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J.P. HALL CHILDREN'S CHARITIES
Giving the Gift of Hope

Volunteers at the Christmas Party welcomed each child with a new stuffed animal donated by Petsmart. They also meet Santa Claus and each child - all 1,400 of them - got a bag of toys and the opportunity to pick out a free bicycle. *For more on this year's Christmas Party at the Clay County Fairgrounds, see story, page 12*

'I love that they finally were able to build the hospital on this property'

Fleming Island man first patient at Baptist Medical Center Clay

By Don Coble
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FLEMING ISLAND – Martha Aguayo realized something was wrong when she was awakened by the swooshing sound of air at 2:15 Monday morning.

She looked over at her husband, Gil,

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Gil Aguayo's glucose level "crashed," so he was rushed to Baptist Medical Center Clay, making him the first patient at the new hospital.

'I do all I can to give back' – Russ Kamradt

A life spent serving the needs of others

By Kylie Cordell
For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – Russ Kamradt's passion for serving others, following the teachings of Jesus Christ by helping those less fortunate, was ignited during the darkest moments of his life.

"I was a very depressed child. My family was forced out of our home shortly after my youngest brother died. My parents, along with us five children, had no place to live, so my grandfather gave up his base-

ment below his two-story apartment for us to live," he said.

It was an old building with nothing but a cold cement dwelling, said Kamradt. "No bathroom, kitchen, bedroom, or anything.

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Russ Kamradt was one of the volunteers who loaded toys as part of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program last week.



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Legislators, county officials hear concerns, plans, praise from community

Public meeting designed for constituents to make suggestions on state bills

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

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Residents had the opportunity on Monday, Dec. 19, to share their views on local, county and state legislation that affects them.

The Clay county Delegation hosted a public forum inside the Board of County Commissioners' meeting room, and they heard a myriad of suggestions ranging from healthcare for veterans, mental health, affordable housing, taking care of the elderly and disabled and land and water conservation.

"The annual event provides an opportunity for the people of Clay County to let us know what's on their minds and what they care about," said Rep. Sam Garrison (R-Fleming Island). "Traditionally, we encourage our local governments to be there to let us know what they are dealing with on a local level. However, it is open for anyone to attend. Many community organizations come to share their mission. Sometimes people make requests for state funding."

Joining Garrison, Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley (R-Fleming Island) and Florida Rep. Bobby Payne (R-Palaska) were Clay County Clerk of Courts Tara Green, Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless, Superintendent David Broskie and representatives from the Sheriff's Office.

There were more than 30 speakers. Topics included affordable health care for veterans, the aging, and the disabled. Pediatric Dentist Dr. Frank Catalanotto said inaccessible dental care is a public health crisis, with more than six million without accessible care.

Don Fann with the Way Free Medical Clinic agreed.

"The only affordable health care is free healthcare. The Way Free Medical Clinic is the first 'hub of health for the underserved,'" Fann said.

The clinic will open a second location on College Drive, offering the county's only free dental care. Access to mental health care was also discussed. Florida ranks 42nd out of 51 states for access to mental health care and 49th out of 50 states for per capita spending on mental health programs, which Ashley Barber, according to assistant Chief of Communication for Clay County's Sheriff's Office.

Despite their often long and stressful jobs, the inequity in mental health services for 911 dispatchers and retainers remains. Irene M. Toto, Chief Executive Officer of Clay Behavioral Health Center, similarly advocated for programs to support mental health and pilot a program with law enforcement to address the opioid crisis and mental health.

Likewise, waiver support services and coordination for support are needed now more than ever, said Challenge Enterprises, a nonprofit organization providing adult day training, residential services, and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Cornelius Jones with Clay County Changemakers, a self-advocacy group for people with disabilities, agreed that resources must be allocated to the disabled population. He proposed starting a focus group to determine needs. One such need is accessible transportation, especially wheelchair transportation, medical transportation, and transportation for the elderly. Another such need is affordable housing, not only for the disabled but the aging and disenfranchised.

"We need resources and services for those suffering from degenerative diseases like Alzheimer's," said Tameka Holly, Chief Operating Officer of Eldersource.

Dr. Robert Cowie with Mercy Support Services suggested working with partners to develop affordable housing communities to provide low-cost, quality homes.

Land conservation and water quality were of equal concern. The Sierra Club stressed the importance of legislative action to address carbon output and pollution.

Davis family sells 3,000 acres of Governors Park land

For *Clay Today*

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Davis family and The PARC Group have announced the sale of approximately 3,000 acres of undeveloped land in Green Cove Springs. The land, formerly owned by the Gustafson family and known as Governor's Park, is located west of U.S. Highway 17 and north and south of the First Coast Expressway.

Purchased in 2019 by entities controlled by the Davis Family, the land was

slated for development following the connection of the First Coast Expressway with Interstate 95. As development activity in the surrounding area increased, the decision was made to sell the land to a developer with more immediate plans.

"Our focus will remain on our current land holdings while we continue to pursue other land opportunities in Northeast Florida," said Jed Davis, President and CEO of DDI, Inc., a Davis family company.



Rep. Bobby Payne, Rep. Sam Garrison and Sen. Jennifer Bradley heard the concerns of county residents at a public forum ahead of the legislative year.

For a full list of contributors, go to clay-countygov.com or reach out to your representative about local issues.

"Our delegation meetings are not a superficial box that we have to check. If you have questions, call, email, or come to our office. This conversation will continue through committee sessions. We're a resource for you," Bradley said.

"And thank you," Garrison said. "This

is not some exercise we do here. We take our responsibilities as legislatures very seriously. As long as we're here, we always have a door. Even if we disagree, we're going to be civil because we are neighbors first. We worship together on Sunday. We shop together during the week. We'll share a beer at Whitey's on the weekend. We're a family here."

Clay Chamber and 121 Financial Credit Union introduce free program to educate new business owners

Clay County, Fla. – Business 101 is a free, new program hosted by The Clay County Chamber of Commerce to educate new business owners and individuals looking to startup a business in Clay County.

Presented by 121 Financial Credit Union the six-week program, begins on Jan. 10, 2023 and runs through Feb. 14, 2023. Classes will be held weekly, on Tuesdays, at the Orange Park Public Library (2054 Plainfield Ave.), from 3-4:30p.m. Anyone interested in attending, one or all of the class session, should register at <https://business.claychamber.com/events> or call the Clay Chamber of Commerce at 904-264-2651.

Taught by Chamber members that own a business or have an area of expertise benefitting business owners, Business 101 participants can expect an overview of the basic requirements for business startup.

Business 101 topics include: understanding legal requirements, writing a business plan, securing financing for your new business, insurance for business owners, marketing and branding your business and bringing it all together.

Class session are:

- Jan. 10 - Legally Establishing a Busi-



ness in Florida. Taught by Attorney David King.

- Jan. 17- Why is a Business Plan Important? Taught by Katina Phillips, Consultant, Florida Funding Source, Business Loan and Financing.

- Jan. 24 - Financing Options for your New Business. Taught by Tillery Durbin, Director of Business Lending, 121 Financial Credit Union.

- Feb. 3 - The Right Insurance for Your Business. Taught by Bill Green, Owner of Green Insurance Agency.

- Feb. 7- Business Marketing and Branding. Taught by Stephanie Brinley, owner Flightless and Kate Reeve, owner Communicate Design and Marketing.

- Feb. 14- Bringing it all together.

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Virginia's letter continues to evoke hope and happiness during Christmas time

In 1897, a coroner's assistant, Philip O'Hanlon, was asked by his 8-year-old daughter if Santa Claus really existed. That question set off a chain of events that still pervade the hearts and minds of everyone during the Christmas season.

Little Virginia O'Hanlon decided to get an answer, and the response still is considered one of the greatest editorials ever written.

The girl wrote a letter to the The Sun newspaper in New York. The editor-in-chief turned the letter over to Francis Pharcelus Church and he penned the classic, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," the newspaper's Sept. 21, 1897, edition. Church originally didn't want to write the editorial and he knocked it out quickly, not knowing how the words would still ring true 225 years later.

Church put off writing the response for so long, Virginia "forgot about it." As it turned out, the read was worth the wait.

There is no way to celebrate the Christmas spirit any better than re-reading the Church's essay and by saying, "Merry Christmas, Virginia."

So here is "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus:"

DEAR EDITOR:

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

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VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no

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OPINIONS



Giving is the best present I've ever received at Christmas

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

It's taken me more than 60 years to realize it really is the thought that matters when selecting and receiving gifts at Christmas time.

For most of my childhood and adult life, I believed the best gifts cost the most. The bigger, the better. If it was shiny, even better.

I was wrong. I get it now. It's far more important to put thought into a gift, not just push my credit card limit to the max.

This year, I gave Nancy a door for her shed. It's not just any shed, it's her she-shed. And it's not just a door, it's wrapped in vinyl displaying one of her favorite album covers – the Grateful Dead's "Terrapin Station." It's really far out.

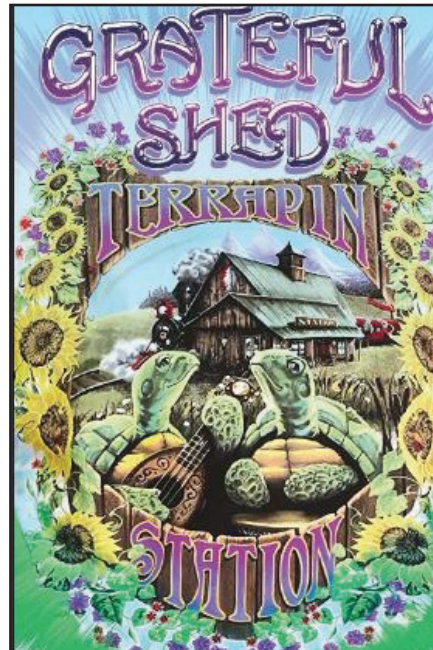
My dearest friends will be getting my key lime cheesecakes. No bottles of booze or gift cards. These are coming from the heart – and my oven.

It doesn't end there. I sent my grandson more LEGOS. He's just like my son, he can't get enough of them. My son is 41 and he's getting LEGOS, too. Both are going to be thrilled.

I shifted a lot of my priorities to helping others. Nancy and I filled the requests of four Angel Tree children. It doesn't make us important or noble. The



Don Coble



truth is, as we started filling the bags for the four foster children, it was difficult to say enough was enough. Another toy. Another shirt. Another game. For a child who has so little, it might make a difference.

In all, the Salvation Army worked to provide Christmas for 400 children.

We then spent much of last Saturday at the Clay County Fairgrounds watching families pick up gifts as part of the J.P. Hall Children's Charities Christmas Party. We made it a point to talk with families as they waited in the drive-thru to get toys. It was important to understand their need, feel their desperation and see their gratitude.

The needs were real. Many mothers fought tears as their little ones shook

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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.

Hallux: (HAL-usk) a noun that means a person's big toe.

"Nancy stubbed her hallux on the bed post during the middle of the night."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2017

- Orange County residents and Town Council members look at shifting money in the budget to address drainage problems.
- "Home for the Holidays" is held at the Clay County Courthouse for adoption agencies to find homes for children.
- More than 650 wreaths are placed on the gravesites of fallen veterans at the Keystone Heights Cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America program.

10 years ago, 2012

- The Clay County Development Authority selects a 35-acre site near Branan Field and Old Jennings Road for a multi-sport facility as part of the Big League Dreams program.
- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement will investigate Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy Reginald Hyatt after he fired three times at an Orange Park man who was threatening suicide.
- Orange Park Vice Mayor Steve Howard asks the Clay County Legislative delegation to modify Sunshine Law rules to keep discussions about real estate acquisitions and personal matters private.

20 years ago, 2002

- CCSO Sgt. Wesley Gronikowski resigns after he was charged with soliciting a prostitute in Jacksonville.
- Neil Chipoletti is hired as the Athletics Director and Randy Warren as head football coach at Fleming Island High.
- Argyle residents tell the Florida Department of Transportation they are frustrated by the state's transportation plans to ease traffic.

30 years ago, 1992

- An 18-month-old boy, Alex Ryder,

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Send us a letter ...

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

Opinions ...

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Brittaney needed to tie bicycles to her roof because her car was filled with children, toys and more bikes. She said without the Christmas Party, her children wouldn't have any gifts.

Present

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hands with Santa Claus and waited for their bags to be loaded in the trunk. Many were surprised when they were told as they were leaving the arena they also could pick a bicycle for each child to take home.

One mother, who's waiting for heart surgery, said if not for the work of the J.P. Hall charity, her "babies" wouldn't have anything under the tree.

The Christmas Party helped more than 1,400 children, and they also gave away 742 bicycles.

Take a bow everyone.

I wish I would have slowed down long enough to understand the reason for the season. It's about giving. It's about seeing a child smile. It's about making a difference.

I didn't go soft this Christmas. I still have strong beliefs about the direction of our country. But I also have compassion for my community.

I realize now you don't need the smell of gingerbread and the sight of decorated houses to be charitable. It doesn't take much. A sandwich for someone hungry. A blanket for someone cold. A ride for a friend who has an appointment and no transportation.

I don't know what Nancy is getting me for Christmas, but I know I've already enjoyed my best Christmas ever. My family is in good health and my community is a little better for all of the hard work and empathy from my fellow residents.

Together, we all made a difference. Thank you, everyone, and Merry Christmas.

I can't wait to do it again next year.

Santa Claus

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enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are

not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

History

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dies after a fire broke out in his Magnolia Springs apartment in Green Cove Springs.

- Green Cove Springs keeps its 9:30 p.m. curfew to help minors off the streets to better control crime.

- The Clay High wrestling team finish second at the Kiwanis Christmas tournament at Forrest High in Jacksonville.

40 years ago, 1982

- The Florida State marching band selects Orange Park High's Cotney Stadium for rehearsals ahead of the Seminoles' Gator Bowl game against West Virginia.

- Baxley Sawmill in Middleburg is destroyed by fire.

- Turn-of-the-century medicine bottles are put on display by the Clay County Historical Society at the Historical Museum in Green Cove Springs.



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Angel Tree program helps 400 children enjoy Christmas

MIDDLEBURG – By the time the final car left the Salvation Army Friday afternoon, the warehouse where toys for the Angel Tree program was nearly empty. Three days earlier, it was stocked to the ceiling. This year's program asked residents and volunteers to select Angel Tree ornaments from trees placed throughout the county. Each ornament had the wishes of a child in need or one who lives in a foster home, and families and case workers picked up the toys in a drive-thru event. Thanks to the generosity of the community, all 400 children got a bag filled with toys, according to Capt. John Chamberlain.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Not invited
- Whale ship captain
- One point south of southwest
- Small cavity in a rock
- Recidivists
- City of Angels hoopster
- A way to mark with one's signature
- OJ trial judge
- Rice cooked in broth
- One point east of due south
- One point east of southeast
- Complements an entree
- Grouped by twos
- Disfigure
- Woods
- Political action committee
- Longer of 2 bones in the forearm
- Kin groups
- Philippine Island
- Contrary to
- Bluish-gray fur

CLUES DOWN

- Green and yellow citrus fruit
- A bright color
- Thicket
- Journalist Tarbell
- A place to work or relax
- Sharp mountain ridge
- Comprehend the written word
- Natural depressions
- Felines
- Breathe noisily
- Taxi
- Pancake made from buckwheat flour
- Swiss river
- Foot (Latin)
- Have surgery
- Formal withdrawal
- Monetary units of Peru
- Greek war god
- 2,000 lbs.
- High points

- Helicopter
- Mimic
- Suggests
- More musty
- Large, flightless rail
- Make beer
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- People who can account for you
- Taunt
- South Dakota
- Cover the entirety of
- Kids' favorite visitor
- A way to save for retirement
- Fencing swords
- C. China mountain range
- Type of sandwich
- Team
- Paddle
- Partly digested food
- Most cagey
- Shoppers make one
- Cathode-ray tube
- Food supplies



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

Cocoa and Carols bring sounds of the season to Orange Park parade

ORANGE PARK – Thousands of Clay County residents enjoyed Concert on the Green’s Cocoa and Carols last Friday night at River Road and Kingsley Avenue. The event was highlighted by more than a dozen school choruses and bands participating in the event that collectively performed the lovely song of the Christmas holiday season. Some of the bands included Fleming Island, Orange Park, Paterson, Thunderbolt, and Wilkinson elementary choruses, the Orange Park Junior High and Middleburg High choruses and the Orange Park High and Oakleaf Junior High Jazz band. Also on hand included local holiday vendors, food trucks and a great spot to witness the Orange Park Santa Firetruck Parade, with the North Pole caravan arriving at 9 p.m. Free holiday hot chocolate was provided by Journey Church.



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Christmas babies

ORANGE PARK – Four babies at the HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit got special treatment from the nurses and staff when they were dressed in Christmas holiday outfits. One baby, Enzo, was in the unit at Thanksgiving, but hopefully, all will be home long before Valentine's Day.

Serving

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Just a furnace, wash tubs, and clothesline with an old washer and a hose to shower with.”

During those cold winter months, his grandfather gave him a Bible. When he flipped through the pages, he found a single underlined verse: “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Hebrews 13:16.)”

The following day, as Kamradt was walking from his grandfather's house, he saw his first chance to live up to God's teaching.

“A young mother was struggling to carry a baby and large bags of food, so I offered to carry them. She told me my mother must be proud of me and said, ‘May God bless you.’ I felt like my heart was going to explode that day, and I didn't want that feeling ever to leave me,” he said.

Guided by his unwavering faith, Kamradt held onto those words that would later define his life.

Kamradt has since endeared himself to many organizations, including the Red Cross, for which work he received the Reinhold Special Volunteer of the year award. Years later, he won The President's Lifetime Achievement Award from the White House. He also received both the Life Time Achievement and the Faith-Based Golden Years awards.

Since retirement, Kamradt has served on several executive boards for major non-profit organizations and received numerous awards locally, nationally and internationally for his volunteer work. He also was recognized by Oprah as one of her favorite volunteers.

“Along with the Red Cross, I joined the Salvation Army on their advisory council and have been active in their disaster activities, Angel Tree, bell ringing, backpack giveaway, Toys for Tots, and started the Hub distribution for Clay County food pantries through Feeding Northeast Florida,” he said.

The pantry provides Clay County residents with fresh meats, produce and other commodities.

“We deliver twice weekly, and all the



Russ Kamradt was the driving force behind Soles 4 Tots, which has collected more than 40,000 new and used shoes for the needy.

food comes from Feeding Northeast Florida,” he said.

Besides the food pantry, Kamradt also formed Soles for Tots and recently asked The Salvation Army to partner with the Marines on the project. The program has

collected more than 40,000 pairs of new or used shoes since it started in 2008.

Kamradt is also a frequent blood donor. “I was giving blood for years. Then I started giving bone marrow, and they called me and said, after so many years, you've got a match. But before you can save this woman's life, we have to check your platelets. Well, I got a number, and I called, and they said that the donation wasn't necessary anymore. We both knew what had happened,” he said. “If I'd donated sooner, then maybe she would still be here.”

Kamradt continues to donate to honor her memory, hoping to reach that special someone. “Years later, a little kid stops and hands me something. He said it was a cookie he made himself, so I said that's nice, what for? And his mom says that I saved his life. He had leukemia, and my bone marrow saved him. So I took his cookie. It was awful, but I told him it was the best cookie I ever had,” he said, laughing. “Of course, it's also part of my faith calling, I think. We all have our different passions. Christ gave us all the Holy Spirit; when we're saved, the Holy Spirit comes alive in us. And once that came alive for it, man, it has helped direct me.”

Volunteering not only has helped others

but also saved his life.

“I was going to give blood, and I saw that the hospital needed a volunteer at my age to do some tests that could help prevent prostate cancer, so I signed up. I went through some testing first, and the physician found I had an unusual growth in an unusual place. I went to see my doctor, and he sent me to a specialist, and they did some more tests. They did a biopsy,” he said.

Kamradt learned that he had the early stages of prostate cancer.

“I was treated, and after I was cleared, my doctor came up to me and asked me to do some work for the National Cancer Society, and before I knew it, I was the chairman for Relay For life.”

He also worked as their logistics manager in many areas.

“Besides helping save others, volunteering saved my life. Now I do all I can to give back,” he said.

To get involved, don't hesitate to contact your local Salvation Army to see what opportunities are available. If you're searching for places to volunteer, the North Florida Red Cross has many opportunities, including Disaster Response, Blood Drives, Blood Transportation and more.

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Obituaries

Gerald Frederick Malm

May 27th 1937 - December 12th 2022
Born in Detroit, MI to Iva Le Fleur and Carl Malm, Jerry studied art and engineering at Cass Technical High School before graduating and enlisting in the Navy where he served for thirty years, retiring as an Aviation Electronics Technician Chief Petty Officer in 1986. His time in the Navy afforded him opportunities working on airplanes and submarines, riding his motorcycle through Japan, seeing the Northern Lights in Greenland, and crossing the Arctic Circle. He continued his distinguished career as an Electronics Technician in the private sector until retiring to spend time with his wife



Gerald Frederick Malm

Jerrie.

His kind heart, quick wit, and unfailingly generous spirit made him friends wherever he went.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 55 years Jerrie Lynn Malm. Survived by daughter: Julie Malm of Orange Park, FL. Son: Jon (Lee Ann) Malm of Columbia, TN. Grandchildren: Ellen Verney, Anna Verney, Lance (Cassie) West, Landon Malm, Elizabeth Malm, Jonathan Malm. Great Grandchildren: Kaitlyn Lane West and Dakota William West. Siblings: Evelyn Dustin and Carl Malm.

A service will be held at Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32218 on December 30, 2022 at 10am. Another service in Hopewell, MS is being planned, with details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Disabled American Veterans or Wounded Warriors Project. Share your memories at www.hardage-giddensrivermead.com

Peggy Ann Mayer

Peggy Ann Mayer passed away on October 23, 2022, at the age of 92 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was born Peggy Ann Maffey on September 21, 1930.

She was a godsend to her parents, John and Evelyn (Hoess) Maffey, who had already lost two babies. Although Peggy of-

ten said she wished she had siblings, she wasn't lonely as a child. She had many aunts and uncles, and her cousin, Wilfred "Toodie" J. Hoess, was like a brother to her.

Peggy met Robert "Bob" Mayer at a dance. Together they had five children, who they raised in Cincinnati. In the 1970s, she worked as a nurse's aide at a nursing home.

She then worked as a data entry clerk for Hamilton County until her retirement. Peggy loved music, dancing, animals and traveling. Her life was not always easy, but she never lost her positive attitude or de-

sire to live life to the fullest.

Peggy is survived by her children: Steven (Debra), Angela (Steve), Roberta "Bobbie" (Robert), Merry (Jim) and Jennifer (John).

She was so happy to have five grandchildren: Jonathan (Mayer), Morgan (Shaw-Schwartz), Taylor (Shaw), Benjamin (McManamon) and Maire "Poss" (McManamon). Peggy was thrilled to live to see her granddaughter Morgan and her husband Phillip give her a great grandchild - Walker Schwartz.

Donna Lee Mace

Donna Lee Mace, 69, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away December 13, 2022, following a battle with cancer. She is survived by her loving and faithful husband of 46 years Kerry A. Mace, 6 children Bill Mace (Alison), Sarah Pecora (Charlie), David Mace (Dennis), Andrew Mace (Dovie), Jessie Ingram, Erin Paul (Tim), 17 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

She was an amazing teacher for 35 years. After she retired, she became an advocate for education and teachers' rights. She touched so many people with her passion and compassion.

133 Clay students earn degrees at SJRSC

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – St. Johns River State College celebrated its Fall Commencement on Dec. 15, honoring more than 570 students, including 133 at the Orange Park campus, who earned their associate's and bachelor's degrees or college certificates. Each graduate has his or her own story of personal growth and perseverance.

A portion of the ceremony was dedicated to presenting the Paul "Dee" Causey President's Award. Each year, the award honors the memory of an SJR State alumnus whom Pickens described as not only his mentor but a fearless athlete, dedicated family man and successful businessman.

"Dee Causey loved the underdog, and he loved nothing more than helping the underdog succeed," Pickens said.

Pickens presented the award to Clay County graduate Sabrain Edwards, who lost his mother while completing his bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

"During my time in college, I have gone through seasons where everything in my life was put together and in order. Then there were seasons when things fell apart and every day felt like a struggle," Edwards said. "The biggest obstacle that I had to go through, and I am still going through it, is the death of my mother. Anything that I set out to do and accomplish, I shared with my mother. My biggest motivator and critique, my mother sacrificed a lot for me during her



time as single mother. I could have been another statistic, but she is the one who kept me from that. Anything that I am and will become is because of her love, prayer, and care for me."

In addition to earning his degree, Edwards also served as the president of the Student Government Association and was instrumental in establishing the Students Focused on Christ Club on the Orange Park campus. Edwards begins his teaching career in January as a third-grade teacher at Argyle Elementary.

Among the graduates was Laura Pavlus, Senior Vice President for the Clay County Economic Development Corporation, who earned her Bachelor Of Applied Science In Organizational Management.

As a military spouse for 16 years, Pavlus said she was never in one location long

enough for her to finish her bachelor's degree. It was a huge frustration, but her priority was to support her spouse's career first and foremost.

"When I started working in Florida, I quickly understood the necessity of finishing my degree to be competitive in the local market," Pavlus said. "Add to that, my boss at the time had just finished his through SJR State and I was inspired by his success."

Pavlus said her career was getting to the point where she was casually asked where she earned her degree.

"I was sick of giving the explanation and feeling insecure that I hadn't finished," she said. "Finally, I made a promise to myself that if there was an area of my life that made me insecure, I would handle it instead of trying to just cope with the insecurity."

"I like to say that college degrees are like doorways, not ladders, I had reached a point in my career where I was hitting a glass ceiling without a degree. This degree has made it possible for my career to advance and I am looking forward to the next challenge."

The Thrasher-Horne Center is owned and operated by SJR State and is located on the Orange Park campus at 283 College Drive.

The College was established in 1958 as a public institution serving Clay, Putnam and St. Johns counties. St. Johns River State College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate and baccalaureate degrees.

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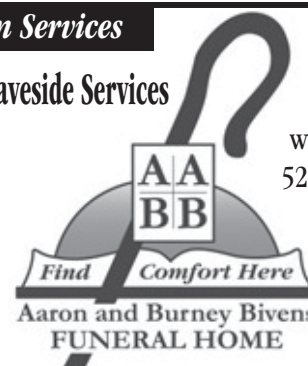
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Niagra Bottling utility technician wins free car in safety raffle

By Lee Wardlaw
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JACKSONVILLE – A special “Super Bowl style” event for the employees of Niagara Bottling, where employees got to dress up, enjoy a buffet-style meal and dance the night away to celebrate the holidays and the company’s outstanding record for safety.

But for Reggie Williams, a utility technician, it will be remembered as the night he beat the odds and won a new \$30,000 car.

The Los Angeles-based company showed its appreciation to the employees at its Middleburg plant at 565 Atlantis Dr. with a party last Saturday night. When it opened in 2021, Niagra was a 550,000-square-foot plant that’s now being reconfigured to 820,000 square feet.

The highlight of the night, however, was an announcement that sent team members and invitees into a frenzy: a raffle drawing for a \$30,000 new car, motorcycle or boat of their choosing.

Senior plant director Robert Williams proved to be both sociable and fashionable, the executive rocking a black and gold coat, all-black pants and all-gold shoes. Williams provided updates and announcements throughout the night’s programming, including the final \$30,000 car raffle, which provided for a nail-biting seven-minute experience for 50 hourly em-



Senior plant director Robert Williams hosted the company party to celebrate their outstanding record for safety.

ployees that were selected to be drawn for the potential prize.

Balls were eliminated one by one in a metal raffle basket, leaving team members on the edge of their seats. And after surviving one-in-50 odds, the lucky winner was Reggie Williams.

“It’s really a blessing to be able to give someone something back that is significant on that level to your team members and let

experience also included playing volleyball and basketball.

While earning her degree, she volunteered as a coach for girls’ softball teams. Cravey has worked in customer service for more than 10 years in logistics, healthcare, and hospitality. She volunteers with Atlantic Cares, the company’s program to help those in need. Cravey resides in Keystone Heights with her children and family.

According to Rex Oliver, Atlantic Logistics Director of Operations, Cravey has a dynamic, can-do attitude and vast capabilities.

“Every task Chelsea has been given has far exceeded our expectations, in fact more than I’ve seen in 40 years being a part of the industry,” Oliver said. “Chelsea is committed to providing exceptional customer service. She has earned her promotion to Assistant Branch Manager of our Keystone location.

“Chelsea came to Atlantic Logistics directly from the dental field. In two years, she has focused on learning our business, and excelled in providing our customers with the service they have grown to expect. Her leadership skills are exceptional. Our Keystone team has acknowledged Chelsea as a top supervisor. She works with each team member mentoring, coaching, and developing their skills. We are very proud of Chelsea’s accomplishments and look forward to her success and continued growth at Atlantic Logistics.”

Chelsea Cravey promoted to assistant branch manager at Atlantic Logistics

For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Atlantic Logistics announced the promotion of Chelsea Cravey to Assistant Branch Manager on Dec. 15.

Previously, Cravey was the company’s logistics specialist and logistics assistant since 2020. She will oversee truckload brokerage activities and customer service for the professional brokerage, third party logistics business. Cravey will report directly to Amanda Thacker, the company’s Branch Manager in Keystone Heights to help grow the organization with a focus on truckloads, flatbed, refrigerated, van and government transportation services.

Cravey and her family are multi-generational residents and trucking industry professionals in Gainesville and Keystone Heights. Cravey attended elementary, middle and high schools in the region and obtained her Associate in Arts Degree from Pasco-Hernando State College in New Port Richey where she was awarded a scholarship in women’s softball. Her high school



Chelsea Cravey

people know that Niagara is about having that world-class safety record,” Robert Williams said.

The plant director said Niagara will give away the same prize to an employee at each of its 30 plants nationwide in December – all with highlighting employee safety.

It’s a simple yet highly paramount principle to follow for employees at the plant.

Williams said that the national incident rate is 4.0, but with world-class safety standards, Niagara shoots for a 2.0 rating.

“That means you can’t have more than one or two incidents, and minor ones at

that, to still be in the running,” he said of the standard.

He said safety is the primary goal at the Clay County plant.

“Safety is a mindset. Everyone is their own safety manager. Take care of yourself and others, and don’t do anything that you haven’t been trained on. Don’t put yourself in a situation where you might get hurt. We make bottled water, so you shouldn’t get hurt over them. So, we drill that mindset into our team members once they walk through the door. So do the job that we need you to do, but the number one thing is to do it safely, first,” he said.

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Chili cookoff stirs up spicy support for a 10-year-old boy

By Don Coble
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FLEMING ISLAND – It wasn't easy to pick the best chili from 22 entries at Sunday's cookoff, especially since many of the contestants wore firearms.

First responders brought their best recipes to Whitey's Fish Camp to raise money and awareness for a 10-year-old boy who's battling leukemia for the second time in his young life. The boy, Shane, was in the hospital when members of the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Green Cove Springs, Orange Park and Clay County District Schools police departments, Division of Emergency Management and Fire Rescue packed the back dining room at the popular restaurant.

Not only did everyone have the opportunity to taste a variety of chilis, but more than \$4,500 was also raised to help Shane's family.

"It was amazing," said Alyssa Pfeifer, the organizer of the event. "That's the most money that's been raised at Whitey's."

Pfeifer runs the Tiki Bar at Whitey's and she got involved after one of her former employees, Amber, returned to work. Amber said her son fought leukemia when he was 3, only to have it return seven years later.

During the tasting, many first responders joined Amber in a group call to Shane. The restaurant erupted in cheer to show its support.

"This time I wanted to make sure they knew there were people who wanted to help



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

First responders made a virtual cellphone call to Shane from Whitey's during Sunday's Chili Cookoff to raise money for the boy's medical expenses while he battles leukemia.

them and take care of them. helping them through what they're going through." and taking care of them. Especially around this time of year when families have enough to worry about, no parent ever wants to go
Sheriff Michelle Cook won first place with her chili, while CCSO also finished second. Emergency Management was third.



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and his CPAP was off. The air was still being pushed from the pump to the facemask. The pump had been displaced and his Continuous Glucose Monitor no longer was connected.

A Type-1 diabetic for decades, Gil was in trouble.

"I was crashing," the husband said. "My glucose was dangerously low. I really don't remember a lot."

Martha called for an ambulance. They were told they were going to Baptist. But they were surprised when it turned right on U.S. Highway 17 from their Fleming Island home, instead of turning left to make the run across the Buckman Bridge to Interstate 95 and Baptist South in St. Johns County.

After being accepted into the Emergency Department at the new Baptist Medical Center Clay, Gil was taken upstairs to become the first patient in hospital history.

Nearly two years and \$175 million in the making, the 300,000-square-foot, six-story, 102-bed hospital opened its doors to patients at 7 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 19. Less than an hour later, Gil was already in the first patient room on the third floor.

"I'm so glad he didn't have to go all the way across the river," hospital president Darin Roark said. "He was very, very nice. I was very fortunate to have a first patient who, even though he didn't feel good, was willing to let us celebrate him for being the first one. It was super exhilarating to start accepting patients."

The hospital received its state certification on Friday, Dec. 16, but Roark decided to delay the opening to the original plan of Monday.

The campus along Village Square Parkway now includes Wolfson's Children's Hospital, an emergency center, a full-service hospital and Baptist health place, a complex of doctors' offices, classrooms and community wellness programs. The cost of converting the old VyStar building into health place pushed Baptist's investment into the county to \$235 million.

For the Aguayos, it was money well spent.

"At first, (Gil) didn't want to come to



the hospital," Martha said. "Then his glucose started dropping again. By the time the paramedics got here, he was in trouble. It's so nice to have a place where you live locally."

Gil rested comfortably Monday afternoon while the doctors and nurses monitored his glucose. Nurses filled out a poster about Gil, reminding them he has children and great-grandchildren. According to the hospital, it was a way for the staff to know their patients on a more personal level.

"I love that they finally were able to build the hospital on this property," Gil said. "The staff here is unbelievable. Everybody is so courteous. They work so well together. You don't see that very often. They're constantly checking on me."

"Having a full-service hospital nearby eliminates having to travel out of the area to get high-quality medical care," Roark said. "Now, the community has the high level of patient care they expect from Baptist Health – right here in their own backyard."

The new hospital also has 20 maternity suites, a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, advanced heart care, a cancer center and innovative surgical care.

More important to the Aguayos, it's on this side of the river.

Garden Club's Hummingbird Circle celebrates Christmas

By Susan Brecht
Garden Club of Orange Park

ORANGE PARK – The Hummingbird Circle, Garden Club of Orange Park, recently celebrated Christmas at their December meeting at Club Continental where they enjoyed a delicious luncheon and lots of door prizes.

Floral arrangements, a Christmas wreath and a wooden snowman were among the goodies members took home.

This year the group voted to support the Orange Park High Outreach Program as their charity project. Member Pat Gompers contacted Jennifer Salliotte, family and community engagement coordinator, to find out what students might need as the

colder weather sets in.

Four giant gift bags plus a wagonful of boxes and shopping bags overflowed with sweatshirts, sweat pants, other warm clothing, shampoo, body wash, shaving supplies and oral hygiene products to help fulfill the needs of the high school outreach program.

Pat arranged to drop everything off at the high school and was greeted with gratitude and a tour of the outreach room. How heartwarming to know our group made such a big difference this holiday season.

If others are interested in assisting this program, they can contact Jennifer Salliotte, Children's Home Society of Florida at Orange Park at (904) 612-0134 or visit their website at www.chsfl.org.



Orange Park Hospital resumes health expo at Keystone Heights High

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Students from Junior/Senior highs, in partnership with HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, recently held the first Student Health Expo since being sidelined by COVID-19.

The event was originally founded in 2013 by the Florida Department of Health Clay County and it rotated annually throughout the junior and senior high schools to educate students about healthy lifestyles. "Our goal is to try to catch them early," Orange Park Hospital registered nurse Sarah Miller said.

The event was held in the school's gymnasium which seventh through 12th graders attended during their physical education and science classes.

As the students entered the gym, they were asked to fill out a questionnaire as they visited the booths. Florida's Poison Control Center, Donate Life Florida and Aza Health were some of the contributors who informed students about various topics such as hazardous driving, drugs and nutrition.

In addition, the event had engaging activities for the students like Food and Nutrition Services of Clay County demonstrating the amount of sugar in a common soda drink. Orange Park Hospital also demonstrated how to stop bleeding and encouraged students to practice on a dummy. Students then went on a scavenger hunt once they completed their questionnaires.



With 600 students and 15 vendors, the event was considered a success.

"It went great. We had all our vendors show up," Miller said. "Everybody has been super engaged. The kids had a lot of great feedback."

Everyone also enjoyed winning small prizes for participating in the activities.

"I think it went great. The kids were interactive, they're learning, and they seem excited about the information," said vendor Kimberly Plummer.

Students said the event was educational as some said they learned things they didn't know.

"It's pretty cool," student Shyann said. "I didn't know about fentanyl and that there was an antidote."

Another student said that after hearing about the effects of drugs on the body, the only thing he could think about was how his brain and lungs would be affected.

"I'm never going to touch drugs," the student said.



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'My babies will have Christmas'

J.P. Hall Children's Charities Christmas Party provided toys to 1,400 children

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – It was 11 p.m. on Dec. 16 when Brittany joined the line forming at the Clay County Fairgrounds to accept toys from the J.P. Hall Children's Charities Christmas Party.

She was 10 hours early and she wasn't alone. In fact, the first car arrived five hours earlier at 6.

"This means my babies will have Christmas," Brittany said. "They wouldn't have anything without this."

Brittany can't work because she's awaiting surgery for an artificial heart valve. To a carload of children, all 10 or younger, that doesn't diminish the excited anticipation of waking up to presents on Christmas morning.

That's why the Christmas Party continues to be one of the biggest charitable events in the county.

Now in its 41st year, more than 1,400 children received a bag of new toys and the opportunity to take home a bicycle. For free. Not only did the charity save Christmas for hundreds of families, it continued to be a springboard to engage the community for common good.

"Every year, you are amazed by the generosity of the people of Clay County,"

said J.P. Hall Children's Charity Chairman and Executive Director Virginia Hall. "To see the looks on children's faces – and on the parents' faces – is why we do this."

Brittany said five people slept in her car and played games for 10 hours while waiting for the doors to open.

"My youngest slept on my chest," she said. "Nobody complained."

Clay county children 14 and younger were invited to pick up toys. There was no advanced registration or proof of financial need required. The only condition was the child needed to be present during the drive-thru event inside the Cattleman's Arena. Everyone in line before the noon cutoff left with toys, Hall said.

As families pulled away, they were greeted by the Clay County Sheriff's Office and told they could pick out a bike. Most were shocked by the offer.

"We had 742 bikes and we gave away all but 12," Hall said. "And those 12 were sent to Keystone Heights (on Tuesday) to be given away."

With a car filled with children and bags of toys, Brittany managed to find a bike for every child, although it meant tying several of them on her roof.

"Thank you," she said while choking back tears. "My babies will have a Merry Christmas."



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ORANGE PARK MALL

Big Daddy's offers the 'Ultimate' in fresh-made sandwiches, salads

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – Big Daddy's Sub Shop is a beach-themed sub sandwich shop that serves a wide-ranging menu of hot, fresh-to-order hoagies, along with hot dogs, salads and more.

Patrons are greeted by luminous vibes of bright, beach themed-colors, which are dominated by yellow.

But that's not how it used to be under the direction of the parcel's previous tenant. The previous store was painted gray.

Now that's history, and with the new, local establishment comes many hot, mouth-watering, items that are now freshly available to order.

If you decide to stick with a sandwich, order the Ultimate, the most popular menu item at the restaurant. The item is complete with a meaty perfection of a trio including roast beef, roasted turkey breast and premium ham, which is topped off with provolone cheese.

Then, you can customize that with your favorite toppings, whether that be tomato, onion, lettuce, mayonnaise, mustard or other options.

If you don't go with an original hot sub, try a cheesesteak or Italian. The Chicken Philly, complete with grilled chicken breast, oregano, sauteed onions and melted provolone is a treat, but that doesn't quite match the five selections of steak sandwiches on this portion of the menu, hence the name, cheesesteak.

Among these options, you can keep it simple with The Philly, which is heated fresh-to-order with seasoned sirloin steak, sauteed onions and melted provolone. Do that, or go with a myriad of other topping options with the other four orders, which can include anything from bell peppers to mushrooms and more.

All in all, the five sandwiches are practically equal in taste.

Other than that, top options include three all-beef, quarter-pound hot dog selections, including the Chicago style, chili dog and kraut dog. Last but not least, the Greek Salad, loaded with premium ham, pepperoni, hard-boiled eggs, feta cheese, olives and Greek dressing is the establishment's most popular salad – by far – and it provides a healthy alternative to a classic hoagie.

Not only that, but customers can customize your toppings. The family-friendly, veteran-owned local business is ready to listen to its customers that fully represent the tight-knit community structure.

Jennifer Auclair, manager of Big Daddy's and daughter of the shop owner, William Auclair, will fix your sandwich to your liking, and customers can even select add-ons such as two or four slices of bacon, extra meat, extra cheese, and hearty vegetables like mushrooms, jalapenos, Greek olives and more.



Auclair has been in the restaurant business since 10, starting her career as a dishwasher.

Her father and owner of the business, better known as Bill, is a 49-year veteran of the restaurant industry and a 24-year resident of Clay County.

The proof is in the pudding. Former customer, Dave, donated the surfboard ordaining the wall located at the entrance of the shop, and another gentleman provided a sign that hangs on the wall to this day.

The business has been steadily increasing at the establishment after surviving an opening that took place four months after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It gets better all the time. We're just always growing and changing and trying to get better," Auclair said.

However, in an era of an economic recession and fewer employees willing to go to work, finding new help has been ever-challenging, Auclair said.

"It's been all but impossible to get a new employee. We had one high school employee, and she gave her notice last week. Just a couple of days before that, one of our previous employees had moved back to the area and wanted to (return to work), so we dodged a bullet, but we only get a new application about once every three months," the owner said.

As far as community outreach, Big Daddy's sponsored the Ridgeview High girls' softball team in 2021, providing sandwiches at a discounted price.

Then, Big Daddy's was able to help a local golf tournament staged in Nov. 2022 raise \$5,000 for the Pace Center for Girls of Clay County by offering players sandwiches served at a friendly discount.

The store is located at 1330 Blanding Blvd. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Catering options are available if you are looking to feed a family or group of friends. You can reach them at (904) 375-0618 or by visiting BigDaddys-SubShop.com or visiting their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BigDaddysSubShop/>.



Ascension St. Vincent's Clay ranked 'high performing' by U.S. News & World Report

For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County has been recognized in U.S. News & World Report's 2022-2023 Best Hospitals for Maternity Care. Of the approximately 649 U.S. hospitals that submitted maternity data, U.S. News & World Report only recognized 297 as "High Performing."

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County is one of only two hospitals in Northeast Florida to receive this recognition.

"We are thrilled to be recognized for our high-quality maternity care, which highlights our commitment to moms, babies, and families in Clay County and across Northeast Florida," said Kevin Rinks, administrator of Ascension St. Vincent's Clay. "Our caregivers consistently go above and beyond to provide our community with compassionate, personalized care close to home."

The Best Hospitals for Maternity evaluation is focused on pregnancy quality of care and outcomes. It looks at hospital

data related to pregnancies that doctors determined to be low-risk and that remained low-risk. Evaluators also looked at five different factors:

- Scheduled early deliveries
- C-section rates in low-risk women
- Newborn complications
- Rate of exclusive breast milk feeding
- Option for vaginal births after cesarean

"When expectant parents are considering their options for welcoming a baby into the world, the Best Hospitals in Maternity Care is designed to help them identify hospitals that excel in the delivery of babies for uncomplicated pregnancies," says Ben Harder, chief of health analysis and managing editor for U.S. News. "A hospital that has earned a High Performing designation may be a good option for parents, in consultation with their medical provider, to consider."

To learn more about Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County's Family Birth Place, visit healthcare.ascension.org.

Calling all readers! Library system wants to know your favorite books

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The Clay County Library System wants to showcase the best books of 2022 with a fun community survey.

There were many great books published in 2022. What was your favorite? The Clay County library system wants to know what Clay reads.

You can help the libraries determine Clay County's favorites by voting in the

Clay Reads Survey.

To cast your vote in person, visit any library. To vote online, visit claycountygov.com and select Libraries under the Community Tab and click on Clay Reads 2022.

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A flame of hope: Clay County recognized for its work with Special Olympics

By **Kylie Cordell**
For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Clay County’s Special Olympics program was designated as one of the Top 10 in Florida during the recent Central Florida Kickoff event in Orlando.

“Clay County recently placed in the Top 10 for fundraising out of the entire state for Florida Special Olympics,” said Clay County Sheriff’s Office’s Sgt. Zachary Cox.

Fundraising efforts were made possible by members of the CCSO and the Orange Park and Green Cove Springs police departments. The Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics is one of the largest grassroots fundraisers. At its most basic level, the torch run is a race where law enforcement officers and Special Olympics athletes run the “Flame of Hope” into the opening ceremonies for the 2022 Special Olympics.

“The state does fundraising too, and then the fundraising they do is divided by the counties. Everyone contributes,” said Clay County Special Olympics Law En-

forcement Torch Run Coordinator Marsha Skiles.

The funds help support people with intellectual disabilities by offering them a fair opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills and talents through sports training and competition and increase the public’s awareness of their capabilities and needs. Funds cover everything from transportation, meals, uniforms and lodging for games and matches.

“We had one athlete. She was so excited to leave Orange Park and stay in a hotel. She’d never left home before, and these are the experiences we can give these athletes,” Skiles said.

It’s not just about competing. It’s a chance to offer these athletes new experiences and provide new opportunities to forge their path to greatness.

“To be able to do that warms your heart, and you feel the excitement for those athletes. They might not have gotten the opportunity otherwise,” Cox said. “I think it’s important for our agency and all law enforcement, in general, to know the impact



Clay County Special Olympics organization is ranked in the Top 10 in Florida. Athletes recently competed at the state games in Orlando.



The Torch Run is the biggest fundraiser for Special Olympics in Clay County.

that we can have for Special Olympics.”

According to Cox, law enforcement officers have been raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics for more than 35 years. Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the “Flame of Hope” into Opening Ceremonies of local competitions, eventually coming together at the State championship in Orlando.

Today, more than 97,000 law enforcement members carry the “Flame of Hope” annually, symbolizing courage and the celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe. However, it’s more than a symbolic gesture, Cox said. Each step is a chance to “light” the way for millions of intellectually challenged athletes and shed light on the games’ powerful message of inclusion and togetherness. The Flame of Hope is something we all carry, Cox said, a spark to do good in our community wherever we go.

“It’s all about inclusion. You don’t understand the impact unless you see it from a parent’s point of view when you want your child to have the same opportunity to play sports as any other child. They just

want to participate and play like everyone else. And this is their opportunity to do that,” he said.

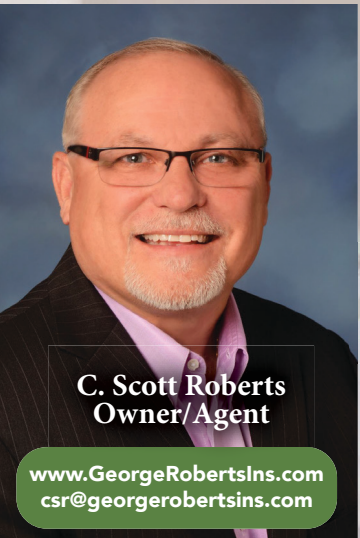
He also attends the annual award ceremony at Walt Disney World. Being able to give an athlete their first medal, he said, is the most rewarding experience of his career.

“One athlete, in particular, received a first-place medal, student age, and when he was on stage, he just broke down in tears. He was so excited. I don’t know if that was the first award he had ever received, but he was just so excited,” he said. “It’s a bigger picture. It’s not what we get out of it. It’s not about us at all. It’s about being able to help these kids live their best life.”

Skiles agrees it can be a life-altering opportunity for athletes.


“Over the last 20 years, we have moved from doing athletic events to include events where athletes with intellectually developmental challenges can compete alongside athletes without those disabilities,” she said. “I am a softball coach. We

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Cammack selects Middleburg's Ansil Lewis as Veteran of the Year

Special to Clay Today

GAINESVILLE – Congresswoman Kat Cammack selected 30-year U.S. Marine Corps veteran Ansil Lewis as the Veteran of the Year.

Lewis served as a Sgt. Maj. in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1987 to 2017, where he received the Bronze Star; Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Navy Unit Commendation; and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal.

After his three-decades-long service to our nation, Lewis continued to demonstrate his dedication to the area's veterans as an involved member of the Clay County veteran community, serving as the past Commandant of the Roy S. Geiger Marine Corps League Detachment 1047, a member of the board for Operation Bambas and the president of the Veterans Council of Clay County.

"I'm honored to announce Mr. Lewis as the 2022 Veteran of the Year," Cammack said. "Sergeant Major Lewis served our na-



U.S. Marine Corps veteran Ansil Lewis

tion honorably for three decades, committing his life's work to the Stars and Stripes. Upon his return, he's only increased his commitment to our veteran community, introducing more people to our region's vibrant history of service and leadership. From his presidency with the Veterans Council of Clay County to his organization of dozens of events for our nation's heroes, I

can't think of anyone more deserving of this honor. I'm excited to celebrate this award with Mr. Lewis and his family in the new year."

Cammack flew a flag over the U.S. Capitol in Sgt. Maj. Lewis' honor and has entered his service into the Congressional Record. A ceremony formally recognizing this honor will take place in January in Gainesville.

Last year's inaugural Veteran of the Year Award honoree was the late Cpl. Duane Dewey, a 1953 Medal of Honor recipient

and Korean War veteran.

Cammack thanked the community for submitting their entries for this year's Veteran of the Year and looks forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

Cammack represented District 3 district, which includes all of Clay County. Redistricting, however, means Aaron Bean now will represent the county as part of the newly-created District 4 once the new Congress is sworn in on Jan. 3.

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are a unified team. We are a blend of 10 players on the field – five with disabilities and five that don't. We have been solid since the beginning. They're like a family. They do things outside the season of softball together. They look forward to being together. It doesn't just show their skills- it promotes inclusion."

The games also help athletes learn valuable life skills.

"It helps them learn how to work as a team. They have to follow the same rules and directions, even if they don't want to, you know. We have a few who have emotional disorders, so being able to apply what they learn on the field to other aspects of

their life is tremendous. I have seen such growth for our athletes," Skiles said.

This year, the Law Enforcement Torch run will be open to the community.

"You don't have to be in law enforcement to join us. It's a movement to make people aware of what the Special Olympics is, their mission, and what we stand for," said Cox.

If you need to participate is a Special Olympics Shirt. Cotton T-shirts are \$20 and women's tank tops are \$25.

To purchase a shirt, call Cox at (904) 445-0521. You can also visit specialolympicsflorida.org to learn more about competitions and events.

Also, look out for Tip a Cop, the county's largest fundraiser for the Special Olympics from March 7-9 at Texas Roadhouse, 550 Blanding Blvd., in Orange Park.

Shepherd's Center accepting nominations for Golden Gala volunteers

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK –The Golden Years Gala will be presenting its 16th annual event to recognize senior adults for outstanding volunteer service in Clay County.

What a wonderful way to say, "Thank you" by nominating someone you know for their extraordinary efforts.

The 2023 categories are as follows: Volunteer Senior Man of the Year, Volunteer Senior Woman of the Year and the Ernie Cohen Lifetime Achievement Award.

Senior adults are important to the community. They are a generation of high values, strong work ethic, commitment, integrity, generosity and loyalty. Seniors are a wonderful example to all, showing that true fulfillment is to share their time and talents through serving.

Nominees must be at least 60 and

volunteer in Clay County. The deadline is Jan. 31. For nomination forms, go to www.tscoop.org, email info@tscoop.org or contact (904) 269-5315.

This year's Golden Years Gala will be held on Wednesday, May, 1 at Sullivan Hall at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 7190 U.S. Highway 17 on Fleming Island. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. with live and silent auctions. The awards program will follow the auction.

The event benefits The Shepherd's Center of Orange Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides services to improve the quality of life and longer independence of hundreds of senior adults in Clay County through award-winning educational programming and events focused on health and wellness.



From left, 2022 emcee Andrea Crowder, Woman of the Year Kathy Wray, Shepherd's Center Outstanding Volunteer Chris Bass, emcees Robert Simpson and Al Benson and director Christy Fitzgerald will be accepting nominations for 2023 Golden Gala Service Awards Celebration.

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Clay County teachers share \$2,055 from Florida Farm Bureau

LAKE ASBURY – Nine Clay County teachers were recognized by the Florida Farm Bureau for their agriculture-themed project on Wednesday, Dec. 14. From left, Florida Farm Bureau Field Representative Greg Harden, Farm Bureau Leadership Chair Wendy Bryant, Ridgeview’s Cinnamon Canneralla and Andrea Wilson (raising two baby goats to serve special needs students), Keystone Heights High’s Sarah Crawford (farm to table guide), Clay Hill Elementary’s Kristen Rhodes (watching plants grow to benefit special needs students), Keystone Heights Elementary Principal Beth Turbeville (after school gardening program), Coppergate Elementary’s Anita Whitin (butterfly guide), Tynes Elementary’s Lindsay Hendricks (hydro-stacker) and Clay County Farm Bureau President Gayward Hendry recognized the Florida Farm Bureau has donated more than \$28,000 from its 22 regional bureaus. Three winning teachers from Swimming Pen Creek Elementary weren’t present.



Farm Bureau donates to Middleburg, Orange Park, Keystone Heights food banks

CLAY COUNTY – As part of its Broncos Give Back program, Principal Martin Aftuck and Clay County Farm Bureau’s Norman Jean Parrish (bottom left); Farm Bureau’s Michael Rathjen, Keystone Heights Principal Laurie Burke (left) and Children’s Home Society’s Tina Baker; and, Orange Park Principal Ivin Gunder, Farm Bureau President Gayward Hendry, Children’s Home Society’s Lauren Pfanestiel and Jennifer Salliotte (below) all took a moment to recognize the Farm Bureau’s donations to their high school food banks.



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C.J. Acres Animal Rescue Farm dedicated to ending animal suffering

Rescue shelter teaches compassion, responsible stewardship

By Lee Wardlaw
lee@claytodayonline.com

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Welcome to C.J. Acres Animal Rescue Farm: a non-profit, all-volunteer farm that exists to reduce animal suffering by rescuing, rehabilitating, and reintroducing animals while also promoting compassionate consumption and responsible animal stewardship.

The nonprofit serves as a haven for approximately 100 total part-time and full-time residents, and all creatures have an inspiring story to tell.

Animal species include anything from horses to cows, goats, feral cats, sheep, chickens, pigs and ducks, many ranging from areas well outside the state lines of Florida, including Georgia, North Carolina, Iowa, Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina and Canada.

Residents escape the harshest of circumstances, which can include natural disasters such as hurricanes, fires, and floods or worse, and unfortunate human-created circumstances, such as abuse, neglect, abandonment, and other mistreatments.

Despite a dark past for many residents of the farm, an ultimate saving grace is established within the fences. The fact that the animals now have a haven. Both part-time and full-time animals take up residency at the farm. If other arrangements cannot be made, those who enter the property are more than welcome to stay for life.

“That’s the thing. The animals that are here kind of won the lottery because there are literally billions of animals that don’t have that golden ticket,” founder Lee Sackett said.

It’s a fact that should especially be considered important when one reviews the life expectancy of three species on the property.

Donkeys can range up to 45 years old, with other long-lasting creatures including horses (which can live 30 years) and cows (20).

Every visitor is generally greeted by several friendly faces upon arrival.

George is an American Quarter Horse that has lived his entire life at C.J. Acres. Formerly abandoned in North Carolina, he has now lived the vast majority of his 23-year life at the farm. He’s part of the cast of several real-life characters depicted in the nonprofit’s logo, which are illustrated to mirror actual animals at the rescue. Now, the stallion is ever-engraved into the farm’s legacy.

Then, there’s Moo-Dini, a cow that used Houdini-like instincts to escape a slaughterhouse in Orlando.

Volunteers can capture the warm, fuzzy feeling of connecting with the creatures and find value in the hard work that is required to keep the animals fully fed and as



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Ashley and Hemmingway the pig enjoy hanging out together.



A cow and a pig share a kiss.

happy as possible as they continue to recover from harsh prior circumstances.

Here’s how it works:

The volunteer organizational structure is divided into four categories, with each name selected in a salute to the wild world of horses.

Sackett is known as the lead mare, heading the nonprofit’s operation.

It’s a term that can be misleading at times, with the word’s definition denoting a female horse leading a herd of horses.

“In the horse world, everyone thinks it’s the stallions that are in charge, but it’s actually a lead mare. It’s a girl who is considered the top boss,” he said.

Those closely following Sackett’s lead at the top of the chain of command, such as the vice president, is known as lead mares.

But there’s more.

Adult male volunteers are called “stallions,” while adult females are known as “mares.” Then, for those that are 21 or younger years of age or younger, males are “colts” and females are “fillies.”

Regardless of status, there are plenty of duties that must be fulfilled for those serving the best interests of a myriad of creatures living on the “animal farm.”

This includes several fun-yet-essential items such as feeding, grooming, health-care, training, maintenance and socialization.

To maintain its mission, C.J. Acres instills proper education about animal intelligence and feelings.

“It’s about people understanding that all of these animals, whether that be a cow, cat, dog or hog, who want to live, seek joy,

fear death and want to be loved and treated well. They do like getting their bellies rubbed. So, getting people to interact with the animals and see that firsthand teaches that compassion,” Sackett said.

The 501(c)(3) nonprofit was founded in 1997 in Raleigh, North Carolina where Sackett soon moved the organization to Clay County in 2003 at 5728 Jones Creek Road.

With several jobs to satisfy the animals on the farm, new volunteers at the organization are always in need. Tours are also available. To get in touch with C.J. Acres, please reach out via telephone at (904) 600-7676, email at info@cjacres.org, or visit the farm’s website at www.facebook.com/CJAcresAnimalRescueFarm.

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ORANGE PARK – Navy JROTC cadets received a generous gift of \$2,500 from the Walmart store at 899 Blanding Blvd. The cadets have built a strong partnership with this store by collecting more than \$5,000 in donations from shoppers during November to support Wreaths Across America. In addition, the cadets have been volunteering as Red Kettle Bell ringers for the Salvation Army outside both entrances to the store since Nov. 28 and will continue until Christmas Eve. Cadets pictured, from left, include Lt. Eleanor Smith, the unit's Operations Office, Lt. Cmdr. Dania Ronquillo, the Commanding Officer, cadet Lt. Kael Teevan, the Executive Officer, and Senior Chief Anthony Martinez, the Command Senior Chief.

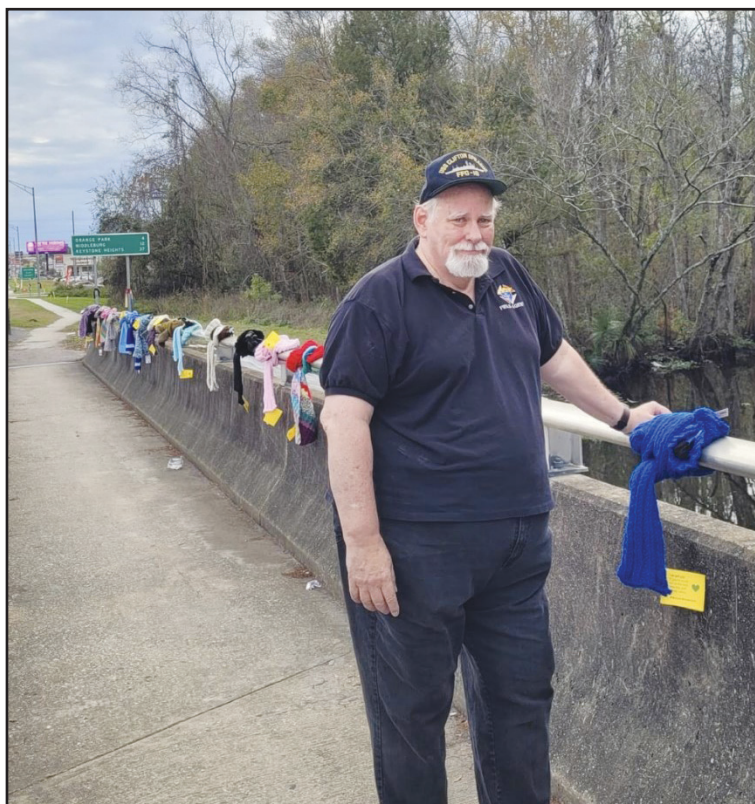


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Scarf Bomb Jax leaves scarves on Blanding for the homeless

ORANGE PARK – Volunteers with the nonprofit Scarf Bomb Jax spend most of the year knitting scarves and hats that are given away when cold weather approaches. The group selected a portion on Blanding Boulevard near Wells Road because it is where many homeless live. The scarves and hats are left on a guardrail and they are quickly taken by those trying to escape the cold. Dan Costello is one of the volunteers and he delivered a new batch last weekend.

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Middleburg Black Creek Lions donate television to Diamond Assisted Living

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Middleburg Black Creek Lions Club and its supporters recently sang carols and donated a 70-inch flat-screen television to Diamond Assisted Living and Memory Care. From left, Santa Claus, Theron Hunter, Linda Morrison, Curt Morrison and Pat Perkins were part of the ceremony.

Middleburg woman crochets blankets, booties, hats for Orange Park Hospital NICU babies

ORANGE PARK – Despite battling with osteoarthritis and being chair-bound, Middleburg's Janet Goulet spent more than 800 hours last year crocheting baby blankets, booties and hats for babies at HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. It is a project she started 14 years ago. Through her many years of battling the illness, her hands have never experienced arthritis. She attests that miracle to all of the crocheting she has done for our babies. "I am committed to crocheting for Orange Park Hospital, NICU department every year that I am able. It is my passion to do for others.



This story is not about me. It is about parents of newborns who are in the NICU for their First Christmas. It is also about precious new babies," Goulet said. "I pray over every item privately and ask that these babies get well and can bless their families as 'littles' who deserve a fighting chance. This brings me to the Caretakers of these newborns. It is a 'calling' in my opinion and takes a special heart to care for the babies. Thank you for entrusting me to share in this small way. It is truly from my heart and my honor to do for the NICU babies and their families."



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An interview with

Santa Claus

Toys continually change, but not a child's creativity, curiosity

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

NORTH POLE – We sat by an open fire with stockings hanging from the mantle, draped by a pine and spruce garland with red and gold ornaments. On either side of the stone fireplace were red armchairs, the same color as Santa's coat. He smiled, rosy cheeks crinkling the corners of his twinkling blue eyes, and stroked his long white beard.

"Toys are constantly changing," Santa Claus said. "They have more bells, whistles, gigabytes and bandwidth. It is truly fascinating. There is so much creativity in a toy, so much possibility. As a toy maker, I'm always fascinated by new toys."

To keep up with the latest trends in the industry, Santa's Workshop has had to become more innovative in rapidly changing times.

"Children ask for the most interesting things: unicorns, jetpacks, a yacht, carpet shampooers, Russia. But for the most part, they just want toys. Christmas is still about toys when you're a child," he said.

"We aim to touch as many lives as possible. As you can imagine, it's a lot to manage on my own and there are a lot of children expecting presents under the tree, so I outsource from international companies, especially the high-tech product-technology has never been my strong suit, as the younger elves like to remind me," he said, chuckling.

"But you can be assured that my most trusted elves oversee the production of every assembly line," he added with a wink. Although technology has affected toy

manufacturing, toy delivery continues to occur through the same age-old, mysterious process. So how does he do it?

"I'm a jolly old elf with a magic bag of toys in a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer," he said. "I've got all I need. Plus, I have secret helpers all around the world."

Next year, Santa will be pushing for an internship program to bring in fresh minds worldwide.

"We're calling it the YETI Program or Young Entrepreneurs Take Initiative. I thought of the name myself," he said, beaming. The program aims to improve toy quality, increase production and enhance business continuity.

"We want to make the best toys, and there are no better experts than the youth. They have such wonderful ideas."

Toys are a tool of the imagination and are a much more precious gift than anything wrapped in a candy cane striped box. Imagination, Santa said, is where the real magic comes from, the spark of creativity that makes a toy more than just a toy.

"Toys are constantly changing, but children still like to do what children have always liked to do," he said. "They enter this world as they always have filled with curiosity and wonder."

They pretend to be adventurers, defenders, makers and heroes. They still enjoy collecting, competing, building, taking apart, launching, listening, solving, setting up and dressing up.

"That's what I really hear when they whisper in my ear or send me a letter. It's not just about what they want but who they want to be. You never know how a toy can help reveal a child's path to lifelong happiness and fulfillment," he said. "Watching them grow up is both the most wonderful and hardest part of my job."

Santa Claus still keeps an eye out for every child, even after they grow up and have children.

"You know I love talking with children – their faces and little voices, the ways they pronounce words. It's the most magical sound on earth," he said, leaning forward in his seat. "However, my favorite part is when I glance over to see the faces of parents, many of whom sat on my lap when they were children. You can see it in their eyes – for a brief moment, they believe again."

Grown-ups, Santa said, sometimes lose sight of what it was like to be a child. They lose their imagination and sense of wonder.

"In my experience, we give imagination less value and space as we grow up. We are taught to value material things. We stop dreaming. We stop questioning, 'what if?' We stop believing," he said. "But like I tell my elves, it's never too late to have a happy childhood. It's never too late to believe."

So how can we reconnect to our inner child?

"Spend time with children, simple as that. Don't just parent them; learn to see through their eyes. Play their games. Build a snowman or start a snowball fight. Bake cookies from scratch. Drink hot chocolate with

marshmallows. Tell them a bedtime story and act out the characters. Smile often. Love like a child loves, innocently and freely," Santa said. "Christmas can mean

many things to different people, but Christmas is exactly what it has always been for me: a night for a miracle. It's a time for hope, joy, and peace to take center stage. And it's necessary to pause and remember that the gift of being loved by another is the greatest gift of all."

That is the true gift of Christmas.



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The whole point of Christmas can be lost in the "season" if we don't remember why Jesus came. Presents aren't the only things that get wrapped up this time of year. We can easily get so wrapped up in the commercial aspects of the season and our traditions, we can quickly miss the entire purpose of Christmas!

The season is about so much more than gifts, beautiful lights, shopping, or even time with family. Christmas is all about the defining moment of human history when God enacted His plan to bring salvation to the world through Jesus Christ.

Author and Pastor Tim Keller said, "Jesus didn't come to tell us the answers to the questions of life, he came to be the answer."

So, this Christmas don't forget why Jesus came. He came to live for 33 years fully man and fully God. By living a perfect and life, He was able to defeat sin and death once and for all. He became sin although He knew no sin that we could be made right with God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ." Without Jesus, we'd be forced to face eternal separation from God because of our sins!

His birth prepared the way for God's rescue plan for every man and woman from 2000 years ago until now, and for all time. In John 12:46, Jesus clearly announces His purpose: "I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark."

Not only does Jesus' sacrifice bring us eternal salvation, but it also brings us immeasurable hope in the present. We live in a dark and troubling world, but the love and light of God shines brightly through our relationship with Jesus.

God has given us the most precious, priceless, and irreplaceable gift we could ever receive this season: the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. All we need do is accept it! So, this Christmas season remember why Jesus came, and invite Him into your heart. Merry Christmas!

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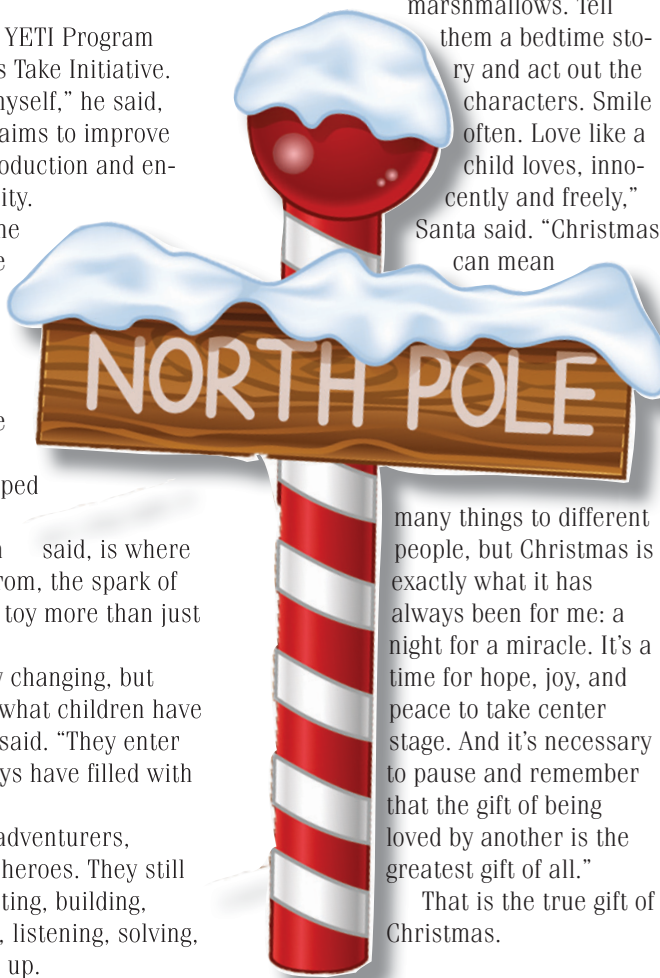
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‘A hero remembered never dies’

Clay County joins Wreaths Across America to honor its veterans during holidays

CLAY COUNTY – An appreciative nation honored the men and women who served in the U.S. military on Dec. 17, including four separate ceremonies in Clay County. Wreaths were placed on the gravesites at the Keystone Heights Cemetery, Magnolia Cemetery in Orange Park, Jacksonville Memory Gardens in Orange Park and Hardage-Giddens Hilly Hill Memorial Park in Middleburg. At Keystone Heights, former Clay County Commissioner and Ret. U.S. Marine Gayward Hendry delivered the keynote speech, reminding everyone of the service and sacrifice of soldiers to defend the nation’s freedom. “America can’t be beaten in war,” he said, “not because of the hate we have of the enemy, but the love we have for those behind us.” At Memorial Cemetery, veteran Mark Kaminski said, “We need to take time to remember those who can’t be with their families.” One of the three primary missions of Wreaths Across America is making sure younger generations know the cost of defending a county.



Police Briefs



Qwentin Simmons arrest

Nobody injured in shootout between felon, CCSO, U.S. Marshals

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Nobody was injured after a man wanted for attempted murder opened fire on officers with the U.S. Marshals Service and the Clay County Sheriff's Office in a residential area.

According to Green Cove Springs Police Chief John Guzman, Qwentin Deshaun Simmons was wanted in connection with a Tuesday morning shooting on Calico Jack Way where a man was shot in the arm. The shooting forced Clay County District Schools to lockdown several schools.

GCSPD requested assistance from the Marshals Office and the CCSO's Fugitive Unit to arrest Simmons. They staked out an area where they believed the



Qwentin Simmons

24-year-old may be. Around 11 a.m. Friday, they spotted a man leaving a residence at Joey Drive and West Street and riding away on a bicycle. When they followed, he turned and opened fire on the deputies. At least one CCSO deputy returned fire.

"Simmons realized he was being followed in the 1,200 block of North Street and he pulled out a handgun," said CCSO Undersheriff Ron Lendvay. "He fired at the deputy's vehicle, striking it, before the deputy could exit his car."

Lendvay said Simmons also fired at two other law enforcement cars. Neither Simmons or any deputies were shot, Lendvay said.

He eventually was captured by the surveillance team while running through yards. His gun was recovered and two CCSO patrol cars were hit by gunfire, Lendvay said. About 15 shots were fired.

In addition to the attempted second-degree murder, burglary and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon from Tuesday's shooting, Simmons now faces six additional charges of attempted murder, as well as three counts of aggravated assault on law enforcement.

Simmons was convicted in 2018 for eight burglaries, two counts of grand theft auto, armed carjacking and grand theft.

Simmons will remain in the Clay County Jail without bond until his next court appearance on Jan. 23.

Sexual predator pleads guilty to receiving child sex abuse images

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Attorney Roger B. Handberg announced Dennis William Sheffield, Jr., 52, of Keystone Heights, pleaded guilty to receipt of child sex abuse images. Sheffield faces a minimum mandatory penalty of 15 years, and as many as 40 years, in federal prison. He also agreed to pay restitution to the victims of his offenses and he also faces a potential life term of supervised release. The court previously ordered Sheffield detained pending the completed proceedings in this case.

According to the plea agreement, last February, Homeland Security Investigations began investigating Sheffield as part of its investigation into a CyberTip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The CyberTip indicated child sex abuse images had been uploaded to a search engine. An Internet Protocol address for the individual who had uploaded the materials was traced to Sheffield. Law enforcement learned that Sheffield was listed as a predator on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Sexual Offenders and Predators registry as a result of two prior convictions in 1996 for attempted sexual battery on a child under the age of 12.

In March, based on the CyberTip and the identification of Sheffield as the subject of the CyberTip, law enforcement obtained a federal search warrant for Sheffield's residence. The following day, law enforcement executed the search warrant and encountered Sheffield, who was holding a cellphone in his hand. A preliminary examination of the phone revealed multiple files depicting the sexual abuse of children on the phone. Sheffield admitted to law enforcement that he had a problem and that he liked looking at child sex abuse images, which he admitted to having viewed as recently as a couple of days earlier. Sheffield also admitted to saving some of the images on his phone.

The case was investigated by the Clay County Sheriff's Office and Homeland Security Investigations. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ashley Washington. The forfeiture is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mai Tran.

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

Former JSO officer pleads guilty to attempting to lure minor for sex

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Attorney Roger B. Handberg announced former Jacksonville Sheriff's Office deputy Alejandro Carmona-Fonseca, 48, of Green Cove Springs, pleaded guilty to attempted online enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity. Carmona-Fonseca faces a minimum mandatory penalty of 10 years, and up to life, in federal prison.

He agreed to pay restitution to all the victims of his offenses and faces a potential life term of supervised release. The court previously ordered Carmona-Fonseca detained pending the outcome of this case.

According to the plea agreement, this case began when the Clay County Sheriff's Office received a report from My Time Fitness in Lake Asbury about a gym member sending a nude photo to another gym member, who was a boy. During an interview with CCSO, the boy said Carmona-Fonseca had requested his Snapchat account and the boy provided it to him.

The victim told Carmona-Fonseca he was in high school. Carmona-Fonseca sent images and videos to the boy with his genitals exposed. At one point, Carmona-Fonseca sent the boy a picture of himself in his police uniform and wrote "you can call me your police daddy." At times, Carmona-Fonseca asked the boy for photos with his shirt off.

With the consent of the boy and his parents, CCSO assumed his identity over Snapchat, and on March 3. A Homeland Security Investigations Task Force Officer/CCSO detective began communicating with Carmona-Fonseca using the boy's Snapchat account. The officer confirmed Carmona-Fonseca was friends with the boy and observed that Carmona-Fonseca's location services were turned on in Snapchat.

The TFO observed Carmona-Fonseca's location numerous times during the chat. Carmona-Fonseca's location showed him next to a JSO substation on numerous occasions, the areas where he worked as a patrol officer, near his residence and near the gym he frequented. The TFO communicated with Carmona-Fonseca on March 3 and 4. During those conversations, Carmona-Fonseca sent a video of himself in his police uniform and another in which he was nude. Carmona-Fonseca also made several requests for nude videos of the boy flexing and said that everything stayed between them, and that because it was Snapchat, it would disappear.

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Carjacker brought back to Clay County for violating probation

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A convicted carjacker was back in jail after he violated the terms of his probation after he was charged with breaking into a car.

Terrance Tyrone Packer, 28, of Mobile, Alabama was returned to Clay County after the Florida Department of Corrections said Packer left the county without permission and he was charged with second-degree burglary on Oct. 22, 2021, for breaking into a car.

Packer originally was arrested on April 23, 2018, with armed carjacking after a man's car was taken at gunpoint in Keystone Heights, according to the affidavit for arrest.

Packer was staying at his nephew's house when he and the victim said Packer hit him "10 to 20 times" with a BB gun before taking the car. He was sentenced to five years of probation after being found guilty.

He was arrested in October in Mobile for breaking into another car. When he was released on Dec. 13, the Clay County Sheriff's Office was waiting on him.

Packer will remain in the Clay County Jail without bond until his arraignment on Jan. 17.

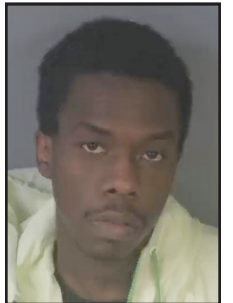
Orange Park man riding scooter killed on Buckman Bridge

JACKSONVILLE – A 41-year-old man from Orange Park was killed after he was rear-ended by an SUV while riding his scooter on the Buckman Bridge.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the man was riding south on Sunday at 2 a.m. when he was struck from behind. A tractor-trailer then became disabled after it ran over debris from the crash.

The man, whose identity was withheld, died at the scene.

Three southbound lanes on the bridge were closed for hours.



Terrance Packer



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

Firetruck parade crisscrosses Orange Park to ring in Christmas season

ORANGE PARK – Instead of eight reindeer, Santa flew around the streets of Orange Park last Friday night aboard a red firetruck being led by the town's fire rescue and police cars. The parade started at 6:30 p.m. from the fire station at Town Hall, and from there Santa's diesel-fueled sleigh crisscrossed around town to allow most of the residents a front-yard view. The parade weaved through several town streets, including Doctors Lake Drive, Kingsley Avenue, Gano Street, River Road, Wells Road, Holly Point Road, Plainfield Avenue, Grove Park Street, Astor Street and Milwaukee Avenue, with prime picking to watch the event being at River and Kingsley following the conclusion of Concert on the Green's Cocoa and Carols program. Santa was on a slightly delayed schedule after delivering much holiday cheer to resident children and families, but to the delight of the many that stuck around until the end donning jackets and blankets in cold weather.

Arrests & Bookings

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

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Rodney J. Puckett, 37, Orange Park, shoplifting
Marcus X. Jordan, 27, Orange Park, aiding an escape
Jarel P. Walker-Webb, 18, Orange Park, sexual battery on a child
Kristen M. Merchant, 31, Orange Park, delivering/trafficking-opium
Horace L. James, 52, Orange Park, trafficking-fentanyl, possession-intent to distribute crack cocaine
David W. Teel, 58, Green Cove Springs, FTA-trespassing
Christopher R. Prescott, 26, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery
Anthony W. Jones, 50, Green Cove Springs, VOP-child cruelty
Frederick V. Thornton, 40, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery
Matthew J. Horvath, 39, Green Cove Springs, VOP-failure to register as sex offender
Roddrake M. Thomas, 38, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery of person 65 or older
Robert G. Svendsen, 31, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine
John F. Mills, 35, Orange Park, sale/deliver-fentanyl, two counts sale/manufacture/deliver-methamphetamine, unlawful use of two-way communication device to facilitate a felony, trafficking-methamphetamine
Martae'vious A. Jackson, 20, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA-grand theft auto, FTA-burglary
Jason W. Adams, 45, Orange Park, selling methamphetamine, selling fentanyl
Daniel X. Lara, 33, Green Cove Springs, FTA-domestic battery, FTA-criminal mischief
Patrick J. Louis, 37, Orange Park, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence
Clarence R. Berry, 40, Middleburg, VOP-

community control
Ryan A. Wade, 23, Middleburg, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Monday, Dec. 19

Jennifer L. Varnadore, 39, Middleburg, third DUI in 10 years
Guilda G. Hurst, 35, Orange Park, FTA
Dakota M. Bierman, 24, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery
Roger D. Rice, 33, Orange Park, FTA
Shawn M. Hall, 22, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice
John A. Valenzuela, 27, Keystone Heights, vandalism
Leslie A. Ortiz, 40, Green Cove Springs, FTA
Cody A. Carpenter, 30, Green Cove Springs, FTA-hit and run involving property damage, FTA-DWLSR
Daniel L. Anglemeyer, 38, Green Cove Springs, leaving scene of accident involving property damage, DWLSR

Sunday, Dec. 18

Austin N. Green, 29, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine
Gary D. Samuel, 61, Orange Park, aggravate battery
William J. Kinslow, 42, Orange Park, felony domestic battery by strangulation
Hunter C. Deen, 20, Fleming Island, shoplifting
Jared A. Woods, 28, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, alter/destroy/conceal evidence
Michael L. Foster, 42, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-tramadol

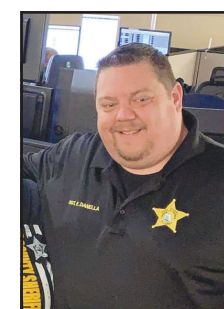
Saturday, Dec. 17

Gregory Stanback, 56, Orange Park, possession-drug paraphernalia, trespassing
Melissa S. Piper, 36, Keystone Heights, FTA
Sandra J. Taylor, 36, Orange Par. Shoplifting, possession-cocaine, possession-drug paraphernalia
Mitchel Long, 23, Middleburg, battery
Cory L. Phillips, 36, Orange Park, criminal mischief
Melissa G. Spinks, 51, Green Cove Springs, no vehicle registration, DWLSR,

Clay County Sheriff's Office's Sgt. Eric Danella passes away

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Sheriff's Office announced the loss of one of its own Tuesday morning. The agency posted the following statement on its social media pages, saying: "We mourn with heavy hearts this morning as we let everyone know that Sgt. Eric Danella passed yesterday evening.

Sgt. Danella was an active member of our agency, serving as a supervisor in our jail. Sgt. Danella brought a smile to your



Eric Danella

face the moment you saw him. His CCSOFL family will miss him. Please keep Sgt. Danella's family and all of us in your prayers over the next few days." Danella, 33, is survived by two children.

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Jasmine A. Cavins, 22, Middleburg, DUI
Collie E. Stevens, 40, Orange Park, violation of injunction
Stanley D.T. Perkins, 23, Orange Park, non-support, possession-cocaine
Armonzo R. Hobbs, 39, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, DWLSR

Friday, Dec. 16

Dayneshia D. Ellington, 27, Oakleaf, leaving scene of accident with property damage/personal injury
William P. Hollabaugh, 44, Middleburg, FTA
Aydan D. Demetrius, 18, Maxville, FTA
Jeremy C. Houston, 18, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Emily M. Barnes, 32, Orange Park, possession-cocaine
Thomas H. Stewart, 45, Orange Park, possession-cocaine
Audriana K. Haisch, 33, Orange Park, possession-cocaine
Qwentin D. Simmons, 24, Green Cove Springs, seven counts attempted second-degree murder, burglary, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon
Stacey M. Newman, 48, Green Cove Springs, petit theft
David Saninofencio, 56, Orange Park, shoplifting
Desmond E. Hutchinson, 21, Green Cove Springs, FTA-expired vehicle registration
Cameron K. Jackson, 22, Orange Park, grand theft auto

Thursday, Dec. 15

Shelsy L. Coby, 26, Orange Park, resisting law enforcement with violence, domestic battery
Nereida L. Gonzalez, 67, Middleburg, shoplifting
Kyle W. Wilkinson, 41, Maxville, two counts burglary
William Rodriguez, 32, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia, trespassing
Christopher C. Fuller, 31, Keystone Heights, uttering forged instrument, petit theft
Alice D. Welch, 49, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Michael R. Haner, 36, Orange Park, FTA
Travis D. Webb, 40, Oakleaf, DUI with property damage/injury, leaving scene of accident with property damage/injury, DWLSR
Timothy Way, 57, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-marijuana
Tamara M. Fulton-Dolan, 44, Green Cove Springs, FTA-unlawful use of temporary license tag, FTA-failure to register vehicle
Samantha R. Proffitt, 32, two counts FTA-DWLSR
Camala K. Young, 39, Middleburg, FTA-petit larceny
James A. Fells, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR
Mason E. Cornish, 44, Orange Park, two counts possession-controlled substances, possession-marijuana, possession-concealed weapon by convicted felon
Angel M.R. Sanchez, 28, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon



Christmas on Apopka

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Residents stroll through Lights on Apopka

MIDDLEBURG – Families took leisurely walks among the brightly-lit Christmas lights on Apopka Drive Saturday night to enjoy the community-driven Lights on Apopka. Many houses on Apopka were decorated for the holidays, many with lighted archways to guide them along the displays. Organizers plan to build on the project for next year.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Here's what will be closed during Christmas, New Year's holidays

Clay Today staff

CLAY COUNTY – In observance of the Christmas holiday, all Clay County government offices will close at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, and remain closed through Monday, Dec. 26. Closures will include the Clay County Administration Building and Public Works Department, Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office, Clay County Courthouse, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Supervisor of Elections, and Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency Administration Offices. Offices will reopen at scheduled times on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

- All Clay County Schools will dismiss students early on Dec. 19-21, and will take their Christmas/New Year's break from Dec. 22 through Jan. 3. Classes will resume on Jan. 4.

- County government offices will also be

closed on Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of New Year's Day. The County Administration Building and Public Works Department, Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office and Clay County Courthouse, Supervisor of Elections, Property Appraiser and CCSSO Administration will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30.

The Tax Collector's Office will be closed all day on Dec. 30 in alignment with the state office closures that service their department. Offices will reopen at scheduled times on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Other closures include:

- The Rosemary Hill Solid Waste Management Facility and all Environmental Convenience Centers will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 to allow employees to enjoy the Christmas Holiday with their families. Waste collection services will resume on Monday, Dec. 26. Rosemary Hill will operate during normal hours (7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.) on Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec.

26. The News Year's Day Holiday will not affect collection schedules.

- Camp Chowenwaw Park will be open for day use during the Christmas Holiday. The Campgrounds will be closed on New Year's Eve.

- All Clay County Public Libraries will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, through Monday, Dec. 26. No materials will be due on those days. Libraries will reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Libraries also will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2 and reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

- The shelter at Clay County Animal Services will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, through Monday, Dec. 26, and will reopen at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27. The shelter will close at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31 and reopen at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

- Orange Park Town Hall will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Dec. 26, and again on Jan. 2.

- Green Cove Springs Town Hall, electric department and public works administration building will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, and Jan 2, while trash and recycling

pickup will be suspended on Friday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2.

- Also, the Thomas Hogans Memorial Gym will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25.

Keystone Heights City Hall will be closed Dec. 25-26, as well as Jan. 1-2.

- Also, on Dec. 24, Cosco will close at 5 p.m.; Walmart, Sam's Club and Trader Joe's stores will close at 6 p.m.; Target, Publix, BJ's Wholesale and Fresh Market will close at 7 p.m.; and, Winn-Dixie stores will close at 9 p.m. All will be closed on Christmas Day.

- Stores that will be closed on Christmas include Ace Hardware, ALDI, Bass Pro Shops, Bed Bath and Beyond, Best Buy, Burger King, Cracker Barrel, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Dunkin, HomeGoods, Kohl's, Lowe's, Marshalls, McDonald's, Michaels, The Home Depot, T.J. Maxx, Wendy's, Whole Foods and Macy's.

Stores that will be open include

- 7-Eleven, some Starbucks (check each location), Circle K, Daily's, CVS, Gate, Wawa, Speedway and Waffle House.

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The power of Christmas weightlifting



Clay muscles in on state's best

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

LIVE OAK - Clay High girl's weightlifting coach Rodney Keller took his lumps from a dual meet loss to Oakleaf a week ago by exacting some Iron Blue Devils' raw power with a second place team finish at the Power of Christmas Weightlifting Invitational held Saturday at Suwannee High School.

"The quality of the programs in Clay County is incredible," said Keller. "For us, it's about getting back in the room and

keeping our heads down in preparation for this meet and our big picture goals in January." With the likes of six time state (2A and 3A) champion Navarre High School on hand and Clay, last year's 2A champions, plus host Suwannee, the 1A champions; Sunlake High, the 2A champions in 2019 and 2020; plus Leesburg, 2A runnerups 2019 and 2020; plus River Ridge, the 1A champions 2016 thru 2018, Keller and his champion girls showed up to show out and, led by super sophomore Emma Heck, voted

SEE LIFT, 30



Clay High's girls weightlifting team; shown here with their trophies and medals from Saturday's Power of Christmas weightlifting invitational at Suwannee High, took second in two team categories to 3A defending champion Navarre High School. Clay is the two-discipline Class 2A champions.



Ridgeview High senior guard Paetyn Miller, right, recently eclipsed her 1,000th career point for the Panthers basketball team and is instrumental in the upcoming playoffs hopes for Ridgeview.

Panthers to 'up' game in 2023

"We did not like losing in the district final against Orange Park last year." - Tyler Miller

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - With his strong sister triple play; the Bloctons, a shooting guard now past 1,000 points and a blossoming sophomore finding the bottom of the net consistently, Ridgeview High's girls basketball has set themselves up to attack a playoff path in 2023.

"We're still finding our way," said Ridgeview first year coach Tyler Miller, who has the Lady Panthers at 9-3 with his three losses coming at the hands of top tier programs from Bishop Kenny (10-1, ranked 15th all Classes in Florida, fourth in 4A), unbeaten 7A-Winter Haven (6-0, 6A region semifinalist) and 7A-Mandarin in overtime (region quarterfinalist). "A lot of the girls on the team are scorers, but because of our system where everyone is involved, their averages are down a bit

struggling with that dynamic."

With the graduation of one of those "scorers", senior Alyssa Sherman who averaged near 10 points and above for her four varsity seasons, Miller has been juggling his lineup to get the most for his dollar in his system of play.

Miller has a tournament planned over the Christmas break in Destin that features top teams from the southeast United States.

"We will play teams from Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia in order to see styles different than what we see here," said Miller. "Then we'll get Ponte Vedra, St. Johns Country Day School, Providence (8-2) and Columbia. We're going to up the ante on our competition to be ready for the playoffs."

From the other side of the court facing

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Pickett juggles front attack line

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - As if he had anticipated the question prior to it being asked, St. Johns Country Day School girls soccer coach Mike Pickett revealed a bit of his season's strategy Thursday night as his Lady Spartans were warming up to clash with Class 4A champion Bishop Moore.

"We are defending well right now," said St. Johns coach Mike Pickett, the Class 2A defending champion and owner of 11 straight state titles to date. "Right now, we are playing different than we have in the past."

One page of the famous Pickett "notebook" ordered up a change in the line up with senior Lauren Mateo and freshman Sydney Schmidt putting their legs to use in different parts of the field. Mateo, one of Pickett's mainstays in the goalie box last year as a wicked good headball attacker, has been a few yards back as more a center midfielder/defender as Pickett lets his young phenom, Schmidt, see what it's like in the traffic of much bigger opponents somewhat embarrassed by Schmidt's elusive effectiveness with her slashing runs to goal for a team-leading 11 goals.

"Sydney is starting out wide tonight," said Pickett, now 10-1-1, and possibly offering a sneak preview of the playoff plan of attack or, more likely, a little bit of card shuffling for those future playoff opponents in attendance at Thursday clash. "Lauren (Mateo) will be in a forward position."

His answer when posed with the question of senior Lauren Mateo returning to a more forward midfielder position to enhance her leaping headball expertise and deft foot skill. Mateo, headed to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University next fall, had been a center midfielder kind of quarterbacking the front line attacking of Schmidt while anchoring a relatively young back line in front goalie Roxy Matthews.

Mateo's scoring prowess was always on the field, just not exclusive. Mateo currently has nine goals with Sophia Pontieri with six and Alixandria Fletcher with four; including the second of the half against Bishop Moore.

"We are pretty interchangeable in our lineup," said Pickett. "We play a different lineup each game. We are getting a good balance attack."

Against Bishop Moore, with Pickett swapping positions for Mateo to center forward and Schmidt's speed on the Spartan sideline to push to corner service kicks, Mateo banged home the first goal of two for the first half in a flurry for St. Johns; Fletcher with the second just a minute later though Bishop Moore seemed able to move down the field muscling past the mid-field stripe numerous times.

"They scored two on us in the second half, but we responded quickly from 2-1 to



Sophia Pontieri, left, and Alixandria Fletcher have become two key scoring avenues for St. Johns soccer

3-1, then 3-2 to 4-2, the final," said Pickett. "This was a big game, Sophia had the big goal at the end for the win."

Pickett's gauntlet of a schedule; a 1-1 tie to Bartram Trail, a 1-0 loss to Montverde and wins over Chiles, Ponte Vedra, Viera, Venice and Fletcher plus Bishop Moore left the Spartans ranked number two nationwide by Maxpreps rankings.

Against Fletcher, goals came from Mateo, Fletcher, Pontieri and Cece Nowicki.

"I think the tie to Bartram and the loss to Montverde; Bartram beat them 1-0, are what has us at number two," said Pickett. "Our schedule is one of toughest in the nation."

Pickett has former players on his team as coaches; daughter Carson Pickett and goalie Sarah Voigt-Voglewede, plus a two time St. Johns state champion with Mike Pickett for the boys in Mike "Spook" Hill. "We have an alumni coaching staff," said Pickett. "All great players on their own giving back."

Carson Pickett is currently on the phone call list for the USA Womens National Team with a couple games played in the past year. Voigt-Voglewede was Pickett's goalie in a run of state titles plus a standout at Notre Dame and Hill was Mike Pickett's teammate for back-to-back state titles in the 1980s.

"Spook, who I have been friends with since we were two years old, locked down a 50-goal scorer from Tampa in our first title then we smoked the second at home in front of a packed house," said Pickett. "Back then, the returning champion would host if they returned to the final and we did it here with 700-plus fans packing the field. The school had to build some wooden stands for the game."

Pickett planned a six day hiatus for his



St. Johns senior forward Lauren Mateo gets inches away from hammering first goal of 4-2 Spartans win over 4A champion Bishop Moore.

girls then back on the field to defend yet another title and to garner a quick dozen in 2023.

Bartram Trail knocks Fleming Island from unbeaten ranks

Fleming Island was riding a 6-0-1 record as they traveled to undefeated Bartram Trail; also top ranked in USA by Maxpreps, and came home with a 5-0 loss. Bartram Trail followed their season script of more goals in the second half with two in the first and three in the second for the win. Bartram Trail senior Grace Ivey, the Gatorade Florida Girls Soccer Player of the Year last year, and also daughter to former Fleming Island High coach Darrell Ivey, scored three goals. From St. Johns Country Day School, former players Abbey Newton (2017-18) and Kamy Loustau (2018-19) also were Gatorade players of the year.

Fleming Island (6-1-2) regrouped after the Bartram Trail loss with a decisive 3-0 win over Atlantic Coast on Friday. On Tuesday, the Golden Eagles won an 8-0 game over Wolfson. Fleming Island returns from the holiday break with Sandalwood, Ponte Vedra, Stanton, 6A-champion Fletcher and St. Johns Classic Academy as the season finale.

For the Lady Golden Eagles, junior Taylor Tamares leads the scoring with seven goals in five games with Gianna Gardner with six in six games.

Lady Raiders, Blue Devils lose firsts of season

In a turn of events before an anticipated battle of unbeaten after the Christmas break (Jan. 6), both the Orange Park and Clay high girls soccer teams suffered their first losses of the year in the past week.

Clay, 7-1-0, lost a 2-1 game with Oakleaf on December 13 while the Lady Raiders, 8-1-0, blemished their egg with a loss to Blanding Blvd rival Ridgeview, 1-0 on December 8. Clay was 2-10 last year and coach Stephanie Waugh has completely revamped the Blue Devil game plan.

Against Oakleaf, Clay was without lead

scorer Kirra Dodson and her 25 goals, plus one of three assist players for coach Stephanie Waugh; Faith Espino, who has three dishes along with Jessica Cruz and Erika Martinez.

Clay finishes the first half of their season with a home match on Mon., Dec. 19 against Beachside, 5-3-1, with Orange Park and Ridgeview to follow.

Orange Park is led by sophomore scorer RYANNE ROBINSON, a sophomore who finished with 24 goals last year to push the Raiders to a 7-5-3 finish. Ridgeview loses the 21 goals total from coach Trevor Clark's sister duo of senior Naycka Ortiz (11) and freshman Niurka Ortiz (10). The Ortiz sisters were transfers to Ridgeview last year.

Ridgeview, 3-3-3, and a region playoff contender in Class 5A last year (11-2-2; lost 2-0 to Panama City Arnold in quarter-finals), and Orange Park both made their respective district championships with Ridgeview winning the 4-5A over Menendez 4-0 and Orange Park losing the 3-5A to Stanton 6-1. Ridgeview earned a region spot while Orange Park did not.

Shaw up to 41 goals

Led by an astounding scoring season thus far from sophomore Kiersten Shaw, who has 41 goals thus far, Keystone Heights High's girls soccer team has taken Shaw's goal production to finish the first half of the season at 10-4 with four wins in their last five contests. Columbia beat Keystone Heights 4-3 on December 12 to ruin Christmas excitement.

Last year, Shaw finished with 58 goals with Keystone Heights finishing 15-6-3.

Shaw finished the fall season run with goal totals of six in 8-0 win over Fort White; three in 8-1 win over Newberry; three in 4-3 loss to Columbia; four in 6-1 win over Williston and two in 3-2 in over Santa Fe on December 16. Shaw's best game total was a seven goal night in an 8-2 win over Trenton.

Junior Ella Hutchins is Shaw's wing man with 17 goals and 15 assists. Hutchins' best goal night was five scores against Fort White.



Lady Cougars, Gators win county soccer titles

Behind a 2-0 win against Oakleaf Junior High, the Green Cove Springs Junior High girls soccer team won their second consecutive Northeast Florida Athletic Conference title on Thursday at the Clay County Soccer Complex in Eagle Harbor. For Oakleaf, it was the first championship game for the Yellow Jackets. In the boys game, a first goal by Lake Asbury did not deter Lakeside's boys team who whisked away a 4-2 win in overtime from the Tigers.



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:

- 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.

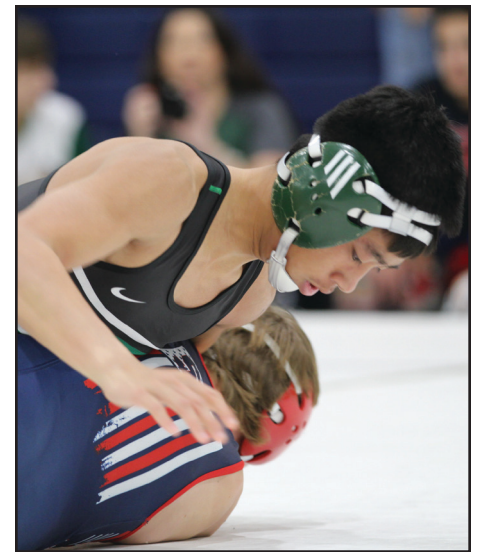
Said Ordinance is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

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



Fleming Island wrestlers, left to right, Jayce Paridon, Joshua Sandoval and Shane Duhaylungsod were part of string of gold medal performances in a dominant tournament title for the Golden Eagles in Spring Hill at the Corey Hill Memorial Invitational.



Corey Hill Memorial Invitational *Springstead High School*

Eight champs fuel Eagles wrestling romp

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

SPRING HILL - Fleming Island High 182 wrestler Joshua Sandoval registered the fastest pin on the team in his championship match with a 50 second pancake to lead the Golden Eagles to a 276-190 scouring of challengers at the Corey Hill Memorial Wrestling Invitational held Saturday at Springstead High School.

Sandoval, a senior and one of nearly a dozen state meet returners for Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert, scored his flat Weeki Wachee's Jisir Allen, who sported a 14-3 win/loss record prior to the match. Sandoval is 9-2.

For the Fleming Island lineup, championship gold came in quick succession with Matthew Newman (10-0) winning at 106 with a 7-0 win over Fleming Island teammate Jordan Mukaddam (7-4).

Next, the Duhaylungsod twins; Shane (11-1) and Laird (8-1) both won with Shane by a tech fall 16-1 and Laird by pin at 1:29.

At 126, state runnerup Jayce Paridon (11-0) had three pins for his gold with the final at 1:06 mat slap.

Following Paridon, Cooper Beck was sixth at 132 with Dylan Beck fourth at 138.

Matthew Kotler pinned through to win at 152 with Chris Chop pinning twice to the final then winning a 17-3 major over Crystal River's Payton Godfrey.

Sandoval followed Chop with Walter Poe getting third at 195, Ladarius Jackson sixth at 220 and state runnerup Jhoel Robinson winning at 220.

At 185, Ethan Hoffstetter lost a 4-1 spot in his final to Hollis High's Grabiell Rodriguez, who came in at 14-1.

MHS Cruce avenges state pin

At the Let Freedom Ring Girls Invitational Wrestling at Freedom High School, Middleburg High's Cheyenne Cruce, fourth at last year's state championships, continued her unbeaten season with a 6-2 win in

the finals over Jada Jones, a 9-1 Apopka junior who was third at state last year. Jones pinned Cruce at state in the third place match.

Host Freedom High, the defending girls state champions, won the event with a 163.5-121.0 score over north Florida power Matanzas with Hernando third at 108. Oakleaf was ninth at 59 with Middleburg 54 in team points.

At 120, Kailani Barrientos, an Oakleaf freshman lost a tough 11-6 match to Freedom's defending 115 champion Cameron Galvin, who entered the meet undefeated at 13-0.

At 135, Clay High's Aubrianna Apple, eighth at 125 last year, suffered her first defeat in 13 matches with 135 defending state champion Gabriella Perez of Ft. Pierce Central winning a 5-0 championship match.

Oakleaf's junior Adrianna Barrientos took third with a pin over Madelyne Bombardier of Mckeel Academy who came in at 10-2.

Middleburg senior Gracie Bradshaw, eighth at state last year, finished third with a pin over Lincoln's Sayrui Caceres.

Jayla Harrison finished third at 170 for Oakleaf with a pin over SaLexa Lontoc-Ortis of Freedom.

Amanda St. John Holiday Tournament *The Villages*

SJCDS's Braddock wrecks region qualifier

St. Johns Country Day School eighth grader Matthew Braddock continued his trek to a possible state meet bid with a pin to in the 113 weight division of the Amanda St. John Holiday Tournament held Saturday at the Village Charter in Ocala.

Braddock, wrestling as a solo team member for the St. Johns Country Day School Athletics program beat Caleb Mullinix of Belleview, who came in at 6-1. Braddock won by pin and is holding an 11-1 season record.

At the 2022 region 1-2A championships at 113, Mullinix lost a 6-0 decision in the consolation semifinal to Middleburg High's

Grady Woodard, who finished as region third placer and went to the state championships.

Braddock byed to the semifinal then won via a major decision 14-3 over Scott

Lift

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the best lifter of the day in both Traditional and Olympic disciplines, Clay answered the call with a second place finish to Navarre, 42-32 with Suwannee third at 27 in the Traditional disciplines. The top 10 included, in order, Niceville, Leesburg, Sunlake, River Ridge, Ridgeview, Oakleaf and Flagler Palm Coast.

The same trio finished 1-2-3 in the Olympic discipline with a 37-32-27 score roster with Niceville, Leesburg, Sunlake, River Ridge, Ridgeview, Oakleaf and Flagler Palm Coast finishing out the top 10.

For Clay, Janiyah Stevens was in top three for best lifter of the day along with Heck; third in traditional, fifth in Olympic.

In Olympic, Ridgeview 119 Adriana Dimeo was fourth best lifter of the day with Oakleaf's Ivy Gunn number six. Clay unlimited 2A champion Kyleigh LaFary was 10th best lifter of the day.

In traditional, behind Heck was Stevens in third, Fleming Island's Autumn Leviston in fourth, Dimeo in eighth and LaFary in 10th.

In Tradition finishes, Dimeo won at 119 with Fleming Island's Bradi Johnson seventh.

At 154, Stevens won with Gunn second at 169.

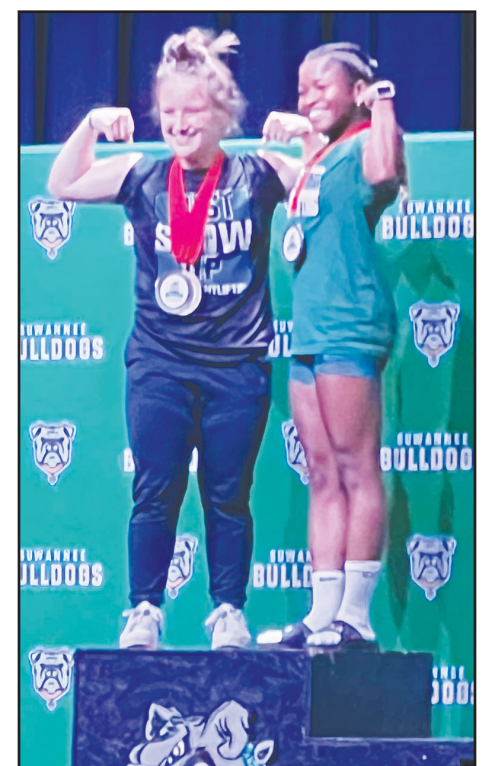
At 110, Leviston won with Ridgeview's Ania Haber fourth.

At 139, Clay's Anna Shepard was fourth with Fleming Island lacrosse ace Jillian Labelle ninth.

At 183, Anna Lee Harbison, who was returning to full strength, was second by just five pounds.

Heck won at 129 decisively in both disciplines with totals of 365 and 380 with runner-ups at 310 and 335, respectively. Heck was successful at all three of her lifts in each discipline with 160 in Olympic Snatch, 205 in Clean and 175 in Bench

Smith of Forest High.Braddock is set to petition the FHSAA for an invitation to compete in districts and regions with a chance to win a state title.



Clay lifter Emma Heck, the Power of Christmas best lifter of the day, and Fleming Island's best lift, Autumn Leviston, get a podium shot at Suwannee High after getting their medals.

Press.

In the Unlimited, LaFary was dominant with lift bests of 165, 205 and 220 to push past two Suwannee challengers; Autumn Latrielle and Savannah White.

Also at Unlimited, Clay got fourth place points from Kinya Tinajero with Fleming Island's Taylor Thompson ninth.

In Olympics, at 110, Haber was second by just 10 pounds with Leviston fifth.

Dimeo won at 119 with Fleming Island's Bradi Johnson sixth.

Heck won 129 by 55 pounds while Shepard took second at 139.

Stevens won at 154 with Gunn winning at 169. Harbison was fourth at 183.

At Unlimited, LaFary and Tinajero went first and fourth again.



Girls basketball fans will be fired up for the Christmas break to end with some of the best teams in the county set to clash including Oakleaf and Orange Park, St. Johns Country Day School and Ridgeview with, left to right, Fantasia James (OHS), Eris Lester (OPHS), London Jenkins (FIHS), Julia Moody (SJCD) and Narissa Blocton (RHS) all key players for their teams,



Panthers

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the Ridgeview lineup, opponents have the three Blocton sisters, junior Nia, sophomore Nacoya and freshman Narissa, offering and intimidating three-faced force that almost looks like triplets on the floor.

Out wide, Miller just surpassed her 1,000 points for a career and Rayes is steadily losing her slight inhibition of being in the mix as a sophomore. Rayes has inched into a double figures scoring average with Miller giving her more encouragement to drop three point shots.

"Nia was averaging about 17 points a game last year from her inside power position, but this year, with her sisters around her and Emma (sophomore guard Emma Rayes), she is at about 10 points per game," said Miller.

"I hope that they see the success of my approach with the wins and also with the losses where we see where we can make

improvements against tougher teams. Her prowess with blocks and rebounds is still as one of the best in the area."

Nia Blocton is snaring 11 rebounds, Nacoya is grabbing eight off the glass with junior Aniyah Campbell getting six. Miller also scraps underneath for six rebounds per game.

Miller's lineup and scoring averages range from Miller's 11.8 points per game with Nacoya Blocton at 10.8 points per game, Nia Blocton at 9.5 points per game and Rayes at points per game.

"Nia has become a force with a five assist per game number because teams are collapsing on her and she is great enough to find the open shooters," said Miller. "Emma has gotten stronger as an athlete playing at the varsity level and is learning to use her legs and be set to shoot her threes."

Miller's quarterback, per say is senior Paetyn Miller who is riding solo as the leader of the Panther pack with Sherman gone.

"Paetyn has taken over at the point guard leadership role with Alyssa gone and has been learning how to deal with not being one of two threats in the backcourt," said Miller. "She is definitely the one to direct traffic."

Raiders vs. Knights: Wed., Dec. 21 clash

Orange Park's girls basketball has seen a few bumps in the road while Oakleaf's resurgence as a state powerhouse is becoming more imminent in 2022 as both teams are set to collide on Wed., Dec. 21 for a bit of county bragging rights in what could be one of the fastest tempo games of hoops in recent years.

Oakleaf, 10-1 and scorching the Earth with their three-prong plus one attack force of Kaylah Turner, Fantasia James, Kamiya Jones and, sophomore Trista Brown will host the equally high-flying attack of Orange Park's Eris Lester and Piera Alexander, the quiet assassin for coach

Mike Nesmith, now at 5-4 after a 24-6 record and a 5A-region final finish last year.

On stats, Oakleaf, bounced in the 7A region semifinals after a tumultuous season of team illness that halted the season for a two-week span, has an overwhelming edge in points per game, rebounds per game, steals per game and assists per game with the Lady Raiders a tad up on the blocked shot stats.

Orange Park's style is a flow off guard Eris Lester's game; 24.3 points per game with 12.7 rebounds.

For Oakleaf, Turner is the the ringleader with 22.6 points per game and three assists, but more dagger-like, five steals per game, probably leading to breakaway layups.

Turner had turned on the jets as of late with games of 21, 27, 26, 25 and 34 points with wins over Paxon, Leon, San Jose Prep, Columbia and a thriller with Ponte Vedra. Probably because of the steal to layup dynamic, Turner scores at a 60 percent success rate.

James has also stayed in double figures with a 15.7 scoring average with 28 against Ponte Vedra.

The third prong is Jones, who when hot from three points is a gamechanger much like a slam dunk; four against Columbia, three against Leon, five against Westside.

Brown has added 10.2 points per game with 18 against Columbia and Paxon and 13 against San Jose Prep should one of the three "Amigas" needs a break.

Fleming Island humbled at Baker County

With a three game win streak in his hand, Fleming Island High girls basketball coach Mike Hayward took his Lady Golden Eagles to Baker County for a Monday contest, albeit without a couple of key roster athletes.

"It's been a bit to get the kids to buy in because I kind of took over late in the game," said Hayward, who coached for years at Middleburg High School with suc-

cess, then joined the boys basketball staff with Fleming Island's Traavis Chandler. "My son is playing on the varsity, but the girls needed a coach."

Right out of the gate, Hayward's new team, led by top scorer London Jenkins with a 21 points per game, won four of his first six games before venturing to a solid Baker County team on Mon., Dec. 19 where missing Mykayla Maddox, a burly 5'-6" power player and flag football all star could have mixed up with Baker County's inside muscle led by senior center Iary Wyche.

Up 38-11 and stealing Fleming Island passes left and right, Baker County cruised to the win with Fleming Island lead scorer getting double teched in the second quarter and relegated to limited time.

Coming back from the holiday, Hayward will have his hands full with Bradford, coached by former Fleming Island super guard Keniyah Johnson at 6-2, Stanton at 8-1, Oakleaf at 10-1 and Orange Park at 6-4 in a season ending gauntlet.

'Burg gets win over Keystone Heights

In a hopeful turn of season, the Middleburg High girls basketball team issued their best game of the season with a 45-16 win over Keystone Heights on December 12.

Keystone Heights, 8-3, was without lead scorer Kiley Channell and had Yasmin Bryant as lead scorer with just six point.

For Middleburg, 4-8, who charged to a 31-4 halftime lead and finished off the final two quarters with the Indians scoring single digits; 5 and 7, got top scoring from guard Desiree Hall with 15; three of five three pointers, and senior Brandy Mann with 10.

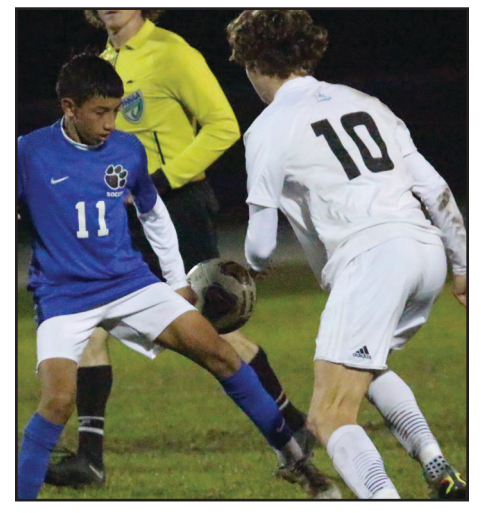
Middleburg went for two in a row with a clampdown, 23-18, win over Clay three days later.

St. Johns Country Day School improved to 4-4 with a 68-48 win over Episcopal with guard Taliah Scott hitting for 32 and Mary Kate Kent adding 20.



Boys soccer action

Two of the more interesting boys soccer games last week were a 4-2 loss by Fleming Island to undefeated Mandarin after a 0-0 halftime score and a 4-0 Ridgeview loss to perennial power Ponte Vedra with the Panthers holding the field until the second half.



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Battle on the Island hoops



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Fleming Island's inside game of Ethan Williams, above, and Axel Holmquist kept the Lake Minneola attack at bay in Golden Eagles win in Battle on the Island opening round. Right: Orange Park guard Tommy Faucett has been the high-flying leader of the Raiders fast-paced attack that pounded Baker County in round one of the Battle on the Island.

Eagles, Raiders blast round one

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High boys basketball had to hit the gas pedal a couple of extra times to withstand the fury of the visiting Lake Minneola High Hawks, the number five team in Class 6A, and the extra effort, plus a key 3-pointer by Joey Chenette and a steal by Darion Domenick proved fateful as Fleming Island survived a tsunami of speed to win 58-57 in game one of the Battle on the Island Christmas Tournament hosted by Fleming Island High School.

"We wanted to get some extra energy from our backcourt guys and their guys challenged the right to the hilt out there," said Fleming Island coach Traavis Chandler, now 8-1. "We have a pretty solid three guys under the basket led by Ethan Williams and Axel Holmquist and they did their job."

Fleming Island turned around a 12-11 Lake Minneola first quarter lead to end the half up 32-18 behind a jumper by George Hamm with 30 seconds and a Darion Domenick followup that ended the half.

"We went after them in that second quarter and made them run with us," said Chandler.

In the third quarter, Lake Minneola edged back to a 43-39 gap by turning up their jets and sinking a handful of threes along the way.

In the fourth, Lake Minneola tied the game at 43-43 right off the bench to put Fleming Island back into a frenzied full court attack with Chandler changing his lineup like and NHL playoff game.

With the game close through most of the fourth quarter and Lake Minneola inching away to a 54-51 lead with a minute to go, Chenette hit a three in front of the Fleming Island bench to tie game at 54-54. Darion Domenick then picked a pocket for a turnover and layup to give Fleming Island



Fleming Island guard Joey Chenette hit key three pointer late in fourth quarter to fuel win over Lake Minneola. Below left: George Hamm is speedy backcourt director for Fleming Island.



the lead at 56-54 at :35. With nine seconds, Chenette hit two frees to 58-54 before Minneola hit a three pointer with 1.8 seconds to 58-57. Fleming Island successfully got the ball in bounds and to the clock before Minneola attempted a foul trap.

Lake Minneola was ranked 10th in Class 6A with Fleming Island 17th, accord-



Orange Park guard Brian Falcone goes no-look pass for bucket against Baker County. Below right: OPHS coach Derek Kurnitsky goes with Vans for stylish sideline shoe.



difference," said Orange Park coach Derek Kurnitsky, now 6-3.

In the Green Bracket, Orange Park advances to play Wolfson, 6-5, a 47-43 winner over Friendship Christian, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

In the Gold Bracket, Fleming Island advances to play Columbia High, 7-2, a 57-52 winner over Auburndale in their round one game, on Wednesday. Orlando Christian Prep (7-1) defeated Gainesville High 57-49 in round one play as well with Martin County beating Andrew Jackson 49-46 to advance as well. Orlando Christian will play Martin County in the 7:30 p.m. game on Wednesday.

ing to Maxpreps.

Over at the Orange Park Raiderdome in the Green Bracket, the Orange Park full court press served up a whole enchilada of breakaways and layups to overwhelm Baker County High to the tune of 53-14 to win their tournament opener.

"The return of guard Tommy Faucett and his fast scoring surges in the opening halves; 13 against Camden and 18 against Mandarin a few games ago has been the



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Jags in playoffs?

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - In one of the more bizarre finishes in not only Jacksonville Jaguar history, but maybe in NFL history, the Jaguars responded to a late fourth quarter fumble by quarterback Trevor Lawrence that looked to seal away any chance of a Jaguar comeback win with an interception pick-six touchdown (IN OVERTIME) from cornerback Rayshawn Jenkins to beat the Dallas Cowboys 40-34 Sunday in TIAA Bank Field.

Lawrence rallied the Jaguars from a seemingly insurmountable 27-10 deficit in the third quarter with three touchdowns including a third score to wide receiver Zay Jones that put Jacksonville ahead 31-27 with 10:03 left in the game, but Cowboy quarterback Dak Prescott answered with a 75 yard scoring play to give the Cowboys a 34-31 lead with 3:02 to go.

"We just kept chipping away against a really good football team," Jaguar coach Doug Pederson said in his post game press conference. "They're one of the top teams in the league. This win today just gives our



Above: Jaguars coach Doug Pederson has retooled the Jaguars offense into a burst scoring machine with the likes of, below, running back Travis Etienne, who has returned to full strength after a lengthy injured rookie season.



guys confidence in who they are as a team. The guys are starting to believe in themselves."

In the overtime period, after a Jaguar field goal of 48 yards put the game into overtime, the Jaguar were stopped on their initial possession giving Dallas the win if they scored on their possession.

On the crucial play, Lawrence tried to stretch a scramble out of the pocket only

SEE JAGS, 35



Left: Oakleaf High graduate Shaquille Quarterman got some ESPN highlight time with is jarring tackle of NFL MVP running back Derrick Henry a week ago.



Jaguars linebacker Arden Key gave the visiting Dallas Cowboys a quick preview of the explosive Jaguars defense after this first quarter sack of Cowboy quarterback Dak Prescott.

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to lose the ball to the Cowboys in what seemed like the end of the Jaguar comeback attempt.

On a Prescott third and four pass, Jenkins snared a somewhat deflected pass in the air that Tre Herndon popped up in front of Dallas receiver A.J. Brown and returned it 52 yards for the gamewinner with Prescott getting brushed aside near the five yard line attempting a tackle.

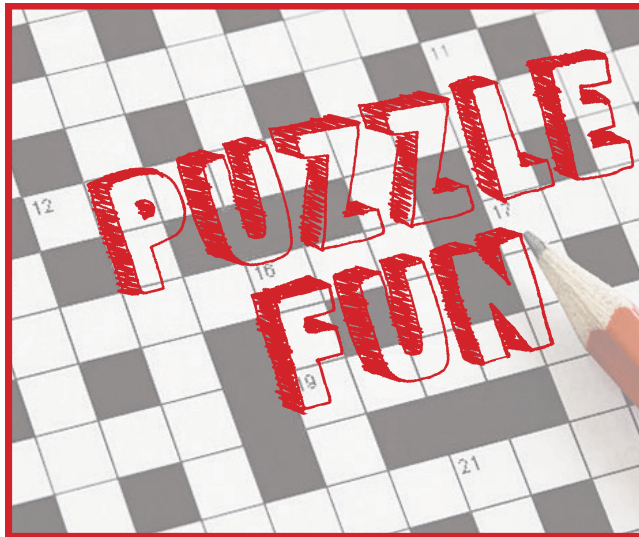
"I saw it pop in the air and I was like, 'Yo, I've got to score right here,'" Jenkins said, after the game. "There was a huge block by someone in front of me. I was running for daylight."

The win gives the Jaguars a possible playoff spot at 6-8. Who Knew?

With three games remaining in the 2022 NFL season, Jacksonville is still a long shot to earn an AFC wild-card berth with a ceiling of 9-8, but the team now is in a much better position in the NFL playoff picture.

There are too many teams ahead of the Jaguars for them to earn the No. 7 seed and third wild card; finishing, at best, a game above .500 isn't likely to cut it. But they have a more promising path to the Super Bowl 57 tournament as AFC South champions — which would give them a No. 4 seed and a first-round home game.

The Jaguars' road to the division title is now easy to follow. They just need to finish one game better than the Titans (now 7-7) in the final three games to pull even in the standings, with one of those wins coming over the Titans in Week 18 in Jacksonville to secure the head-to-head tiebreaker.



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Clue: Nose issue

B. 15 19 26 14 13

Clue: Expels mucous

C. 1 11 26 9 9 25

Clue: Congested

D. 9 2 6 2 21

Clue: High body temperature

Answers: A. sniffles B. cough C. stuffy D. fever

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to colds.

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Answer: Tissue

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on December 20, 1983. I began writing and performing my own plays while in college. I rose to Hollywood stardom for roles in funny films, and was nominated for an Academy Award for "Moneyball."

Answer: Jonah Hill

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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, January 23, 2023, for the following: **BID NO. 22/23-23, RENTAL OF PORTABLE TOILETS – COUNTY WIDE** Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bid bond shall include bonds or cashier or certified checks payable to the County. The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL](https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/claycounty?status=all).

In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal. For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Donna Fish in the Purchasing Department at (904) 278-3761 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

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

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

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

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

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PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on January 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

(1)	2021	Chevy	ID#	3GC-NWAEH5MG321915
(2)	2014	Honda	ID#	1HGCR3F86EA031158
(3)	1999	Toyota	ID#	4TANL-42N7XZ501160
(4)	2003	Chevy	ID	# 1GNEC13V13J139408

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MEETING DATES OF THE CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay

County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, call (904) 213-2464.

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Surface Specialists of Jacksonville located at 994 Blanding Blvd, #109, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida this 16th day of December 2022

JAM Restoration & Resurfacing, Inc

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 01/06/2023 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. 1GNCS13W3W2257915 1998 CHEV 3N1CE2CPOGL396238 2016 NISS

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING FOR CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of Cross Creek North Community Development District ("District") will hold a meeting on **January 10 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Cross Creek North Amenity Center located at 2895 Big Oak Drive, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc. 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33614 ("District Manager's Office") on the District's website www.crosscreeknorthdcd.org or by emailing the District Manager at lgallagher@rizzetta.com and/or by telephoning 904-436-6270 during normal business hours. The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 436-6270 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting with respect to any matter considered at the meeting 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. Lesley Gallagher District Manager

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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
January 10, 2023 at 10:00 am

Ron Sutton-Household Goods
Page Ritchie- Household Goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, January 19, 2023, for the following:

BID NO. 22/23-21, CURED-IN PLACE PIPE SERVICES FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PROJECTS

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SLFRF").

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, January 20, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL](https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/claycounty?status=all).

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 10-2018-CA-001325 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff,

vs. KATHERINE A. CASTELLINI, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 17, 2019, and entered in 10-2018-CA-001325 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER is the Plaintiff and KATHERINE A. CASTELLINI; FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on January 13, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 172, CYPRESS GLEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 46, PAGES 43 THROUGH 53, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 1571 MAJESTIC VIEW LANE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32003 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 15th day of December, 2022.

Tara S. Green

As Clerk of the Court
By: Gracie Moore
As Deputy Clerk

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

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2016-CA-000046 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v. JACKIE COOPER.; et al, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment in Foreclosure entered on December 1, 2022 and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000046 in the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein JACKIE COOPER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JACKIE COOPER NIK/ A PETER COOPER; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, F.S.B.

F/K/A WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB., are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at <https://clay.realforeclose.com> on **January 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM**, following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 2, FOXMEADOW UNIT 1-A, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGES 73 AND 74, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** and commonly known as **1304 FOXMEADOW TRAIL, 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 CLAW WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on December 15, 2022.

TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Circuit Court Clay County, Florida.
Kayla Beard
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT "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 [CRNTNRP@COJ.NET](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING TIDS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711."

Legal 47644 Published 12/22/2022 and 12/29/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on an ordinance amending Article II, Section 2.08.09 of the Land Development Regulations of the Town of Orange Park; establishing notice requirements for review of applications before the Town of Orange Park Design Review Board; providing for conflicts, severability and an immediate effective date.

This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, the corner of Park and Kingsley Avenue at 7:00 P.M. The Council of the Town of Orange Park will consider said ordinance for final action. Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Council of the Town of Orange Park with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of this ordinance may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.
Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 47643 Published 12/22/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on an ordinance amending Article II, Sections 2.02.01.131 and 2.05.21.01 of the Land Development Regulations of the Town of Orange Park; amending the definition of household pets to include hens; increasing the number of permissible full grown household pets from four to five; providing for conflicts, severability and an immediate effective date.

This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, the corner of Park and Kingsley Avenue at 7:00 P.M. The Council of the Town of Orange Park will consider said ordinance for final action. Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Council of the Town of Orange Park with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of this ordinance may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.
Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

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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. 2021CA000483 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CORDELLA TYRE, DECEASED, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 10, 2022, and entered in 2021CA000483 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CORDELLA TYRE, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ANNETTE HALL; CAROLYN WEBB; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALICE MOORE, DECEASED; ANTHONY SZNAKOWSKI; MICHAEL SZNAKOWSKI; JAMES MOORE; BRITTANY GOODMAN; AARON MOORE; ASHLEY MOORE; ALEX MOORE; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DEBRA JANE HOLLORAN, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM

AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DWAYNE BROWN, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF LISA DIANA REEVES, DECEASED; CAROLYN REEVES; MELISA REEVES are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTH 1/2; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ON THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 30.0 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF TOOKIE ROAD (A 60 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED) AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ON SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 361.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTH 1/2 A DISTANCE OF 241.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 361.50 FEET TO SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST ON SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 241.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE NORTH 25 FEET BEING SUBJECT TO A 50 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 957 PAGE 398, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO A 50 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1405 PAGE 1496, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 5837 ROCK HAMMER COURT, MAXVILLE, FL 32234

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 21 day of November, 2022.

Tara S. Green

As Clerk of the Court
By: Taylor Tison
As Deputy Clerk

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

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 10-2021-DP-000040 DIVISION: JV-E
IN THE INTEREST OF:
L.M.

A CHILD
THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Cassandra Kuhns, Mother
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, L.M., who was born on June 4, 2019. You are hereby commanded to appear before the **Honorable Angela M. Cox**, at the Clay County Courthouse,

Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of **2:00 p.m. o'clock on January 24, 2023 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 crtntrp@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 13th day of December, 2022.
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of Said Court
By: Denise Haselwood
As 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 CIRCUIT 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 December 9, 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 11th day of January, 2023 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 crtntrp@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: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

Legal 47517 Published 12/22/2022 and 12/29/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS: CLAY COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clay County School District of Clay County, Florida, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as "DISTRICT," has determined a bidding opportunity exists for contract services for site work throughout the District. Any and all bidders for Underground Utility/Excavation Services must be prequalified in accordance with District Policy 6.01(c) prior to submitting bids. The District will prequalify contractors for a one-year period pursuant to the criteria set forth in Florida Statutes 1013.46, and State Requirements for Educational Facilities, Chapter 4, Section 4.1(1). Contractor Annual Prequalification Certificates expire one year from their Board approved date. Contractor(s) interested in bidding, must hold a current District Prequalification Certificate at time of bidding. Prequalification Questionnaire Packages for Bid No. 23-F-242 can be submitted no later than January 13, 2022 to Clay County District Schools, Facility Planning and Construction, 925 Center Street, Green Cove Springs FL 32043. Packages may be obtained at https://op.myoneclay.net/facility-planning-and-construction

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Performance Apparel located at 4735 Pine Gate Rd, in the County of Clay, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at Fleming Island, Florida this 14th day of December 2022.

Dosco Designs, LLC
Legal 47509 Published 12/22/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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, January 3, 2023 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 FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 10-2022-CA-000074
SELENE FINANCE LP,
Plaintiff,
vs.
STEVEN D. ZENTNER AND JULIA S. ZENTNER, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **June 08, 2022**, and entered in 10-2022-CA-000074 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein SELENE FINANCE LP is the Plaintiff and STEVEN D. ZENTNER; JULIA S. ZENTNER; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on **February 15, 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 12, WHISPER CREEK UNIT THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGE(S) 59 THROUGH 62 INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** Property Address: 3534 SPINDLESTONE CT, 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 in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.
Dated this 31 day of October, 2022.
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Leigh Lucroy
As Deputy Clerk
IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Legal 47372 Published RAS 21-127036 12/22/2022 and 12/29/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: 2021CA000815
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff,
vs.
Leonard A. Grindstaff, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 12, 2022 and entered in Case No. 2021CA000815 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Leonard A. Grindstaff; Debra H. Grindstaff; Sweet-

briar Homeowners' Association, Inc.; Longshore Lake Foundation 1, LLC as successor trustee for Clay County Land Trust #04-04-25-007866-007-08; Terra Mar Property Management, LLC as Trustee of 3789 Blackthorn Court Land Trust; Unknown Tenant #1 n/k/a Kerlaunda Foster; Unknown Tenant #2 n/k/a Mr. Foster are Defendants, I, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m. at January 13, 2023 on the following described property set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 166 OF SWEETBRIAR UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31, PAGE(S) 18-21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** Property Address: 3789 BLACKTHORN CT., 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 before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
DATED in Clay, Florida this, 13th day of December, 2022
As Clerk of Circuit Court
CLAY County, Florida
Leigh Lucroy
Deputy Clerk

Legal 47371 Published 12/15/2022 and 12/22/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2022CA000814
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARY ANN ARAUJO A/K/A MARY A. ARAUJO; JOSE ARAUJO A/K/A JOSE S. ARAUJO; DOCTORS INLET RESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE INDEPENDENT SAVINGS PLAN COMPANY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure (In Rem) dated December 7, 2022, entered in Civil Case No.: 2022CA000814 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, and MARY ANN ARAUJO A/K/A MARY A. ARAUJO; JOSE ARAUJO A/K/A JOSE S. ARAUJO; DOCTORS INLET RESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE INDEPENDENT SAVINGS PLAN COMPANY; are Defendants.
I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.clay.realforeclose.com., at 10:00 AM,

on the 25th day of January, 2023, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit: **LOT 66, OF BARRINGTON ESTATES UNIT FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 43, PAGE 43 THROUGH 48, OF THE PUBLIC OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS 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 CRNTTRP@COJ.NET OR (904) 255-1695 AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on 12/13/2022.
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: Leigh Lucroy
Deputy Clerk

Legal 47368 Published 12/15/2022 and 12/22/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing to consider Application for Zoning Variance V-1-2023 to provide relief from Section 2.04.13.02(a) of the Town of Orange Park Code of Ordinances to increase the maximum height of a building in the Kingsley Avenue Character Overlay from one (1) story to two (2) stories for property located at 1419 Kingsley Avenue.

This public hearing will be held in the Town Council Chambers on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

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Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.
Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 47367 Published 12/22/2022 and 01/05/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 22-DR-1642
Jessica Roszel,
Petitioner
And
Nathan Cramer
Respondent
Name Change for Minor Child
To: Nathan Cramer, last known address 1636 Sheridan St. Jacksonville, FL 32207.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Name Change for Minor Child has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jessica Roszel, whose address is 2019 Creekmont Dr. Middleburg, FL 32068, on or before January 20, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **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 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 Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses 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: 12/09/2022
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Gracie Moore
(Deputy Clerk)

Legal 47255 Published 12/15/2022, 12/22/2022, 12/29/2022 and 1/5/2023 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-000696
DIVISION: A

IN RE: ESTATE OF WALLACE RANDOLPH HAWKINS, JR. a/k/a WALLACE RANDOLPH HAWKINS Deceased.

The administration of the estate of WALLACE RANDOLPH HAWKINS, JR., deceased, whose date of death was September 4, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Circuit Court, Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO 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 the first publication of this Notice is December 15, 2022.
Personal Representative
Coriss Nina O'Conner
1556 Royal Fern Lane
Fleming Island, FL 32003
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Geraldine C. Hartin
Florida Bar 15201
3168 Highway 17, Suite A Fleming Island, FL 32003 904-278-3888
geraldine.hartin@gmail.com

Legal 47005 Published 12/15/2022 and 12/22/2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 01/11/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 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. 1N4AL3AP7GC123446 2016 NISS SAJDA14C2YLF04721 2000 JAGU WDBUF56X99B423130 2009 MERZ

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the District School Board of Clay County until **1:30pm on Wednesday, 18 January 2023,**

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:
RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY ROOF REPAIR/REPLACEMENT & KITCHEN/CAFETERIA RENOVATION
421 Jefferson Ave, Orange Park, FL 32065

Work includes tear-off and replacement of fiberglass shingle roofing, drip edge, gutters and downspouts on Buildings 1, 2, 3 and 4; replacement of hard gypsum board ceilings in the kitchen areas; replace lighting, diffusers and registers in the dining room and kitchen areas; repair stucco on fascias and soffits of buildings 1, 2, 3 and 4 and re-coat all stucco with synthetic elastomeric coating. Complete scope is included in the Drawings and Specifications.

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 on file and open to inspection at the office of the architect and 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

Addenda will be posted with the plan room listed above. 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 Thursday, 5 January 2023, 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 Statutes)

DISCRIMINATION: An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

The owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid price, payable to the owner.

The successful bidder will be required to provide a payment and performance 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-limits 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.

Bid 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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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the District School Board of Clay County until **2:00pm on Wednesday, 18 January 2023,**

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:
WILKINSON ELEMENTARY KITCHEN/CAFETERIA RENOVATIONS
4965 C.R. 218, Middleburg, FL 32068

Work includes the replacement of acoustical ceiling tiles and lighting in the dining room and kitchen areas and the expansion of the existing freezer unit to the exterior with new refrigeration equipment. Complete scope is included in the Drawings and Specifications.

All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by: **BRIAN BOATRIGHT ARCHITECT, INC.** 914 Plainfield Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073

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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 payment and performance 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.

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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

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fees. Bid 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003, January 10, 2023 at 10:00am auzanay hayes couches 2 sets, boxes, dining room set, bunkbed set, Nikki Lewis Furniture Piper Davidow Furniture and Boxes The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2018 CA 001238 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2007-HSBCI MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-HSBCI, Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS JAMES WHITAKER, JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THOMAS JAMES WHITAKER, JR.; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JOYCE WHITAKER, DECEASED ; KEATHEL CHAUNCEY ESQ., AS TRUSTEE ONLY, UNDER THE CLAY LAND TRUST; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A.; SWEETBRIAR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; AMERICAN EXPRESS NATIONAL BANK F/K/A AMERICAN EXPRESS CENTURIUM BANK, A CORPORATION, et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 11/30/2022

and entered in 2018 CA 001238 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2007-HSBCI MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HSBCI is the Plaintiff and THOMAS JAMES WHITAKER, JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THOMAS JAMES WHITAKER, JR.; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JOYCE WHITAKER, DECEASED ; KEATHEL CHAUNCEY ESQ., AS TRUSTEE ONLY, UNDER THE CLAY LAND TRUST; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A.; SWEETBRIAR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; AMERICAN EXPRESS NATIONAL BANK F/K/A AMERICAN EXPRESS CENTURIUM BANK, A CORPORATION are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on February 1, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 76, SWEETBRIAR UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGES 20, 21, 22 AND 23, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 3837 SWEETBRIAR DR ORANGE PARK, FL 32073

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 7th day of December, 2022. Tara S. Green

As Clerk of the Court
By: Kayla Beard
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtintpr@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the

time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given of the Petition of Termination of Parental Rights filed by SHANNON MARIE WRIGHT, in relation to Z.M.D.W., a male child, born 09/08/2017. Notice is given to AUSTIN KYLE WRIGHT, or any persons claiming parental rights or interest in the minor child. Please take note that a hearing has been set on this petition on the 6th day of February, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of Hon. Donald Rizzardi, Madison County Courthouse, 200 Northside Square, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this petition you must file a written response with the attorney for the petitioner named below and with the Juvenile Court of Madison County, 200 Northside Square, Huntsville, Alabama 35801, within thirty (30) days.

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.:10-2021-DP-000129 DIVISION:JV-F IN THE INTEREST OF: R.S DOB: 04/02/2021 A MINOR CHILD THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Robin Lusk, 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.S. born April 2, 2021. You are hereby commanded to appear before **Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of **2:00 p.m. o'clock on January 3, 2023 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 R.S. AND YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THIS CHILD.** 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 crtintpr@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 29th 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.:10-2022-DP-000084 DIVISION JV-F IN THE INTEREST OF: C.N. A CHILD THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Craig Nevitt, FATHER 2408 Grand Blvd Lake Station, IN 46404 Last Known Address 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, C.N., who was born on January 30, 2009. You are hereby commanded to appear before the **Honorable Angela M. Cox**, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of **2:00 p.m. o'clock on January 6, 2023, 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 crtintpr@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 29th day of November 2022. Tara S. Green as Clerk of Said Court By: Denise Haselwood As Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA File No. 2022-CP-000361 In re: the Estate of Joseph Parlapiano — Probate Division Deceased. East Winds Consulting LLC, a foreign company Petitioner, VS. Gerald Collette et al., Respondents. (§ 49.08, Fla. Stat.) To: Any and all unknown persons claiming by, through, under, and against the Estate of Joseph Parlapiano, who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown persons may claim an interest as assignees, beneficiaries, creditors, devisees, grantees, heirs, interested persons, lienors, spouses or other claimants Whereabouts unknown YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition to Determine Beneficiaries has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it on attorney for the plaintiff, Michael J. Farrar, Esq., whose address is 3508 NW 114 Ave. # 201, Doral FL 33178 and file the original with the clerk of the above styled court on or before December 1, 2022 otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the Complaint. A this notice shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in Clay Today beginning on 12/1/2022. WITNESS my hand and the seal of said court at Green Cove Springs, Florida on August 31, 2022. TARA S. GREEN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Clerk of the Court By: Holly Ricks Deputy Clerk

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IF HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of RTK3 located at 4584 Golf Brook Rd. in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park Florida Robert Ryan intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Date at Orange Park, Florida this 14th day of December 2022. Robert Ryan

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AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-2020-DP-00095 DIVISION: JV-F IN THE INTEREST OF: J.T. DOB: 08/27/2008 A MINOR CHILD. THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Jesse Edwards, 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, J. T. born August 27, 2008. You are hereby commanded to appear before **Honorable Angela M. Cox**, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of **2:00 p.m.**

o'clock on **January 24, 2023, A.D.** You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. **FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT TIDS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO TIDS CIDLD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION.** 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 crtintpr@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 15 day of December 2022.

Tara S. Green
Clerk of Said Court
By Tammy Rosenbaum

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs. G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. 2002 FORD VIN# 1FAFP45X52F177507 Auction will be held at 9:00 AM, January 9, 2023, at G & M Towing Inc, located at 4995 Highway 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

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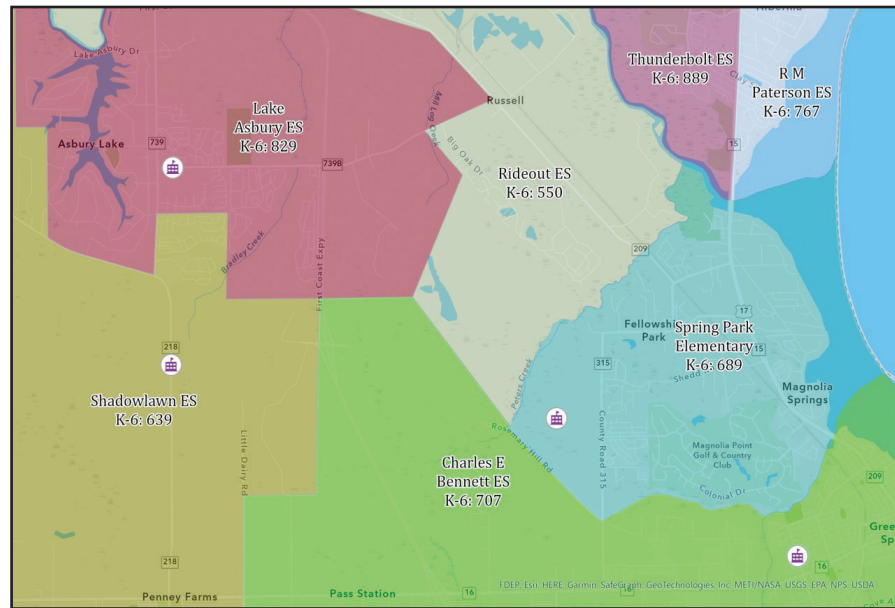
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