 13, 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 [crntinrp@coj.net](mailto:crntinrp@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 1st day of November 2022.  
 Tara S. Green  
 as Clerk of Said Court  
 By: Denise Haselwood

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**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 10-2021-DP-000085  
 DIVISION: JV- F  
 IN THE INTEREST OF:  
 R.R DOB: 11/16/2014  
 A MINOR CHILD /  
 TO:  
 Ryan Ragsdale 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, R.R, born on November 16, 2014. You are hereby commanded to appear before **Honorable Gary L. Wilkinson**, 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 **December 13, 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 [crntinrp@coj.net](mailto:crntinrp@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 1st day of November 2022.  
 Tara S. Green  
 as Clerk of Said Court  
 By: Denise Haselwood

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**NOTICE OF ACTION**

**FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILD BY EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBER**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 Case No.: 2022-DR-703  
 Division: E  
 IN THE INTEREST OF ALIYAH K. MCELVEEN,  
 Child

**KATHLEEN LOUISE BUEHNEMANN and DAVID EDWARD BUEHNEMANN, Petitioners and**  
**STEPHANI MARIE FITZGERALD and JUSTIN TATE MCELVEEN, Respondents**  
**TO: STEPHANI MARIE FITZGERALD**  
 500 E Adams Street  
 Jacksonville, FL 32202  
 and  
**JUSTIN TATE MCELVEEN**  
 4134 Mustang Road  
 Middleburg, FL 32068

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that a Petition for Temporary Custody by Extended Family Member, has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on **KATHLEEN LOUISE BUEHNEMANN and DAVID EDWARD BUEHNEMANN: c/o KYLE J. MARCIL, ESQ., Sermons Law PLLC, 1543 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 18-B, Orange Park, FL 32073** on or before **December 1, 2022** and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

Copies of all Court documents in the case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (you may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office.

**WARNING:** Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.  
 DATED: Oct 6, 2022  
 (seal)  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Taylor Tison  
 Deputy Clerk

**Legal 43216 published Nov 3, Nov 10, Nov 17 and Nov 24 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
**Certificate No.:** 3118/2020  
**Legal Description:** PT OF SE1/4 O R 904 PG 577 & 1302 PG 105 L/E Parcel ID No.: 030726-015797-005-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$9,276.11  
**Physical Address:** 1075 CULPEPPER RD., GREEN COVE SPRINGS  
**FATHERIFICATION:** MOBILE HOME Name in which assessed: GERALD D ROSS L/E Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **18th day of January, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).**  
**Dated this 21st day of November, 2022**  
 TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida  
 By: Larry Williams  
 Deputy Clerk

**Legal 45191 Published 11/24/2022, 12/1/2022, 12/8/2022 and 12/15/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

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.

December 13, 2022 at 10:00am  
 Jesse Johns- household goods  
 Crystal Pasley-household Goods  
 Chris Coyle-household Goods  
 Ashley Garcia-household Goods

The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://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.

**Legal 45188 Published 11/24/2022 and 12/1/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE Z-22-24**

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, both hearings taking place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO**

ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 38-05-26-014945-000-00) FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF AR (AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO PS-1 (PRIVATE SERVICES); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification on approximately 0.51 acres from AR (Agricultural/Residential District) to PS-1 (Private Services) on the following land, the owner of the land being Louis L. Huntley Enterprises, Inc.,  
**Location Address for Z-22-24**  
 Tax Parcel Identification Number 38-05-26-014945-000-00

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

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all pro-

ceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

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