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Smiling, hungry customers return to Grumpy's

MIDDLEBURG – Proving you can get a second chance to make a first impression, customers lined up in the darkened fog Monday morning to be the first through the doors at the relaunch of Grumpy's Restaurant on Blanding Boulevard. The popular spot for breakfast and lunch was destroyed by a fire on Jan. 19, 2022. It took nearly 50 weeks later, but customers were eager to hug co-owner Courtney Hoard at the door and to get their meals delivered by Madison Baity. *For more on Grumpy's re-opening, see Page 17.*



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Many people use the new year to make resolutions to get into shape and eat healthier. Clay Today's Kylie Cordell talked with experts who provided tips for staying on course.

Set realistic goals to get into – and staying – in shape

By Kylie Cordell
 For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The New Year often means starting a weight loss plan, eating a more nutritious diet and building healthier habits. However, 80% of resolutions fail within the first few months. Why is that? Many set unrealistic goals, and their confidence takes a huge hit when they fail to reach them. Others become overwhelmed when they set out to make big changes in their life and fail to live up to their high expectations.

The consequences of setting unrealistic goals are big. They can lower your self-esteem, cause unnecessary stress, and cause further health problems. So here are a few ways to get into shape and optimize your health without making yourself miserable.

Start small. Create a personalized workout routine that fits your schedule.

“Small incremental goals are key. Don't start with unreachable goals. Just focus



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on one thing and make small incremental changes on a daily basis,” said Workout Anytime Fitness manager and personal trainer, Mallory Diamond. “And set specific goals with a manageable timeline.”

Workout Anytime is a 24-hour operation with gyms in Orange Park, Lake Asbury, Oakleaf Plantation and Penney Farms.

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Florida Peacemakers start new year with bangs

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

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Nearly 200 riders in old-style western garb and a pair of holstered six-shooters competed for the title of Cowboy Mounted Shooting State Champion at the Cattleman's Arena last weekend.

The competition proceeded with the Fourth Annual Warmer Winter Pastures, New Year's Double Shootout on Dec. 31 and ending on Jan. 1.

Mounted contestants competed in this fast-action timed event using two .45 cali-

ber single-action revolvers, each loaded with five rounds of specially prepared blank ammunition. Contestants completed a course marked by orange traffic cones. On top of each cone is a balloon.

The object of the game is to shoot 10 balloon targets while riding through a variety of challenging courses. It's a timed sport in which the competitor who rides the fastest with the least amount of missed targets wins.

Unlike most equestrian sports, Cowboy Mounted Shooting requires multiple skills, as it relies not only on the horse's speed and rider's horsemanship but also the rid-



er's shooting skills and accuracy, making it a multi-level challenge. Mounted shooting has divisions for men, women, seniors and youth. There are subcategories within those divisions by skill level, from one to six.

Competitors advance by winning a specific number of competitions at each level. The overall results were posted on New Year's Eve.

Stephen Harris, Men's Level Four was named State champion with the best overall time of 50.932. He was followed by Senior Men's Level Six, Dave Kennedy, with a time of 51.534, and Women's Level Six, Morgan Swanson, with an official time of 51.638.

Eric Anderson, one of the sport's leading competitors and multiple CMSA world championships said the sport is alive and

well since the association started in 2004. As time progressed throughout the years, it has continued to grow, inviting members from all over the world.

"Florida has the No. 1 club in the whole country. This is the number one club- the Florida Peacemakers. That club designation came from Pan Handle Peacemakers, one of the clubs that we conglomerated when we started this club. We have several world champions. We have several world champions. We have international champions. We are the most successful club in the nation, and that's documented," Anderson said.

"Normally, the Peacemakers try to have an event every month. Our facilities are at Lady Lake, but there are events that we do with other clubs. We do a regional shoot in

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Green Cove Springs City Manager earns high grades in annual evaluation

Steve Kennedy provides City Council with goals for 2023

By **Don Coble**
don@claytodayonline.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – While the city council gave City Manager Steve Kennedy an outstanding grade of 4.9 out of 5 in his annual evaluation Tuesday night, Kennedy already was looking ahead to priorities for the new year.

Kennedy outlined seven categories he plans to improve, expand or create, including developing an annexation plan to address downtown and overall city growth.

Kennedy was hired in 2012. The council was asked to grade him in 10 categories with the highest grade for each category being a 5. The council approved his evaluation and the staff recommendations, 5-0.

Other ideas by Kennedy that were approved include:

- Improving electric utility reliability and reputation, including quicker response time for outage calls and continuing to reduce the number of outages.
- Bringing all utility infrastructure to 20% above current capacity.
- Improve community outreach, education and communication by hosting quarterly town hall meetings, continuing the citizen advisory committee and highlight-

ing one of the city's departments every month.

- Better define city codes, city zones, overlays and adopt a blight tax ordinance.
- Improve fund and reserve balances.
- Exploring opportunities to create a Smart City by making city data more accessible to the public, coordinating participation between private and public sectors and aligning departments to leverage the internet technology infrastructure.
- Create of a two-year budget with more concise planning.

In other business, the council heard the first reading of a plan to change an ordinance that would allow Blue Solutions to sell pools and spas at a store planned for

Idlewild Avenue.

The council agreed the amended ordinance was consistent with the city's Comprehensive Plan because it would "promote public health, safety and welfare of the city."

Also, the city council decided it would ask the trail project to connect Clay County with Duval and another trail project from Reynolds Park to Spring Park to be added to the North Florida Transportation Improvement Program. The trails would enhance safe pedestrian and bicycle traffic and improve operational efficiency.

The Green Cove City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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10 health resolutions doctors encourage you to make today

By StatePoint Media
For Clay Today

The New Year represents a fresh start and is the perfect time to invest in your health. However, you may be unsure what resolutions will have the biggest impact. Doctors say that the easy, tangible actions you take are some of the most important.

“Many people kick off the start of each new year with big-picture health resolutions,” says Jack Resneck, Jr., M.D., president of the American Medical Association. “The good news is that small, positive health choices made right now can have long-lasting effects.”

Want to get started today? Here are the 10 resolutions the AMA recommends top your list this year:

- Exercise is essential for your physical and mental health, so get moving today. A good rule of thumb for adults is at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity or 75 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity activity.

- Vaccination is the best protection against several serious illnesses. To protect yourself and your family, get up to date on your vaccines, including the annual flu shot and the COVID-19 vaccine for everyone 6 months and older. Your doctor can let you know if you're due for a COVID booster. If you have questions, speak with your physician and review trusted resources, including [getvaccineanswers.org](https://www.getvaccineanswers.org).

- Get screened. Estimates based on statistical models show that since April 2020, millions of screenings for breast, colorectal, and prostate cancer diagnoses may have been missed due to pandemic-related care disruptions. Check in with your physician. If you're due for preventive care, tests or screenings, make an appointment. These measures are designed to keep you

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OPINIONS



Damar Hamlin reminds us there are no timeouts in game of life

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

Football is supposed to be an escape from real-life problems and challenges. For three hours, fans get to immerse themselves in a fantasy world of athletic excellence, \$12 beers and deafening festivities.

Monday night's NFL game between Buffalo Bills and Cincinnati Bengals reminded us there is no escape from life – and death.

Announcers and reporters struggled to find words after Bills safety Damar Hamlin got up from a tackle, adjusted his facemask and fell lifeless back to the artificial turf. Doctors and emergency technicians spent nine minutes reviving him with cardiopulmonary resuscitation before he was taken by ambulance to a local hospital.

Suddenly, football didn't seem important. It no longer was an escape. It was a setting that attracted 66,000 fans in person and millions on national television to remind us there are no diversions or timeouts in the game of life.

Media outlets reported nothing like that had ever happened in the NFL. That's not true. Chuck Hughes went into cardiac arrest while playing for the Detroit Lions against Chicago in 1971. To date – and let's hope it stays that way – he's the only player to die during an



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NFL game.

What I watched Monday night reminded me of when I met Dale Earnhardt in 1979. We both were in our first full-time years in NASCAR and we were friends for 23 years. I was there on Feb. 18, 2001, when his black Chevrolet hit the fourth-turn wall on the final lap of the Daytona 500 and slid across the track into the infield.

At first, it didn't seem to be that serious, especially compared to most of the harrowing accidents common at the Daytona International Speedway. But Earnhardt's heart pumped a few times and stopped.

Hamlin's tackle also seemed to be routine, especially compared to other horrific hits common to professional football. His heart also stopped, but quick-acting first responders pumped new life back into him.

What both moments taught us is there's nothing routine about life and death.

One former NFL player said football can be a matter of life or death. In reality, we all face life or death every time we get up in the morning and start our days. A pizza delivery driver died on New Year's Eve when another driver ran a red

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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.

Turbid: (TUR-bud) an adjective that means cloudy, opaque or thick with suspended matter.

“Conservationists keep track of what kinds of fish and amphibians lived in the turbid water of the swamp.”

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2018

- The Clay County Planning Commission voted 3-2 to allow medical marijuana treatment centers in Clay County. The measure still needed approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

- The county decides to move \$7 million from the recovery fund to the Disaster Recovery Fund to pay for cleanup following Hurricane Irma.

- About 50 people brave 57-degree temperatures to take part in the New Year's Day Polar Plunge at Eagle Harbour.

10 years ago, 2013

- An off-duty Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy stopped a Jacksonville man seen entering the AMC Theatre through an exit door, and in the process, he uncovered a nine-millimeter handgun in his waistband.

- Jacob Paul Priest was arrested for indecent exposure after CCSO deputies said he was walking down Tumbleweed Drive in the Ridgeview area wearing nothing but white shoes.

- Middleburg's Daniel Richard Bakaley was charged with receiving child pornography over the internet.

20 years ago, 2003

- The Green Cove Springs City Council is ecstatic after learning a construction project to add 23,000 linear feet of six-inch water mains was completed by MacDonald Construction on time and under budget.

- Hundreds of community leaders, city, council, state and federal government officials and environmental activists to explore the preservation and restoration of St. Johns River.

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office provides bicycles for deputies to better patrol

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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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Resolutions

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healthy and help your doctor spot certain conditions before they become more serious.

- High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, can increase your risk of heart attack or stroke, and it affects millions of Americans. Visit ManageYourBP.org to understand what your blood pressure numbers mean and what you can do to get your blood pressure under control.

- One in three American adults has prediabetes, a condition that can lead to type 2 diabetes if left unmanaged. However, there are steps you can take that can help delay or even prevent the onset of Type-2 diabetes. Learn your risk by taking a simple 2-minute self-screening test at DoIHavePrediabetes.org. This resource also features helpful lifestyle tips that can help you reverse prediabetes.

- Whenever possible, drink water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages and replace processed foods – especially those with added sodium and sugar – with nutritious, whole foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, herbs and spices.

- If consuming alcohol, drink only in moderation. The U.S. Dietary Guidelines

for Americans defines that as up to one drink per day for women and two drinks a day for men, and only by adults of legal drinking age.

- Speak with your doctor or health care professional about quitting tobacco and nicotine use. Declare your home and car smoke-free to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure.

- Follow your doctor's instructions when taking prescription drugs – especially opioids. Always store and dispose of these medications safely to prevent misuse. Whenever prescribed antibiotics, take them exactly as directed. Not taking the full course can lead to antibiotic resistance, a serious public health problem, and will not make you feel better if you have a virus, such as a cold or flu.

- Invest in your mental health by managing stress, getting sufficient sleep, exercising, and seeking help from a mental health professional when you need it.

If you don't have health insurance, the AMA encourages you to sign up for coverage at healthcare.gov, which has new, affordable options. The enrollment deadline for 2023 coverage is Jan. 15.

Find more health resources at ama-assn.org. For a healthy 2023 and beyond, invest in your wellness with these doctor-recommended New Year's resolutions.

- The Orange Park High boys soccer team finishes fourth at the 16-team Hooters Classic in Miami.

40 years ago, 1983

- The Board of County Commissioners will address stricter guidelines for septic tanks at its next meeting.

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office ruled the double shooting of two men an accident after a hunter mistook both for deer.

- Students of art teacher Jean Pelligrino was put on display at the Orange Park Branch of the Clay County Library.

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Orange Park High.

30 years ago, 1993

- Clay Today journalist Elaine Williamson was selected as the Citizen of the Year by the Elks Lodge in Green Cove Springs.

- Keystone Heights' Andrew Lawrence Irwin was born at 1:51 a.m. on Jan. 1 to be the county's first baby of the new year.

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light on Blanding Boulevard and slammed into him. An 18-year-old was shot and killed in Orange Park last week after arguing during a basketball game. A mother and her son died in an apartment fire in Orange Park the day after Christmas.

Their stories are no less – or more – significant than Hamlin being in the hospital in critical condition or Earnhardt being dead. All are tragic.

One of the realities of covering auto racing for more than 40 years is I've witnessed a lot of fatal crashes. Ricky Knotts was my first. It happened on Feb. 14, 1980, during one of the 125-mile qualifying races for my first Daytona 500.

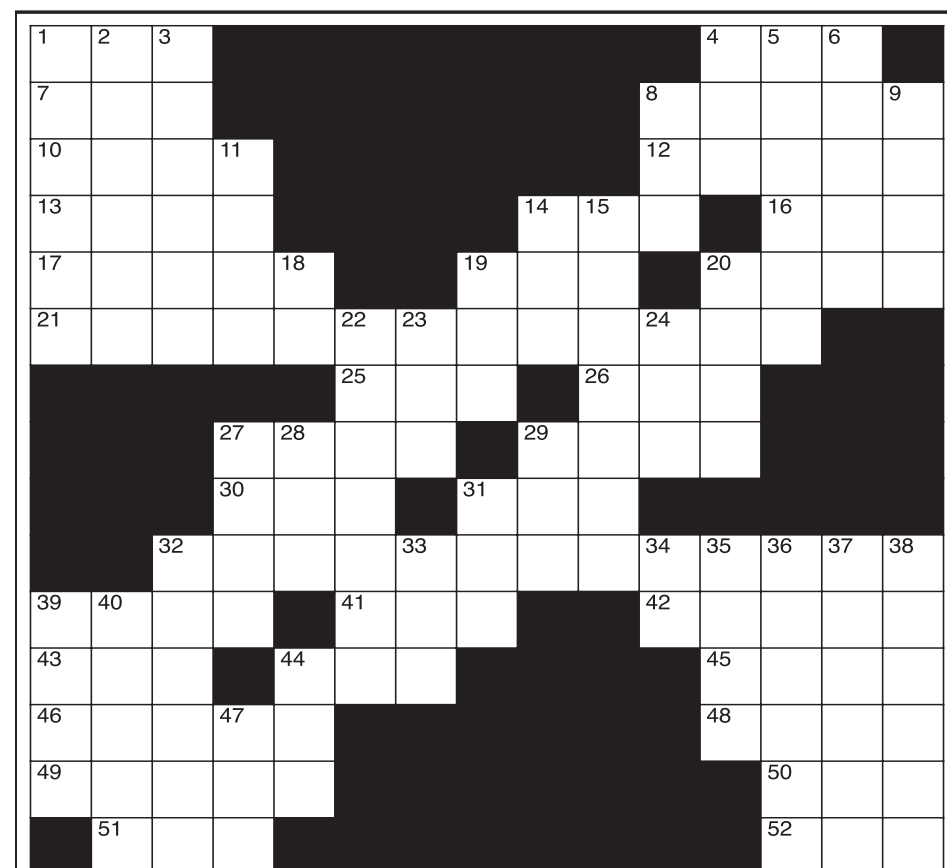
Another was George Turbyfill in 1987.

He died when his throttle stuck and he caromed off the fourth turn wall at Volusia Speedway Park. As they loaded his body into a life flight helicopter, I stood next to his wife and son when the boy asked, "Mommy, where is daddy going?"

Those words, along with the emptiness of trying to write about Earnhardt's death, still haunt me.

We've all heard the phrase: "He died before his time." No, we die when it's our time. There are no guarantees printed on our birth certificates. The only thing we all are promised is the certainty of death and the opportunity to make the best of the time we're alive. It's up to us to make the best of it.

Damar Hamlin was doing just that. Let's pray he has another opportunity to make the best of his new life.



CLUES ACROSS

- Basics
- Swiss river
- Constrictor snake
- Building occupied by monks
- Discount
- Deal a blow to
- Relating to the ear
- Thyrotropin
- Loud, unpleasant noise
- Large intestines
- Move with a curving trajectory
- Witnesses
- You need both to live
- Dash
- Network
- Dig
- C. European river
- Supplement with difficulty
- Corporate executive
- Carroll O'Connell's onscreen wife
- No variation
- Airborne (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- Engulf
- Waterside hotel
- Printed cotton fabric
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- One who follows the rules
- Lace up once more
- Fire byproduct
- Hankering
- Outer
- One-time aerospace firm
- Seafood
- Commercial
- Epoxy hardener (abbr.)

- Samoan monetary unit
- Type of gland
- Arrest
- Check
- Past participle of be
- Alias
- A major division of geological time
- Kids programming channel (abbr.)
- Joked
- Helps little firms
- Roman numeral 50
- Impressive in size or scope
- Domineering leader
- A person who delivers a speech
- One after 89
- Young hawk
- The scene of any event or action
- A team's best pitcher
- Integrated data processing

Goals

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"It's an environment that really is for everyone from your silver sneakers that comes from our medical care program to pro athletes and everyone in between," said Fitness Director, Carl Boothby.

"I have seen everything from watching who suffered a stroke who could barely shuffle, let alone walk, become very active. We have a trainer who is wheelchair-bound, and he's highly successful. We had a 16-year-old whose pediatrician told her that she was morbidly obese.

We created a personalized workout routine, and she's starting to feel better, and more confident about herself. These stories, these are why we do what we do," he said.

Diamond agreed. "We guide them through the health and fitness lifestyle. My oldest client is 89. He couldn't reach up and get something in his cupboard because his shoulder range of motion was so bad. He trained with me, and now he can reach and pick up the heaviest bowl pain-free. I've had multiple patients who have gotten off diabetic, high cholesterol, and high blood sugar medication. It's life-changing for them," she said.

"It's not just about getting into shape, but shaping people's lives."

During gym orientation, clients can meet with Workout Anytime staff members to address their fitness goals, whether they



PHOTO BY KYLIE CORDELL

From left, Anytime Fitness Director Carl Boothby, manager Dez Payton and personal trainer Mallory Diamond said the key to sticking with a fitness plan is to set realistic goals.

are trying to lose weight, gain weight, or gain muscle. "We feature what is called cardio equipment – everything from stair masters, treadmills, ellipticals, and then we have things that are more adaptive to people who are recovering from injuries."

They also offer group fitness.

"We find that for many of our members, that's where they feel most comfortable. There's group motivation. There's a bit of peer pressure to show up. We also have group yoga classes. We also have virtual trainers, as well," said Boothby. "We have

people who work out three days a week on-site and three days virtually. It really just depends on the person, their budgets and time constraints."

However, the easiest, most effective way to build healthier habits starts in the kitchen, said Cinet integrative nutritionist Linda Brown.

"What I look at is, what is the simplest thing that can be changed?" Brown asked. What is the simplest thing that can be changed to get their condition better or help them manage their condition better, and what is the person actually able to do?"

That starts with a balanced diet.

"If you were to ask me, what is the one

thing you can do to eat more healthily and decrease your chance of disease, it's to cook at home from scratch. Bottom line. If you get something from the store in a box, it's processed. You don't want that."

"If people cooked at home from scratch, that would improve the quality of what they eat tremendously," she said. "Then the question becomes, I don't know how or I don't want to take the time. There's a misconception that eating healthy is time-consuming, but that's not true. You can cook a well-balanced meal in less than 30 minutes."

However, if don't have time to go to a grocery store, try a grocery delivery service. Local Fare is a farm-to-home, organic grocery delivery service on Blanding Blv. that offers customizable farm bags in four different sizes, from single meals to family style. Another option is HelloFresh. Delivered through a subscription service, meal kits provide pre-measured ingredients and easy-to-follow recipes to cook at home.

A home-cooked meal contributes to a healthier diet, reduces calorie consumption and gives us more control over what we put in our bodies.

"If you want to start cooking on your own, we have a grocery list, as well. We have the meal plan. We have the software where I can calculate how many calories you need, then you can put in what kinds of foods you like, and then it generates up to 30 days of menus. You can even tell it how many days of leftovers you want," Brown said.

"If you set a goal to eat healthier, most people can find a way to do it, but we can definitely help with that," she said.

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Nutritionists: Healthier lifestyles start in the kitchen

By Kylie Cordell
For Clay Today

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However, getting into shape doesn't mean hitting the gym seven days a week.

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Delivered through a subscription service, meal kits provide pre-measured

Bangs

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March,” said Reilano “You actually have to have sponsors to host the regional tournament, but because we are the largest club in the country, we won the right to host the shoot.”

The Spring Shoot will be held at the Georgia Fairgrounds in Perry.

“Our shoots locally usually range between 40 to 60 people. It depends on the season, the weather.”

However, this particular event, the Florida CMSA championship, is one of the bigger shoots that the CMSA holds, he said. “It’s been going on for about three years, and it’s getting larger every year. This shoot here has right around 200 people. It’s just a great shoot.”

Riollano only expects to see numbers rise.

“There is actually a plan to renovate the fairgrounds, and one of the renovations is to tear down the cover of this arena, the barn. They are uncovering this and making one bigger cover, combining barn A and barn B into one. We were limited to the size of our time to how many stalls there were, so if this happens, we can accommodate more people and more horses,” he said.

The open barn will create more versatility in the future.

“If you have stalls, you are limited to livestock. If you leave it open, you can put anything in it. It can be a car show. It can



be vendor space. That’s going to allow for huge versatility for the fairgrounds,” Riollano said.

For future competitions, visit the Florida CMSA website.

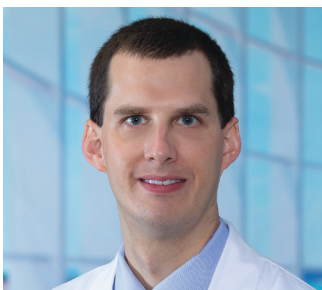


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New Orange Park High administration office opens

ORANGE PARK – County and school district officials celebrated the opening of the new main office at Orange Park High Wednesday, Jan. 4. The renovation project took nearly six months and it was the first change to the main building since the school opened in 1959.

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Obituaries

Dorris N. Stidham

Dorris N. Stidham, 92, of Orange Park Florida passed away peacefully on Friday December 30, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. He was born to Roseville and



Bess Stidham on May 5, 1930, in Pennington Gap, Virginia. He graduated Flatwoods High School and went to College at

Virginia Tech. After graduating from college, he married his childhood sweetheart Amy Wilder. Dorris and Amy were married for sixty-three years, until Amy passed in 2016. Dorris proudly served the US Army for twenty years, including fighting in the Korean War and the Vietnam War.



Dorris N. Stidham

During his tours in Vietnam, he was awarded several medals of accommodation, including the Bronze Star.

Dorris and Amy had four children: Sidney, Alvin, Karen, and Gary. After retirement from the Army Dorris received his master's degree from the University of Southern California and worked for the Department of Defense for the next twenty years. Dorris was a devoted husband and father, always putting the needs of his family and loved ones first.

He loved volunteering at Asbury United Methodist church; as an Usher, working in the annual Pumpkin patch, faithfully attending to the main marquee sign, and working at the Clay County Clothes closet. He will be remembered for his generosity, patience, and devoted faith. He is survived by his four children: Sidney, Alvin, Karen, Gary, and by his eight grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 pm. on Monday, January 9, 2023 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10:00am on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at Asbury United Methodist Church of Orange Park with Reverend Jennifer Ahrens-Sims officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Jacksonville National Cemetery at 1:30 pm.

Please sign the family's online guest-

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



Baby Scarlett Rose Maney

Scarlett Rose Maney, infant daughter of Andy Maney and Penny Leverett, was born sleeping on Monday, December 26, 2022 at Baptist Clay Medical Center on Fleming Island, Florida.

Baby Scarlett was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Charles Fox; and paternal grandparents, Vester Frank "Frankie" and Penny Maney.

Left to cherish her memory are her mother, Penny Leverett and father, Andy Maney; two brothers, Wyatt Griffin and Tyson Hambaugh; two sisters, Alani Leverett and Nova Maney; her grandparents; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be 6 p.m. Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Masters Funeral Home in Palatka with Pastor A. J. Hatfield officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Masters Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed on Brownie's online tribute page at: www.themastersfuneralhome.com. Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

Bessie L. Buhr

Bessie L. Buhr, 89, of Orange Park, FL, passed away January 1, 2023.

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Southern Rock mourns the man who saved Hell House's legacy

Adam Hartle died weeks before historical marker to be installed in GCS

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Adam Hartle planned to put a historic marker on the only empty lot in Edgewater Landing where the legendary Hell House once stood.

Hartle bought the lot two years ago to preserve Southern Rock's history and the legacy of Lynyrd Skynyrd.

The marker's been purchased, the date was set for Jan. 15 – Skynyrd founder Ronnie Van Zant's birthday.

Whether it happens now is unknown. So much of Hartle's plans died with him on Nov. 30 when he reportedly suffered a heart attack.

Hartle was 43.

His story is compelling. Too small to play, he worked with the University of Florida football team's video department and was a game day analysis coordinator. He also was the junior varsity football coach at Mandarin High before he became an assistant coach at Nease. While with the Panthers, he met 16-year-old quarterback Tim Tebow. Hartle played a role in Tebow's recruitment to the Gators by introducing him to then-head coach Urban Meyer.

Hartle also was a successful entrepreneur, buying stock in Apple and Tesla before they became the rage on Wall Street.

But two other passions drove Adam – stand-up comedy and Lynyrd Skynyrd. He toured nationally and worked primar-



ily at his comedy club in Austin, Texas.

He bought the .6-acre lot where the group wrote their first three albums and perfected hits like "Free Bird," "Gimme Three Steps," "Simple Man," "Saturday Night Special," "Swamp Music" and "Sweet Home Alabama."

He bought it to keep bulldozers and progress from wiping away a significant piece of musical history. The lot still sits without development. The rickety dock has been replaced and rotted away again. Until the marker is placed, there's nothing to suggest Lynyrd Skynyrd once called it home.

"It's nature, and it's history," Hartle told Clay Today last year. "The band did so many good things here, I don't think Jacksonville gives Skynyrd enough credit. I didn't want to see some house go up

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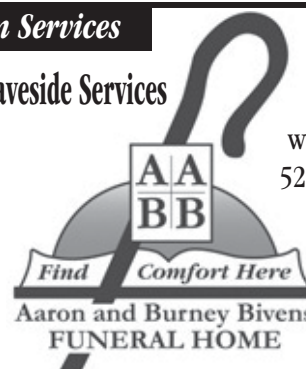


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Still going at 92, women shares stories of parents in World War II

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Sue Plaster was only 11 when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

“My 11th birthday was three days before Pearl Harbor,” she said.

At a young age, she became interested in the war after realizing the significance of the event.

“I remember thinking that I’ll be the only one to remember all this. So, I was taking it in,” she said.

Her interest in World War II also stemmed from the fact her parents were pilots during the war.

Her father, Alfred Ellis, enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps the day after Pearl Harbor.

“My father was flying all over the world,” she said.

Eventually, he was stationed in Africa where he remained there until the war ended. Unfortunately, he died not long after the war concluded when his plane’s engines failed over the ocean while transporting a group of women in the WAC, also known as the Women’s Army Corps.

“There were 20 WACs in there. They were taking them to a larger base to put them on a big plane to send them back home,” she said.

Plaster was 14 when he died, but remembers him as someone who was fun

and had a love for aerobatics. Her mother, Natalie, was a pilot like her husband before the war started. She taught classes on packing parachutes at the beginning of WWII.

“She was the fourth woman in the world to get a license packing parachutes. She didn’t want someone else to pack her parachute,” Plaster said. “She wanted to do her own.”

A few months later, she moved the family from Iowa to Texas after joining the newly formed Women Airforce Service Pilots or WASP.

“There were only 1,200 that made the WASP. They had 4,000 go through. Some of them didn’t make it. They were very tough on them,” she said.

During her time as a WASP pilot, her mother ferried aircraft from their factories to their designated bases. After the war, she remarried and never pursued flying again. Plaster, now 92, continues to share the memory of her parents and World War II. In addition, she is active at Trinity Baptist Church and plays bridge twice a week. She is also an active member of the Daughters of American Revolution, the Woman’s Club in Melrose and Keystone Heights and a member of the Forever Sisters of Lakes.

Lastly, she is a realtor for CB Isaac Realty and has nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



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Now 92, Sue Plaster still has fond stories of her parents, pilots Alfred and Natalie Ellis. Both were in World War II.

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Managing bee population a balance between nature, responsible planning

By Lee Wardlaw
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – While some county beekeepers have noticed a typical colony decrease that comes with a winter adour, local bees have been spared starvation felt by other areas in the country.

“Backyard beekeepers won’t be nearly as impacted by this type of event as commercial beekeepers who make a living beekeeping, and a 20% reduction is much larger to a commercial beekeeper,” said Cassidy Dossin, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent at the University of Florida-Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension.

Dave Sieruta, who serves as president of the Clay County Beekeepers Association, said there are three types of beekeepers in the state of Florida: backyard beekeepers who maintain one-to-40 colonies, sideliners with 41-to-100 and commercial that maintain 100 or more.

There are no commercial beekeepers in the county, so the losses fell within a typical season trend, both Dossin and Sieruta said.

An adour is an event that occurs twice annually in the form of two seasonal cycles



when flowers, fruits, and other plants are going through a period of reduced blooming.

The first adour occurs following the original spring honey flow between July 1 through the middle of September as summer heat starts to subside in late fall. Then, after a second fall bloom, the first freeze initiates the second sequence.

One way to segment a potential colony



Dave Sieruta, president of the Clay County Beekeepers Association, poses with a bee hive replica at the 2022 Orange Park Fall Festival.

population decrease is to leave surplus honey behind and only harvest the sweet nectar during the spring season.

If you’re running low on honey, go ahead there and supplement the supply with sugar water. There are several simple syrups to choose from. Whatever you pick, just make sure to make it with one part water and one part sugar.

“That’s pretty close to what nectar actually is,” said Sieruta.

The veteran and longtime beekeeper took up a passion for beekeeping from 1982-1990 in Brunswick, Maine, before returning to Florida with his wife in 2010.

The bees need two resources to create the ever-valuable resource.

“One is nectar and the other is pollen,” Sieruta said.

The insects are extremely intelligent, according to the association’s president.

“The worker bees actually go in there and dictate to the queen bee on how many eggs she can lay based on the availability of those two resources, nectar and pollen,” Sieruta said.

After communication between the worker bees and the queen, the beekeeper takes over.

“Usually we’re all done extracting the spring honey at the end of June, and you’re supposed to leave enough honey for them to go ahead and survive in the fall time. If they have enough nectar and pollen available, they will survive, and the reason they starve out is that they don’t have the resources,” Sieruta said.

One reason for the successful habitat preservation in Clay is the lack of commercial farming. But the only true reason that a strong contingent of the bee population survives today is the residents that care

for them. While development is an ever-pressing issue in the town, those moving into them are the ones that still keep the tradition alive.

“These people that are going into the developments are going in there and planting flowers and fruit trees, so that might be contributing to it. The county is growing and more and more people are getting into gardening and flowers and stuff,” he said.

Beekeepers in Florida are required to register their colonies.

More than 5,000 participate, with 85% falling under the backyard category and 15% being a combination of the sideline and commercial beekeepers, according to Sieruta.

The introduction of vermella mites and small hive beetles is a new issue that Sieruta didn’t face in Maine.

The mites can be managed by oxalic acid, which Sieruta prefers to take care of by vaporizing in the summer, fall and spring seasons. He then attacks the small hive beetles with a potion created with vegetable shorting, honey, sugar and wintergreen oil.

The passion for beekeeping is continually growing in Clay, and as long as folks move forward with an increased level of interest, the practice and population should both survive and thrive.

Beekeeping provides those who participate with the soul-soothing effect of nature along with the help benefits of producing raw honey.

“(Producing the raw honey may be one reason why people are doing the beekeeping,” Sieruta said. “There’s a lot of people that are getting into having vegetable gardens and fruit trees where they need the bees to do the pollination for those plants.”

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"And notice, I don't say eating out of a box or at a fast food restaurant," Brown said. "Every day, I get three to four referrals for people with Type-2 diabetes. Every single day. And that's just the referrals coming into my office. There's been a huge increase, primarily because of fast food restaurants and junk foods."

Junk foods are high in trans and saturated fats, which can raise triglycerides, a type of fat in the blood. High levels of triglycerides increase the risk of developing Type-2 diabetes.

"If you want to start cooking on your own, we also have a grocery list. We have the meal plan. We have the software where I can calculate how many calories you need, then you can put in what kinds of foods you like, and then it generates up to 30 days of menus. You can even tell it how many days of leftovers you want," Brown said

"If you set a goal to eat healthier, most people can find a way to do it, but we can definitely help with that."

If delivery services don't fit your budget, there are ways to access fresh fruits and vegetables for little to no cost. Feeding Northeast Florida has distributed 2.7 million pounds of food in Clay County alone.

The organization's new warehouse will be located on Old Kings Road in Jacksonville, according to President Susan King. The organization announced its purchase and planned renovations of a 121,000-square-

foot building that will serve as the new home of the food bank.

"We will be a more efficient organization. Food insecurity in all eight counties that we serve is a huge issue. It's been a significant issue. We've seen a twenty-five percent increase in people requesting food assistance for the first time. More than 23,000 in Clay County are food insecure," said King.

"In terms of serving the community, we have a lot of programs around health and nutrition. Suppose you can help eliminate the need for high blood pressure medicine or insulin for diabetes or any other number of things that might be a requirement for that budget. In that case, we can help eliminate them by teaching them better eating habits and using fresh fruits and vegetables. If we can do that, we have helped a family or individual escape that cycle of poverty.

"A lot of people are starting from a very limited information base. We think people understand how to cook and eat well, but generationally, some people don't know how to cook. So, we have to approach this problem at a very basic level."

Additionally, The University of Florida/IFAS Extension provides the public with free and low-cost educational programs to create healthy people, a healthy environment, and a healthy economy in Clay County. These programs include various health and wellness programs offered at the Extension office. Programs on healthy eating/weight management are offered in partnership with employers such as Clay County Schools and Clay County Government.

Also, seniors at each of the four Aging True Senior Centers receive monthly nutrition education lessons.

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Smaller is better

Concert on the Green drops Memorial weekend concert for smaller events

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – Following a successful rendition of the first annual Cocoa and Carols, Concert on the Green has big plans moving forward as the calendar year shifts to 2023.

Sights, sounds, and senses from the event included the warm taste of fresh-to-serve hot chocolate, various food trucks serving a variety of items including anything from classic American fare to ice cream and Latin tacos, and of course, over a dozen elementary, middle, and high school choirs and bands performing favorite Christmas carols for their families and friends, the event was family-friendly fun for the whole community.

The event capped the nonprofit's ambitious year. It also prompted organizers to include it in this year's schedule.

There, at a meeting with a yet-to-be-announced date to be held either this week or the next, the trio of decision-makers will elect whether or not to bring back the event in 2023.

The popular event is an odds-on favorite to return to the town during the upcoming year, but the decision on whether or not to pull the trigger on the festival-style holiday event will likely be based upon one major factor – logistics, according to David Kle-



Rockin' on the River plans to return in Summer of 2023.

inik, who serves on the board of directors. "We didn't receive any negative feedback (on Cocoa and Carols) It's more of, you know, how much would the town allot for resources, and how many more police and fire do we need on-site for safety purposes? You know, just general things, but for the most part, I feel like we did well with it," Kleinik said. In a surprising caveat, Concert on the Green will not move forward with plans to hold its biggest annual spring concert, which is the Memorial Day Concert on the Green.

In its place, the board of directors envisions a smaller, separate early spring concert, and they're not wasting their time in piecing together plans for the event which will also likely be held in Orange Park.

News of the cancellation, however, does not necessarily mean the big-time event will not return in the future.

No further plans have been made at this time, according to Kleinik.

The fundamental reason for canceling the event on the kickoff weekend of summer is that the nonprofit has reconsidered their operating model, Kleinik said.

"You know, COVID has affected a lot of nonprofits in Clay County. We got hit, too, so we've looked at how the charity is built. The mission is to bring arts and music to the county and give scholarships and grants to schools. We've looked at the way our charity is built, and our mission, and with COVID and the rebuilding we're doing, we've really assessed bringing the symphony to Clay

County. So, right now, we are not going to be doing our Memorial Day concert," he said.

Concert on the Green will instead shift their focus to smaller concerts such as Co-coas and Carols and Rocking on the River.

Concert on the Green also will continue its program to provide instruments to local schools. "That way, we can keep giving heavily for scholarships and school grants," he said.

With Clay County both being threatened by hurricanes and lacking an indoor theater, problems exist in the world of a nonprofit attempting to schedule an outdoor event, which can at times be a logistical nightmare.

"In the past five or six years, I would say that Concert on the Green has been canceled due to a hurricane or major rain formation two or three of those times. You can't really get insurance for an event like that," Kleinik said.



By sticking to smaller, more budget-friendly events, the nonprofit will have more rainy day funds, and with better financial backing, the Concert on the Green can then better perform its base function: arts, music, student scholarships and school grants.

"If we go to smaller events and we cancel one, we can still have our sponsors piggyback onto that. If they're happy, we're happy," he said.

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Hartle

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here, become some lady's back yard and see them tear up the dock. I didn't want to see the history get torn up."

So he bought it.

His plans for the .6-acre lot are simple:

Adam Hartle is comfortable working as a comic in front of big crowds, all while keeping a low profile as the lot owner where Lynyrd Skynyrd's Hell House once stood.

he's going to leave it alone.

Hell House had a tin roof, toilet and no air conditioning. Conditions were brutal – hence the name.

"I went there a few times when I was young," said current Lynyrd Skynyrd frontman Johnny Van Zant. "What I do remember is it was named right: It was a Hell House. It was a square room. It was secluded."

Hartle said the land wasn't bought as a financial investment. It's about keeping the music – and its birthplace – alive.

He said he was motivated by Skynyrd's "Every Mother's Son." The lyrics included a line, "I can see the concrete creeping."

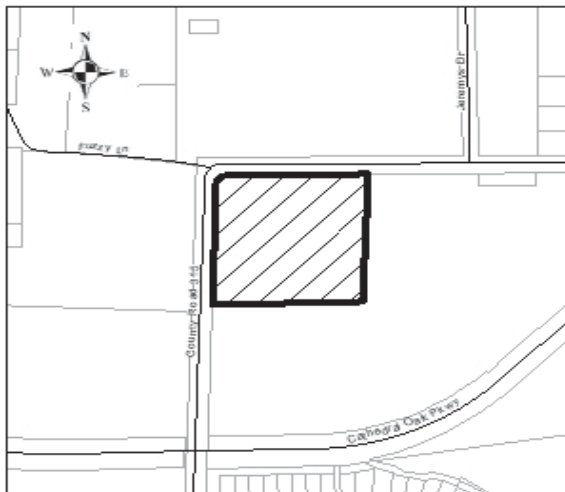
"It was expensive. Everybody told me I was crazy. My wife told me I was crazy. She said, 'You're wasting your money.' It's not an investment. I'll never see that money back. I'm never going to sell this land, but it's all right. I'm happy to do it because I was in a financial situation where I could do it. It means a lot to me; it means a lot to other people as well," Hartle said.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of considering the adoption of a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Clay County 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance adopting the proposed amendment is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF A SINGLE PARCEL (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 32-05-26-021092-000-00), COMPRISING 6.266 ACRES, FROM RF (RURAL FRINGE) TO COM (COMMERCIAL); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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

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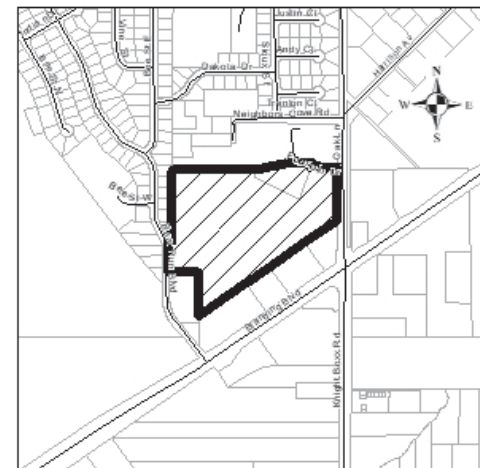
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Hagan Ace Hardware opens new store in Orange Park

STAFF PHOTO BY SHERI LHOTAK

ORANGE PARK – With the snip of oversized pair of scissors, Hagan Ace Hardware opened a new store Tuesday at 1464 Park Ave. The fourth-generation family-owned chain now has 10 locations, including Green Cove Springs and south Orange Park. The new store on Park Avenue is open from 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday; and, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday.



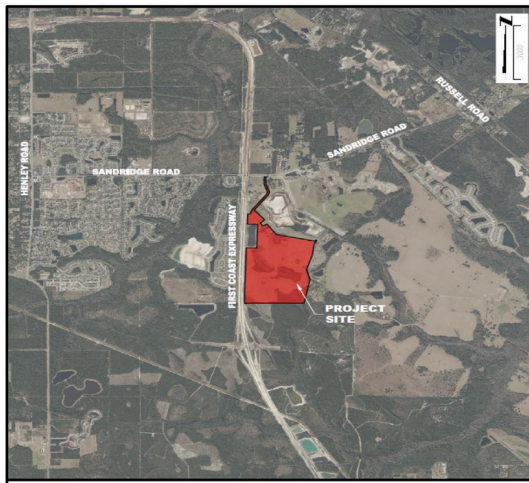
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Clay County Board of County Commissioners To Consider a Petition to Establish Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District

DATE: January 24, 2023

TIME: 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard

LOCATION: Clay County Administration Building
BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor
477 Houston Street
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, a public hearing will be held by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners on the 24th day of January, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, to consider a petition to establish the Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District. The proposed Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District is comprised of 254.16 acres, generally located south of Sandridge Road, east of First Coast Expressway and west of Feed Mill Road in Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The petitioner has proposed to establish the Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District to plan, finance, acquire, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure and community facilities which may be authorized by such district under Florida law, including but not limited to: stormwater management system, roadway improvements, water and sewer systems, landscaping and signage, amenities and other infrastructure.



A copy of the petition is open to public inspection at the Clay County Attorney's Office, 2nd Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, (904) 269-6377.

All interested persons and affected units of general-purpose government shall be given an opportunity to appear at the hearing and present oral or written comments on the petition. Any persons or affected unit of general-purpose local government, who wish to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing will need a record of the proceedings. For that purpose, the person or unit of general-purpose local government may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

NOTICE TO PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO ALL HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSONS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County's ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043 or by telephone at (904) 278-4719 no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons, please call the Florida Relay Service (1 800 955 8770), no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Legal 48021 published in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper December 29, 2022, January 5, 12, and 19, 2023.

NOTICE OF ELECTION 2023 SUPER TUESDAY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS City of Green Cove Springs City of Keystone Heights Town of Orange Park

Pursuant to Section 100.021 of the Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the 2023 Super Tuesday Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at each respective Municipality.

City of Green Cove Springs

321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
Seats One (1) and Two (2) for a three (3) year term of office on the Green Cove Springs City Council.

City of Keystone Heights

555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Seat Four (4) for a three (3) year term of office on the Keystone Heights City Council.

Town of Orange Park

2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073
Seats One (1) and Two (2) for a three (3) year term of office on the Orange Park Town Council.

Qualifying for all seats will open Monday, January 30th at NOON and remain open until Friday, February 3rd at NOON at the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office.

Those interested in qualifying for Seats on the aforementioned City or Town Councils must be a qualified elector, a citizen of the United States and meet all other qualifying requirements as outlined in each respective Municipal Charter.

A Run-off Election, if necessary for any Municipality will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of May.

For further information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office at (904) 269-6350.

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.

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

AVISO DE ELECCION ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES DEL SÚPER MARTES 2023 Ciudad de Green Cove Springs Ciudad de Keystone Heights Ciudad de Orange Park

De conformidad con la Sección 100.021 de los Estatutos de Florida, se notifica que las Elecciones Municipales del Súper Martes 2023 se llevarán a cabo el martes 11 de abril de 2023, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. en cada Municipio respectivo.

Ciudad de Green Cove Springs

321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
Asientos Uno (1) y Dos (2) por un período de tres (3) años en el Consejo de la Ciudad de Green Cove Springs.

Ciudad de Keystone Heights

555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Asiento Cuatro (4) por un período de tres (3) años en el Consejo de la Ciudad de Keystone Heights.

Ciudad de Orange Park

2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073
Asientos Uno (1) y Dos (2) por un período de tres (3) años en el Consejo Municipal de Orange Park.

La calificación para los asientos se abrirá el lunes 30 de enero a mediodía y permanecerá abierta hasta el mediodía del viernes 3 de febrero en la Oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay.

Aquellos interesados en calificar para Asientos en los Consejos Municipales o Municipales mencionados anteriormente debe ser un elector calificado, un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos y cumplir con todos los demás requisitos de calificación como se detalla en cada Carta Municipal respectiva.

Una segunda vuelta electoral, si es necesario para cualquier municipio, se llevará a cabo el segundo martes de mayo.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay, (904) 269-6350.

De acuerdo con la Ley Sunshine de Florida, esta reunión está abierta al público.

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

Legal 47828 published Jan. 5 and 19, 2023 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.



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By Lee Wardlaw
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – John and Kelila Robinson are a power couple responsible for running Team Ambition Fitness, an on-line fitness training business that has been operating since 2015.

The service specializes in promoting a regular health program and wellness program through physical activity while also placing a special emphasis on basic nutrition.

John, the founder, also works as a fitness coach, along with his wife.

Both have rangy and extensive backgrounds in the medical field and more, with John holding educational certifications from the International Sports Science Association as a personal trainer and sports nutrition specialist.

Robinson also earned past certifications from two U.S. military branches, one from the U.S. Navy in physical training and another from the Marine Corps in Level II high-intensity tactical training.

Meanwhile, Kelila has 14 years of experience as a full-time nurse. She is both certified in kickboxing and ISSA.

Kelila works long hours in an unforgiving field, but that doesn't stop her from training clients, and ever-passionately pursuing her side hustle.

Participants can follow their workout

program via the Team Ambition Fitness app or visit the gym's 1,000-square foot at 110 Ambition Dr., which is complete with equipment that is sure to get you shredded, such as barbells, dumbbells and kettlebells along with boxing equipment and spin bikes.

Robinson said that 95% of Team Ambition Fitness's outreach is currently being conducted via online programs.

Team Ambition focuses on programs that are specifically designed for the individual, with eight- and 12-week options for clients seeking to produce a better body tone.

Benefits also include better peace of mind and mental health improvement which leads to healthy and consistent exercise.

"The mental health aspect transfers to physical health. The biggest thing you'll hear from our team members that have completed the program is that it has transformed their confidence. They've increased their confidence and strength, as well as their endurance," John said.

"These are customized plans for specific individuals."

If you are considering entering the virtual walls of a gym, Robinson serves as a combination between a motivational speaker, speaker of life of advice and physical trainer while helping clients through-

out the process – all based on success at the professional level.

Robinson is a former National Physique Committee competitor and fitness model. He has trained six women that have placed in figure and bikini categories.

Whether you aspire to be a professional bodybuilder or an everyday person who enjoys getting into shape, it doesn't matter to the Robinsons.

John and Kelila have trained more than 200 clients.

The happy couple has a clothing line with Nike and Under Armour products and a podcast, which can be purchased or downloaded by visiting the following link: TeamAmbitionFitness.com.

Robinson said running the business with his wife has been an additional blessing.

"The fun part of it is that my wife and I started this together, and she has supported everything we've done. She's also had plenty of input into how the business is run and the specific items when it comes to clothing. She's the mastermind behind the clothing aspect," he said.

Along with visiting their online home, you can reach Team Ambition Fitness by visiting their popular social media Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Ambitious14you/ or e-mailing John at teamambitionfitness@gmail.com.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TEAM AMBITION FITNESS
John Robinson is a fitness coach and the CEO at Team Ambition Fitness, an online fitness training business that's operated out of Green Cove Springs.

Firefighter's wife turns passion for design into fledging business

By Lee Wardlaw
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CLAY COUNTY – Ashleigh Woronka began her passionate pursuit of the graphic design industry more than 17 years ago, but when she got started she didn't realize the true impact that her designs would end up having on the community.

A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Woronka's former home is a five-hour, 314-mile excursion from her newly-established residence at Doctors Inlet.

Woronka was first introduced to the graphic design industry at her father's

printing shop – one that he still runs. It's the shop where she grew up and it molded her passion for graphic design.

Five years ago, the entrepreneur and

STAFF PHOTO BY LEE WARDLAW
Ashleigh Woronka is the founder of FireFighter Wife Creations. Since kickstarting the business in 2018, the Doctors Inlet resident has utilized her nearly 20 years of skills, expertise, and superior knowledge of the graphic design industry to create several specialty products, such as t-shirts, tumblers, and more.

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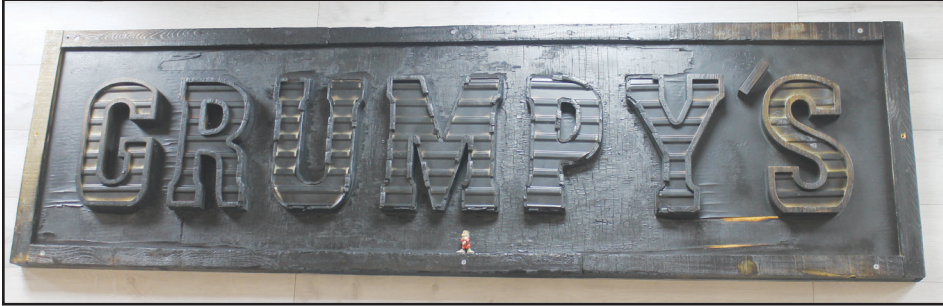
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Re-opening of Grumpy's puts loyal customers in great mood

By Don Coble
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MIDDLEBURG — The minutes before Grumpy's Restaurant was scheduled to re-open were filled with frenzied activity inside the popular eatery. There were menus to place on tables, food to be prepped, T-shirts to be folded and a final moment for everyone to catch their breath.

"I need these guys to be exceptional today," co-owner Del Hoard Sr. told his kitchen staff. "Actually, guys, just do what you always do."

Outside, the line of hungry and eager customers was growing. The dark and foggy conditions created an eerie backdrop. Headlights poked a hole through the thick cover as the line quickly became a crowd.

Then at 5:30 a.m., Courtney Hoard, the wife of co-owner Del Hoard Jr., opened the door and she was quickly greeted with smiles and hugs.

"We got here about 4:40 (a.m.). We wanted to be the first when they opened the doors," said Middleburg's Jay Miller.

The restaurant was destroyed on Jan. 19, 2022, by a fire that started with an electrical spark in the wall behind the dishwasher. COVID, supply chain issues, red tape and labor shortages caused sever-

al delays in the rebuilding. Nearly a year of frustration and anticipation was replaced with filled stomachs, hot cups of coffee and a few tears.

"It feels good to be back," Hoard Sr. said. "We never gave up."

Within minutes, every seat at Grumpy's was filled. A new line formed outside, and it didn't subside until the final lunch left the line at 2 p.m.

The only things that distinguished the pre-fire Grumpy's with the rebuild was the large "GRUMPY'S" signs above the counter and a wooden American flag leading to the restrooms. The GRUMPY'S letters still were covered with soot and char. So was the flag. They serve as a reminder of the restaurant's journey, Hoard Sr. said.

The rest of the place was rebuilt exactly as the old one. The Hoards resisted the temptation to expand to better accommodate the demand, but they decided coziness and a friendly attention was more important.

Only a few returning customers opened their menus. Most were such regulars, they already knew what they wanted to eat.

Including Miller and his wife, Barb. They took the first booth near the door. He ordered two poached eggs, grits, bacon

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STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

The Grumpy's staff took a moment before opening to take a group shot.



Within two minutes, every seat at the front counter was taken by loyal customers who've waited nearly 50 weeks for the restaurant to re-open after a devastating fire on Jan. 19, 2022.



Customers filed into Grumpy's when it re-opened at 5:30 a.m. Monday. Many waited in the darkness and fog to be among the first to welcome the return of the popular eatery.



Above, cook Michael West gets ready for the early morning rush by cooking sausage. After being closed nearly a year ago by a fire, West helped Grumpy's get back in the business of feeding customers in Middleburg. At the right, co-owner Courtney Hoard meets with Jay Miller, who arrived at 4:40 a.m. to be the first in the door.





Children in 32043, 32073 zip codes eligible for free Imagination Library books

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Children who live in zip codes 32043 (Green Cove Springs, Lake Asbury, Penney Farms) and 32073 (Orange Park, Lakeside, Bellair-Meadowbrook and Argyle Forest) are eligible to receive free books for their children through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Beta Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International partnered with the Clay Education Foundation to support this program.

This early childhood literacy program mails free, age-appropriate books each month to children from birth until age 5, no matter their family's income.

Since May, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Clay County has mailed 4,355 books to children of families in our community.

The "user-friendly" URL below can be used to go directly to the Clay County Imagination Library website where you can donate to our program or register children. Need more information, visit [/bit.ly/DPIL32043-32073](https://bit.ly/DPIL32043-32073).

Playing in the dirt

Harvey's eco-garden features array of blossoms, butterflies, bees, bugs

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – Frances Harvey is an eco-gardener with one big plan.

Harvey, who has lived in Orange Park for 15 years, was first motivated to start a garden after taking a workshop over 10 years ago from Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Wayne Hobbs at the UF/IFAS Clay County Extension office.

Since laying the framework for her garden in 2012, Harvey now has accumulated a list of 35 plant species, with a seemingly never-ending list of shrubs and greens, including the Florida state wildflower, Coreopsis, beach sunflowers, milkweed, Arizona Sun, Aztec Grass, Muhly Grass, Mondo Grass, Wild Verbena, Japanese Blueberry, many varieties of Salvia, Tickseed, Hibiscus, Purple Fountain Grass and more.

The garden provides some of Harvey's vegetables, with plants such as bananas and yuccas. But that's just the beginning of the majestic powers of the half-acre in the middle of town.

The plants attract an array of animals, and all involved play a critical role in going on to support the environment, including ever-important insect species, an array of colorful dragonflies, lovely ladybugs and, most importantly, pollinators such as the Monarch and Zebra Longwing butterflies, along with a long-ranging variety of bees.

There also are a collection of other common birds, animals and reptiles that frequently the garden such as bluebirds, cardinals, crows, mockingbirds and the majestic swallow-tailed kite, along with other local critters like frogs, squirrels, owls and hawks.

All plants involved not only play a role in helping ever-important pollinators as the honeybee thrive, but that's just the beginning of the magic that a properly-maintained front yard or backyard can provide, no matter how small the space. Harvey's entire parcel is .23 acres, with her front



STAFF PHOTO BY LEE WARDLAW

Frances Harvey turned her small lot in Orange Park into thriving eco-garden.

yard garden only accounting for 10% of the total acreage.

"You can save money. My water bill is very, very low. I don't have to have a lawn service for my front yard, and that works for a lot of people," she said.

But that's not all: establishing a garden can even enhance the value of your home, she said.

"It can enhance your curb appeal," Harvey said.

Her gardens have strengthened family bonds, which can certainly be accomplished in an area that receives more than 270 days of sunshine annually.

"Just start small with a butterfly garden. You can start small. It's an opportunity," she said.

To start your garden, you can get easy-to-follow instructions from the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program at the Extension Office, which provides an excellent resource on how to begin cultivating eco-friendly plants that go on to protect the environment. Clay County residents can find out more by following this link: <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/miami-dade/landscapes--gardening/florida-yards-and-neighborhoods-fyn/>.

Hobbs' lecture certainly went on to inspire Harvey, but her biggest boost came when she adopted the practice of natural landscaping – a school of thought that has been championed by Doug Tallamy, an American entomologist, ecologist and conservationist author.

Hobbs co-founded Homegrown National

Park, a nonprofit with a grassroots mission of regenerating biodiversity and ecosystem function because every human being on this earth needs diverse and highly productive ecosystems to survive.

The organization's call to action is to catalyze a collective effort of individual homeowners, property owners, land managers, farmers and anyone with soil to start a new habitat by planting native plants and removing invasive plants. Intending to plant 20 million native seedlings, it is the largest cooperative conservation project ever conceived or attempted.

Harvey's garden participates in the nonprofit's call to action, and she called on all other county residents to do the same.

"There's 60 million acres of backyards in the (United States), and much of that is unused," she said.

She not only hopes that Clay residents will help her in performing the nonprofit's mission but also envisions the county as a potential hub for the gardening world in the state of Florida.

"I would love to see Clay County become the garden capital of Florida. I've grown pineapples, blueberries and asparagus. It depends on the soil, but this could be a point of pride for our county," she said. "You're doing good for the environment. It's for the manatees, monarchs, and bumblebees, and you can get the kids involved and away from the electronics."

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Grumpy's

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and unsweet iced tea. She ordered oatmeal, toast and coffee.

"I came up here right after the fire and took photos of the inside," Jay Miller said. "We've been waiting a long time for them to be back. We come up here for the comradery. It's a very personal place. It's a family affair here."

"Grumpy's is a lot more than eggs and grits."

"We've been coming here since they

opened," Barb Miller said. "We love it here."

Although Grumpy's is new again, the Hoards were glad to pick up where they left off. That means legions of loyal customers, huge bowls of fresh fruit, big waffles, fresh-squeezed orange juice, eggs and a waiting line that forms before the doors are unlocked.

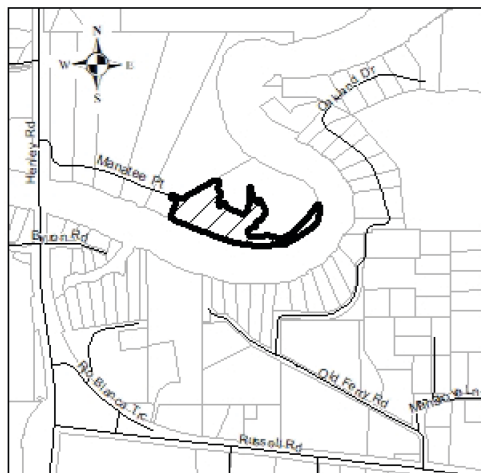
Grumpy's re-opened after being closed for nearly 50 weeks by a fire, customers were happy to be in line waiting for a table.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of considering a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map (Application CPA 2022-22) to change the future land use designation of a portion of the property listed below from Branan Field Primary Conservation Network to Branan Field Master Planned Community. The property affected by the proposed Future Land Use Map Change is depicted below. The ordinance adopting the proposed amendment is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 5.42 ACRES (A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL # 09-05-25-009110-002-00) FROM BF PCN (BRANAN FIELD PRIMARY CONSERVATION NETWORK) TO BF MPC (BRANAN FIELD MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL # 09-05-25-009110-002-00
Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 284-6347 no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

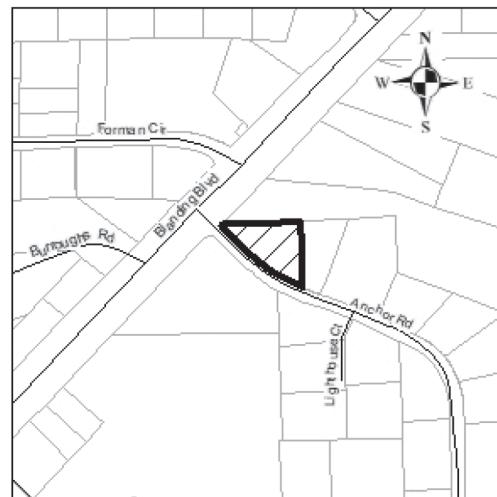
Clay County Board of County Commissioners

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF A SINGLE PARCEL (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (22-05-24-006420-018-00), FROM COM (COMMERCIAL) TO RR (RURAL RESIDENTIAL); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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Clay County Board of County Commissioners

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Design

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soon-to-be mother made the call to kick-start her own uniquely-branded graphic design service called Firefighter Wife Creations.

Since her husband was a firefighter, it didn't take her long to come up with a name for her business.

"I was just trying to find something that was unique and different, and me being a firefighters' wife, that's what I decided to do," she said.

Woronka met her husband, Ricky, in South Carolina when he was stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Jackson. The couple moved to Clay County in 2014.

Her company now sells an array of favorite specialty household items, souvenirs, clothing, air fresheners, can holders, 20-ounce and 30-ounce cups, T-shirts, earrings, sandstone car coasters, glitter pens and pencils, mugs, keychains and puzzles. Many items are monogrammed, and Woronka is certainly willing to customize most orders.

Favorite team-themed tumblers are available for those that cheer for Florida, Florida State and the Jacksonville Jaguars, but more importantly, sports and band-themed shirts and other custom items can be purchased.

Word-of-mouth is her No. 1 method of producing sales results, with pickup or delivery the most popular option.

"It's mostly word of mouth, which is great, because that's the best way to share about a small business, and somebody checking it out and saying "That's pretty



Orange Park and other Clay County schools, are proudly represented in the form of T-shirts, pants and more.

cool, where did you get that from? Hey, go check them out.' But I do have some out-of-state (sales) from people that are no longer living here anymore or they have been completely new customers. So I do have a wide variety, but I do better with the pickups," she said.

While a little extra money is a good thing, it was never about the money. It was a labor of love.

"It's my passion, and I was always more or less doing it for friends and family as gifts, and I just decided to share that (pas-

sion) with everyone else," she said.

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God's Word uses examples of fair dealing to emphasize this. Deuteronomy 25:13-15 says, "You must use accurate scales when you weigh out merchandise, and you



Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register
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Clay County

must use full and honest measures. Yes, always use honest weights and measures, so that you may enjoy a long life in the land the Lord your God is giving you." And Proverbs 11:1 says, "A false balance and dishonest business practices are extremely offensive to the Lord, but an accurate scale is His delight."

These Scriptures clearly show the im-

portance God places on integrity. It makes sense since He is perfect, sinless, holy, and full of justice. As God's children, He expects us to strive toward certain standards as well. He understands that we can never be perfect and loves us as we are, but He still expects us to learn from His Word and work toward our spiritual maturity every day.

Jesus is our perfect example of what living a life of integrity is all about. If we saturate our lives in the story of the life and ministry of Jesus recorded in the Gospels, and pattern our lives after Him, we will grow in personal character and integrity. In fact, this is what we are called to do. The goal of the Christian life is to become more and more like Jesus!

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A little 'Crazy,' maybe a little 'Strange,' but Always ... Patsy Cline

Legendary singer's career on stage at Thrasher-Horne Center Sunday night

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

ORANGE PARK – Whether you are a Patsy Cline fan or interested in getting to know the singer behind her hits songs “Walking After Midnight,” “Crazy” and “She’s Got You,” Sunday is a day to remember.

“Always... Patsy Cline,” created by Ted Swindley, is sweet, humorous and nostalgic. Equal parts concert and Broadway-like production, the hit musical portrays the country music legend, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer like never before. The story follows her friendship with a fan from Houston named Louise Seger. The two met in a Texas honky-tonk in 1961.

From that moment on, the two women forged a powerful bond.

“The relationship, which began as fan worship evolved into one of mutual respect. It is the kind of relationship that many fans would like to have with their heroes,” the Thrasher Horne Center wrote on its upcoming event page.

Over a pot of strong coffee, the two women chatted about their common concerns. When Cline finally left for her next job at Dallas, the women exchanged addresses and telephone numbers. Seger never expected to hear from Cline again, but soon after she left, Seger received the first of many letters from Cline and continued a written correspondence for the next two years, inspiring the script for much of the show.

“Always... Patsy Cline” has enjoyed great success all over the United States,



PHOTO COURTESY TED SWINDLEY PRODUCTIONS

Cindy Summers, left, plays Patsy Cline and Misty Rowe plays her longtime friend Louise Seger in “Always ... Patsy Cline” at the Thrasher-Horne Center Sunday.

including a successful run off-Broadway. It has been one of the most produced musicals in America, according to American Theatre Magazine, and has also been enjoyed internationally by audiences in Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia.

The group will perform at the Thrasher-Horne Center at 6 p.m.. The show will feature director Misty Rowe playing the part of Louise Seger and Cindy Summers as the iconic Patsy Cline.

“My character, Louise Segar, tells the story of the night they met. It comes alive. It’s just poignant and sad and then happy. There’s a lot of emotion in this two-woman play. The journey they take you on, it’s just amazing. And it’s a true story,” Segar told Clay Today.

Rowe started production nearly 20 years ago.

“The first time I did ‘Always... Patsy Cline’ was in Bradson, Missouri at Tony Orlando’s Tie a Yellow Ribbon Theatre. On the opening night, the real Louise Seger came, and she absolutely hated me,” Rowe said. As a former television star, playing in HeeHaw, Fantasy Island, Days of Our Lives and Love Boat, Rowe had never done her own hair and makeup before.

“I knew nothing about wearing a wig. I just put it on- no skull cap or hairpins to secure it. So when I tossed my head after a big musical scene, my wig flew off. Louise stands up in the middle of the show and shouts, ‘I wouldn’t wear that wig to an out-house,’ to the top of her voice and storms

off. It was the most embarrassing moment of my entire career.”

However, Seger soon returned to the theater. “I was able to get to know her. She started writing me letters and sent me pictures of her when she was young. She was like a spark plug. She had this fiery personality and very bossy. She could be very funny, and that’s what I try to embody in the show,” Rowe said.

The production, complete with humor, genuine emotion and even some audience participation, includes many of Patsy’s unforgettable hits. See for yourself why this remarkable show has received rave reviews nationwide.

Tickets start at \$29 and can be found at thcenter.org or by calling (904) 276-6815.

HCA Florida Middleburg Emergency now serving patients

MIDDLEBURG – HCA Florida Middleburg Emergency, a campus of HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, is now open.

The new facility is located at the crossroads of Blanding Boulevard and Everett Avenue at 2560 Blanding Blvd. The facility is 10,820 square feet and is a full-service ER with 11 patient rooms, imaging and lab services. The ER is open 24 hours and is staffed by a team of board-certified emergency physicians, specially trained nurses and staff equipped to treat adults and children.

The emergency room is the third free-standing emergency room for Orange Park Hospital. HCA Florida Park West Emergency located on 103rd Street and HCA Florida Normandy Park Emergency located on Normandy Boulevard in West Jacksonville, have treated nearly 70,000 patients this year.

“The growth has exploded in Clay



HCA Middleburg Emergency is conveniently located to provide quick emergency care access to those living in Middleburg, Lake Asbury, Green Cove Springs and Penney Farms.

County over the past few years and is expected to continue to grow. Quick access to care for this part of the county is critical,” said Dr. Michael Euwema, Emergen-

cy Medicine Physician and Facility Medical Director at HCA Florida Middleburg Emergency. “As a Clay County resident, I am proud to offer these new services in

my home community.”

In addition to emergency care, patients treated at the ER will have access to Orange Park Hospital’s team of specialists for maternity, women’s care, advanced cardiovascular, neurology, critical care and surgical care.

“Having an emergency room in Southern Clay County also benefits local EMS. They can return to service quicker than before when they had to take patients to the closest hospital 10-15 minutes away,” said Euwema. “This will allow them to get back on the road to respond to service calls quicker and, as a result, help more people.”

The emergency room is conveniently located to provide quick emergency care access to those living in Middleburg, Lake Asbury, Green Cove Springs and Penney Farms.

This year, Orange Park Hospital will also complete a \$34 million 101,435 square foot expansion, adding a 20-bed ICU to its existing 28 ICU beds and another 48 private patient rooms.

Police Briefs

Detective 'following up on strong leads' after teen shot to death

ORANGE PARK – The Orange Park Police Department is still canvassing the area around the Orange Park Athletic Association complex for anyone who saw people playing basketball on Dec. 28 that may lead them to who shot and killed Drew Allan Wright III.

According to Lt. Cody Monroe, his agency was called around 3:46 p.m. by people who saw an argument led to Wright being shot. The park and a portion of Gano Avenue were shut down for hours while OPPD, Clay County Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Florida Department of Law Enforcement looked for clues.

According to a statement released on Dec. 29, Wright died at 2:14 a.m., about 11 hours after the shooting. The department said it wouldn't release many details that may hamper the investigation.

"Detectives are making good progress and following up on strong leads," according to the statement.

Anyone who has information or knows the identity of anyone at the park during the afternoon of the shooting is asked to call the Orange Park Police Department at (04) 264-5555 or First Coast Crime Stoppers at (866) 845-8477.

Mother, son die in Orange Park apartment fire

ORANGE PARK – A mother and her son both died as the result of a fire at their Brentwood Lane apartment on Dec. 26.

Alexis Fitzgerald was removed from life

support the day after the fire and she died at UF Health in Gainesville. Her 4-year-old son, Rozae, died at the scene.

The fire apparently started around an electrical strip near the Christmas tree. Fitzgerald's son and sister escaped the fire.

According to a report, the smoke alarms didn't activate.

Brothers charged with trafficking methamphetamine following raid

MIDDLEBURG – A pre-dawn raid on a home on Plankton Avenue resulted in the arrest of two brothers and the recovery on cocaine, morphine, methamphetamine, fentanyl, marijuana, alprazolam pills, clonazepam pills and hydro morphine pills.

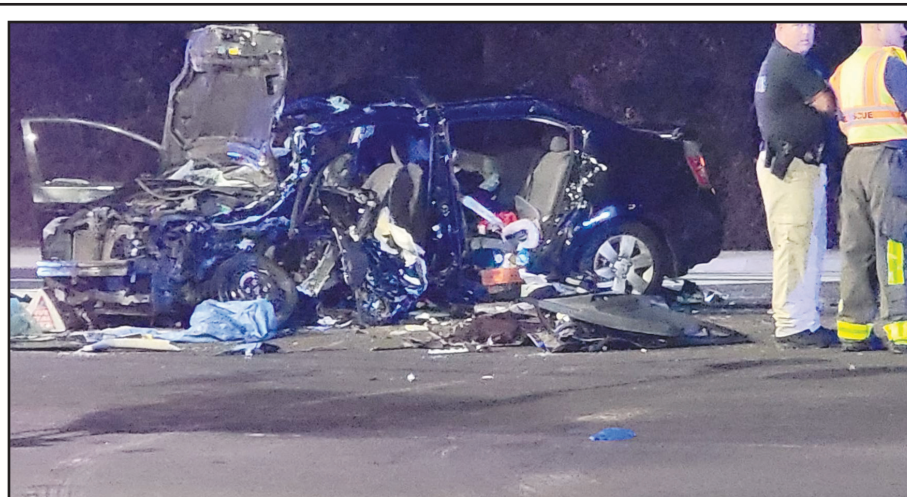
In addition to possession of the array of drugs, Devon Corey Justice, 29, also was charged with trafficking morphine and methamphetamine. According to the arrest report, the drugs were found in his living room, inside a safe, in his bedroom and on his nightstand.

His brother, 28-old Brandon Dean Justice, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Devon Justice's bond was set at \$795,033, while his brother was released after posting a \$5,003 bond.



Devon Justice



Pizza delivery driver killed in New Year's Eve crash

Clay Today staff

MIDDLEBURG – A 28-year-old man from Orange Park was killed a few hours before midnight on New Year's Eve when the Florida Highway Patrol said another man sped through a red light and slammed into the driver's door.

Christian Whitaker died shortly after being taken to the hospital, FHP said.

According to the accident report, Whitaker had a green light and he was pulling from County Road 220 West north onto State Road 21 when a man driving a Lincoln Navigator raced through a red light.

Both vehicles came to rest in the middle of the intersection. Investigators



returned on Jan. 2 to the scene to map out the site and search for more clues.

FHP doesn't reveal the identities of people involved in crashes, but Whitaker's identity was posted on social media.

Charges may be pending.

Walmart employee charged with helping woman run from sheriff's office deputies

MIDDLEBURG – A Walmart employee was charged with helping a woman suspected of shoplifting at the Orange Park Walmart escape from the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Marcus Xavier Jordan, 27, was charged with aiding an escape after he drove to the woman who was running from deputies and gave her a ride from the scene. Jordan's black Dodge was stopped a block away at Atlantic Storage.

Jordan gave consent for deputies to read text messages on his phone, and they saw messages from the woman who said "I'm about to meet me by panda express." Jordan also told the woman to tell deputies she needed to use the restroom, which would allow her to escape, but she said she already told them and they escorted her to the restroom.

Jordan's bond was set at \$5,003.



Marcus Jordan

Man charged with damaging church window, pulpit

MIDDLEBURG – A 40-year-old man with a lengthy arrest record was charged with "maliciously and intentionally damaging a window, flower pots and wooden riser" at St. John Missionary Baptist Church on Dec. 28.

Joel Timothy Batdorf, of Middleburg, was charged with damaging a church after the Clay County Sheriff's Office responded to a suspicious person on Brickyard Road. When deputies talked with Batdorf, they noticed he had a part of the pulpit with him, as well as a pipe and axe.

Since 2018, Batdorf has been arrested twice for domestic violence, four times for trespassing, assault while committing a felony, battery and petit theft.

His bond was set at \$7,503.



Joel Batdorf

Man busted for selling pot, pills to undercover deputy

JACKSONVILLE – The Clay County Sheriff's Office tracked down a man wanted for selling marijuana and alprazolam pills

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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, Jan. 3

Robert T. Thompson, 36, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia, DWLSR
Autumn D. Wilson, 28, Green Cove Springs, FTA
Susan V. Rivero, 40, Middleburg, domestic battery
Brandon N. Tyler, 31, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-fentanyl
Lindsay N. Vandegrift, 36, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-methamphetamine
Cameron L. Willis, 25, Orange Park, possession-drug paraphernalia
Lindy M. Libert, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR
Ranfis P. Vargas, 40, Green Cove Springs, grand theft
Alyssa N. Wiseman, 27, Green Cove Springs, battery on detention officer/staff
Brittany A. Ziegler, 27, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove contraband into jail
Jordan T. Van Wingerden, 20, Fleming Island, domestic battery

Monday, Jan. 2

Darrick L. Young, 44, Oakleaf, sexual battery
Sadarius E.J. Douglas, 27, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR
Dawson T. Buckler, 20, Green Cove Springs, battery, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Roger C. Weber, 50, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia, possession-fentanyl

Sunday, Jan. 1

Heather R. Morgan, 43, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, two counts possession-drug paraphernalia
Hershel E. Bowling, 39, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia
Drake A. Witmer, 32, Fleming Island, domestic battery, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Ernest C. Ferguson, 28, Orange Park, grand theft
Bryan T. Way, 31, Keystone Heights, possession-unlicensed firearm, possession-marijuana
Chase E. Knox, 19, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, DUI, reckless driving
Luke M. Schnekloth, 29, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery
Nicholas J. Magli, 45, Middleburg, possession-xanax
Katie M. Chapman, 43, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Saturday, Dec. 31

Valaray S. Hansen, 37, Orange Park, shoplifting
Daniel A. Krajewski, 50, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-molly/ecstasy
Michael W. Brockwell, 25, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia
Martin M. Garcia, 40, Orange Park, domestic battery
Howard D. Tinsley, 69, Orange Park, shoplifting
Tyler Cyriaque, 26, Orange Park, DWLSR
Elijah J. Norris, 20, Orange Park, carrying concealed weapon, possession-unlicensed firearm
James T. Logan, 40, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, child abuse

Friday, Dec. 30

Charles W. Holland, 35, Keystone Heights, grand theft auto
Debra S. Maylon, 58, Orange Park, trespassing
Jacob L. Carter, 27, Middleburg, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DWLSR
Staranzo Caudio, 30, Fleming Island, aggravated assault with deadly weapon
Dave S. Jones, 27, Orange Park, possession-marijuana
Brannon R. Fussell, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-grand larceny
Christopher D. Niedziecki, 56, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR
Franciso J.A. Cordova, 44, Middleburg, FTA-driving without valid license
Minor C. Catledge, 59, Green Cove Springs, assault/battery during burglary, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Davianne R. Beepot, 31, Fleming Island, DUI with property damage/bodily injury
Guilda G. Hurst, 35, Orange Park, DWLSR
Bryson D. Hampton, 18, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Thursday, Dec. 29

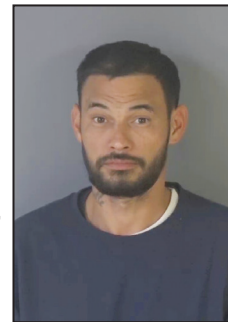
Loran M. Wilson, 37, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice
Joshua T. Warren, 38, Orange Park, DUI-fourth offense, attempting to flee/elude with lights/siren active
John W. Phillips, 30, Middleburg, domestic battery
Todd A. Tilley, 20, Middleburg, two counts battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT
Avery C. Ennis, 25, Green Cove Springs, VOP-attempted possession of controlled substance with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver
Ryan M. Ragsdale, 26, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, possession-methamphetamine, DWLSR

Police

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to an undercover deputy.

Joshua Kitana Cuevas, 35, was arrested in Jacksonville after CCSO said sold the pot and pills for \$480 to a deputy on Aug. 8. He also was charged with using his cellphone to facilitate a felony.



Joshua Cuevas

Cuevas is due in court on Jan. 31. Until then, his bond was set at \$110,009.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

Jesse W. Quigley, 46, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance
Izabella LeBlanc, 50, Green Cove Springs, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT
Mason E. Cornish, 44, Fleming Island, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Joshua K. Cuevas, 35, Jacksonville, delivery/distribution-alprazolam, possession-marijuana with intent to sell, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony, TA-DWLSR
Joel T. Batdorf, 40, Middleburg, property damage to church/synagogue/mosque/religious article
Destini N. Hunter, 32, Middleburg, VOP-possession-methamphetamine, VOP-selling-methamphetamine
Michael T. Young, 52, Middleburg, FTA
Eddie Collier, 45, Middleburg, DWLSR

Community Briefs

DAR offering \$1,000 scholarship

CLAY COUNTY – The Daughters of the American Revolution are encouraging 2023 graduating seniors to apply for a \$1,000 Sophia Fleming Scholarship, sponsored by Sophia Fleming Chapter, NSDAR.

Applicants must be graduating from either the Clay County Public School System, St. Johns Country Day School or who are home-schooled in Clay County. Students are eligible if they are going to attend any post-secondary program of study, including colleges, universities or vocational and technical schools. No GPA information is required.

Applicants are requested to write an essay and provide a list of their awards and recognitions and two letters of recommendation. Scholarship applications are due back to Lynda Lewis, Sophia Fleming Scholarship Chairman, on or before the deadline of Feb. 17.

The scholarship documents have been provided to all public high school guidance

offices in Clay County and St. Johns Country Day School. The instruction sheet and application form provide all of the information a student needs to apply. They are also available by clicking on Sophia Fleming Scholarship at <http://www.sophiaflemingchapter.org/>.

The winner will be notified the week of March 20. Please don't mail applications by certified or registered mail. Mail the application documents to Lynda Lewis, Chairman, Sophia Fleming Scholarship Committee, Sophia Fleming Chapter, NSDAR, 316 Scenic Point Lane, Fleming Island, 32003.

Soil and Water Conservation to swear in new board of supervisors

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will swear in new members on Friday, Jan. 13 and 10 a.m. The ceremony will take place at the UF/IFAS Clay Extension Center at 2463 State

Road 16 West. The meeting will be at the Godbold Annex.

County's Management team to speak at Lunch and Learn

ORANGE PARK – Residents and Clay Chamber members are urged to meet the Clay County Assistant County Management Team on Jan. 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Haven-Custead Hospice Care Center at 745 Blanding Blvd. Selected by County Manager Howard Wannamaker, ACM team members include Assistant County Manager Chereese Stewart, Deputy Director of Emergency

Management Troy Nagle, Assistant County Manager Charlie Latham and Acting Fire Chief David Motes. They work daily with the county manager to implement and execute the policies, ordinances, and budgets adopted by the Board of County Commissioners and oversee the management and operations of Clay County. During the panel discussion, they will share vital information on their jobs, the development of their new ACM roles.

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Fleming Island High band celebrates New Year's at London parade

LONDON – It took more than 11 months of fund-raising and practice for the Fleming Island High Marching Band to prepare for London's New Year's Day Parade and Festival, but their march through Picadilly, Regents Street St. James, Pall Mall, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall and Parliament Street was a perfect payoff. The band was invited to one of the world's biggest parades, and the Golden Eagles didn't disappoint. More than one million watched in person or on television as they performed a special show called, "Lilibet." Fleming Island was one of 20 countries to be featured in the parade. Parade director Joe Bone told the BBC, "We are delighted to see that so many performers have traveled from around the world. This is the first mass gathering of the parade since COVID."



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TOP SPORTS STORY OF 2022

**McKay story; Dreadnaughts
journey Best of 2022 Sports Story**

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Sports heroes are normally athletes that inspire their teammates to surpass their own limitations on the field of battle.

Case in point, Oakleaf High linebacker Shaquille Quarterman, now a Jacksonville Jaguar linebacker, was once asked what he would do if his teammates decided that "Shaq will get that guy."

In one of the more epic answers to a question that I have asked an athlete, Quarterman said, in his interview before being put on the cover of the Clay Today Perseason Football Magazine, that "it is my job to make them better than me."

Fast Forward to a small, 10 year old boy that played football for the Fleming Island Dreadnaughts in a season that would put the Dreadnaughts on the doorstep of a national title.

Connor McKay was a boulder of energy that captured the hearts of everyone on his team with his attack on the game he loved from his defensive end position.

McKay's story became an epic journey of toughness and courage that far surpassed any field of play, but transcended to the boys on his team as he battled a brain tumor that ultimately took his life.

McKay's "Connor Strong" influence fueled his teammates the following season to a dominating season with one goal...finish Connor's mission.

Unfortunately, the Dreadnaughts team, though playing magnificently through the 2022 season lost in the Pop Warner National Championship tournament one game away putting McKay's dream to fruition.

For McKay, his story is the Clay Today Sports Story of 2022 as it reads below with numbers two and three on page 26 and more throughout the Clay Today sports pages.



Fleming Island Dreadnaught football player Conner McKay, No. 7, had a special relationship with his Pop Warner football teammates and they nearly carried his memory to the 2022 Pop Warner National Championship game.



MY NEW HERO: CONNER MCKAY

**Dreadnaught defensive end
stalwart now battles brain cancer**

**Update: Heaven gets an All Star Defensive
End, #ConnorStrong**

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - March 28, 2021 was a fateful day for Conner McKay after a successful youth football season that saw his Fleming Island Dreadnaughts 10-Under team get into the National Championship tournament by way of Valdosta "Tidetown" Georgia's exclusion from the tournament.

"We started spring football and he complained of headaches so we went to the hospital to check on a concussion,"

said Brittany McKay, who was at Conner's side on Saturday at Fleming Island High School when members of his 10-Under team were set to take on Oakleaf in a 2021 12-Under team contest under the lights at the high school. "They checked him out and found the tumor at about 2:30 a.m."

The tumor, a DIPG brain tumor, is on Conner's brainstem and both the tumor and the swelling around it affect his balance, his coordination and his vision.

Update: Connor McKay lost his battle with his brain tumor the morning of Mon., Jan. 31, 2022. For me, the news was a punch in the stomach for a beautiful person who personified the love of being a teammate on a sport. McKay showed no fear, no remorse and no less enthusiasm for being a teammate to his Fleming Is-

land Dreadnaught team on that Fleming Island High School sideline that I was honored to have a conversation with him. He later swam with sharks, rode his brand new bicycle and, astoundingly, learned and taught sign language to himself and his family when the tumor took his voice from him. so that he could continue to have his profound conversations of God's plan for him. In lieu of flowers, McKay's family is asking that friends of Connor may donate to his The Cure Starts Now Foundation under Connor McKay's name (p2p.thecurestartsnow.org).

Connor started radiation treatments in April with a six week blast of daily treatments minus the weekends that ended on May 26.

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"I fall a lot and my energy is kind of day by day," said Conner, as his former teammates gathered for hugs at the Fleming Island festival in his honor. "It doesn't hurt, but they say they can't go in and get it out."

Brittany McKay, and husband Sean, a U.S. Naval officer, noted Conner's treatments; chemotherapy and a ton of anti-immune therapy drug trial, have kept him sustaining life, but it is his affection toward his football family that is keeping his smile in tact.

For Dreadnaughts coach Michael Kenny, Conner's impact on the field and now off the field is immeasurable.

"His team was undefeated in regular season, won the conference title and made it to round four of the national playoffs," said Kenny. "Conner was a ripped, fast and athletic defensive end that had a big motor. I play my best athletes at the defensive end position all the time and he was it. His situation made all of us recalibrate what was most important in life."

11th straight title

St. Johns Country Day School girls soccer coach Mike Pickett secured his legacy to this point in his career with an 11th straight state soccer title built around a team of new faces and youth. Pickett's secrets of preparation are legendary and, after a solid graduating class that won the 10th title, many were questioning Pickett's team as ready to continue the legacy. They did..

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Holy Julia!! Spartans tag 11th title

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

DELAND - St. Johns Country Day School senior Julia Boaventura, amidst waves of underclassmen around her for a 2022 season that saw her Lady Spartans appear to be mortal with three regular season losses, snapped a 0-0 halftime tie with Shorecrest Prep in the Class 2A championship game with two goals out of the halftime lockers to give St. Johns an 11th straight state title; 2-0 the final.

Boaventura, by her own admission was slightly off her game in the first half but was dialed back in by her team and Spartan coach Mike Pickett.

"Especially me in the first half, I was thinking this was my last time playing, so it was really hard," said Boaventura heading to Southern Mississippi next fall. "The second half, we all played together and I thank God I had the two opportunities to score. I am so happy right now."

After eight shots on goal in the first half, a 0-0 tie, Pickett found a vulnerability.

"Their goalie was unbelievable," said Pickett. "Crazy good. Best keeper we



St. Johns Country Day School girls soccer has had an 11 year string of state championships in Classes 1A and 2A under the direction of coach Mike Pickett.

played all year. She kept them in the game and all they needed was one chance and they (Shorecrest) are winning the game. We needed to get the end line on her and draw her out of the middle of her goal. She was too good on shot stopping. We did it twice and cashed them in."

After laying out the game plan to his team, the girls went out and flawlessly executed.

Once the Spartans made the adjustments to pull the keeper forward, it was all Boaventura needed to head the ball past Kasica from the top of the penalty box line, fed from Ava Johnson in minute 56 of the competition, to put St. Johns on the board.

Asked if she saw it go in where she wanted it to, Boaventura admitted "I think I did. My heading is something I've been working on and getting better at."

Just four minutes later, with a feeding pass from Towers, Boaventura, off her left foot three meters outside the penalty box line, blasted a cannon shot by Kasica to put her team out front 2-0.

Clay High wrestler Garrett Tyre overcame an emotional suspension from his junior season of wrestling due to an unsportsmanlike ticket in the Fleming Island vs. Clay dual match just before districts that eliminated Tyre for the remaining four possible meets of his junior season. Tyre regrouped his psyche for a final run in his senior season and had earth-shattering battles with one particular wrestler through the season, Raines High's Jamari Watson that ultimately became his final match of his career at the state championship.

Tyre epic battle earns state wrestling title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

KISSIMMEE - Clay High senior 220 pound wrestler Garrett Tyre kind of knew his best match at the Class 1A champi-

onships in Kissimmee might be a familiar face and the premonition proved correct with Tyre linking up with Raines High's Jamari Watson for a third battle of the titans that ended in just-as-thrilling a finish as previous battles with Tyre punching out a last-second scoring opportunity to win the Class 1A title.

"It has always been a learning experience to wrestle him (Watson) because

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Clay wrestler Garrett Tyre turned a tragic junior season setback into motivation for a state title as a senior.

he's such a great athlete," said Tyre, after pinning Watson with just three seconds left in the third period for the region 1-1A title a week ago. "This will be the state title match in a week."

For Tyre, 49-2 for the season, who missed his state meet ticket last year due to an unsportsmanlike ding at the Fleming Island vs. Clay dual match that brought a suspension that included the district tournament, he has kept focus on his goal at hand throughout the season to avoid the same fate.

"I learned from that experience that wrestling hard and little things that happen are not personal and I had to think of the bigger picture to avoid that this season," said Tyre. "The focus has been to wrestle hard and compete and not let things that

happen get the better of me. My coaches have been super helpful in keeping my head on right this year and it paid off."

One key moment of the season, at the riveting region championship match, was an errant out of bounds throw that put Watson and Tyre on the floor off the mat and on top of the mat boundaries.

"He was shaken up and I was scared that I might get stuck with a penalty, but I think the officials saw that it was just tough wrestling," said Tyre. "Jamari came back on the mat and we wrestled hard to the finish and both looking forward to the state meet. I was more worried that they were going to call one of us for a concussion and that would have ended the match."

In Kissimmee, Tyre advanced with pins of 1:36 and 3:33 with a 9-1 major decision in his semifinal to get to the final while Watson, 18-3, pinned all the way to the final; :28, 2:16 and 1:18.

"I watched his first match (an 18 second pin) and was not expecting him to beat him so fast," said Tyre. "From there, I knew we were going to be in the final."

In the championship match, Tyre scored first, but both wrestlers were hit with one-point stall penalties before Watson got a two point takedown. Tyre responded with an escape to end the second period tied at 2-2.

"He was coming hard and I was stressing a bit," said Tyre. "I just kept thinking I worked too hard to not win this."

In the third, Watson struck first with a one point escape with Tyre getting a takedown in the final seconds for the win.

"I shot in on him at about 21 seconds, grabbed an ankle then we bounced around until about three seconds to go before I got the points," said Tyre. "It was amazing. He texted me later about it. He's a classy guy."

JAN-MARCH

Briley dominant (Again), Clay gets team title, SJCDs gets gold

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PORT ST JOE - It was expected and it was delivered.

Oakleaf High senior weightlifter Tamira Briley, the defending 110 Class 3A record setting champion, has been settling in with her shot at a repeat title at 119 pounds, and with convincing fashion, the dynamo of Oakleaf delivered the goods not once, not twice, but three times with a state record in tact.

"I try to stay calm and not think about things I can't control," said Briley, who joins big brother Melvin, a two-time state champion triple jumper for the Oakleaf High track team. "I know what I have done in training and in meets to get here and it's just a matter of not making mistakes and executing."

Briley, who set a state record for bench press last year as a 110 lifter en route to



Oakleaf weightlifter Tamira Briley doubled down with a second state title in her senior year.

her title, repeated that task as well as a successful finish for the title at 119, plus adding a state title in the first-time Olympic Snatch discipline, also in dominant fashion.

“She is literally the best female athlete to come out of Oakleaf High School and the face of Oakleaf weightlifting if not Oakleaf sports, plain and simple, everyone knows who Tamira Briley is,” said Oakleaf weightlift coach Ben White, who has brokered the girls weightlift team to a district title, a repeat state champion and a state medalist for a first-year lifter; Ivy Gunn at 169 in fourth place. “We set the goals all season and she went after them. On the way, she was an inspiration to the rest of the team and pushed them to join her in the medals’ chase.”

Clay High, who has dominated the team scene in north Florida for a few years, finally got the elusive gold medal as a team with 26-24 team championship over powerhouse Sunlake High in the traditional competition, then a double dose of Lady Iron with a 34-28 win again over Sunlake in the Olympic Snatch team points. Not to be overlooked, Ridgeview High, under coach Trenton Davis, finished fifth in the Snatch with a champion at 183 from Ava Haber over Clay’s Anna Harbison by just five pounds.

“Coach Keller is the class of the class in weightlifting and I’m glad he finally got his trophy; trophies,” said White. “Think about the past few year in weightlifting in Clay County; Keystone champs, Fleming Island champs, handfuls of individual champs; thank Rodney Keller for that.”

In the traditional meet, Keller got his gas power from freshman Emma Heck at 129, junior Janiyah Stevens at 154 and Unlimited Kyleigh LaFary who all crushed the bars with wins of 35 pounds by Heck, 20 pounds by Stevens and 25 pounds by LaFary.

“Emma is an incredible lifter and a great kid who comes from a wonderful family,” said Keller. “The dynamic between her and teammates has been really fun to watch. They really do push one another”.

The three state title holders in the tra-

ditional discipline came back to medal in the Olympic Snatch with Heck being joined by teammate Gianna Torres at 169 as champions with Stevens and LaFary getting silvers.

“So many things have to go right to pull off both titles in one day and that can only be attributed to the success of many of our girls, including Gabriella Etheridge, Gianna Torres, and Kenya Tinajero, who also placed in the meet,” said Keller. “And one of the most exciting things moving forward is that many of our qualifiers are returning next season, including Ansley Weseman and Ansley Lyda.”



The family of Jim Tuttle, long time Fleming Island High baseball coach, got a special home plate to honor Tuttle’s presence in the dugout.

Jim Tuttle loved his Fleming Island baseball

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Amongst a virtual Who’s Who of former Fleming Island High School baseball greats past and present, including coaches, Fleming Island baseball coach Jim Tuttle’s family got a final farewell from the baseball family of the Golden Eagles at Monday’s game against Bartram Trail.

“He just loved being in the dugout with these boys,” said Martha Tuttle, his wife of 37 years, who was joined by sons Austin and Bryson on the field as the 2022 Golden Eagles presented the Tuttle family with personalized Jim Tuttle bases around the infield and a emblazoned plaque for Jim Tuttle’s nearly two decades of dedication to Fleming Island baseball.

Tuttle was diagnosed with cancer in his kidney in October and surprisingly passed away just a month later to the shock of his immediate friend.

“He thought he had kidney stone, but it was worse and fast,” said Martha Tuttle. “He was 60.”

Joining the Tuttle ceremonies were former coaches Don Suriano and Marty Lanoux who built the Fleming Island program into the state rankings from the 2005 era. “He’s been around for everything here,” said Lanoux. “The family part of the program came from Jim influence. He was good at teaching them to see beyond themselves.” Don Suriano was a mentor for Tuttle and, according to Martha Tuttle, Jim always loved watching and learning from Suriano.



St. Johns Country Day School fielded it’s first girls weightlifting team, pictured are teammates Evelyn Hanson, left, and Addison Frisbee. Frisbee won a state title.

Spartans lifters get first FHSAA shot

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

DAYTONA BEACH - St. Johns Country Day School

s girls weightlifting squad of Evelyn Hansen, Angel Barret, Mia Morrin and Addison Frisbee brought some hardware home from the program’s first foray into FHSAA-sanctioned playoff events at the region 2-1A championship held at Father Lopez High School in Daytona Beach.

Frisbee and Hansen finished first and second in the 129 Olympic Snatch competition with Frisbee winning by 10 pounds; 115-105. Morin finished fifth in the 110 class while, in the Traditional competition, Hansen took second with Frisbee fourth.

Frisbee is top ranked state wide in the Olympic Snatch at 129. Hansen is ranked third tied with five lifters all with 105 pound lifts.

In the Traditional lifts, Hansen is sixth-ranked with Frisbee 13th.

Roney cans buzzer beaters (3) in Tech OT loss

Courtesy of Floridatechsports

MIAMI SHORES - Middleburg High graduate basketball star Hannah Roney, now a graduate point guard at Florida Tech University, recorded a season-high 30 points on 10-19 shooting, eight rebounds, three assists, and five steals and landed a buzzer beater three pointer to force overtime in a 92-89 loss to Barry on January 12. Tech falls to 2-12, Barry improves to 10-2.

After falling back to a 24-22 halftime gap, Florida Tech battled back with a Roney three at 7:20 left in the third to close the gap to 26-25.

Barry answered with a 10-0 run to push their lead to 36-25 with 4:31 to go before finishing the third period up 49-38.

In the final stanza, Florida Tech had their own scoring run; a 6-0 blast with 34 seconds left in the game before a Roney steal to layup put the score at 64-62 with 11 seconds on the clock.

Barry nailed two free throws, but Roney

swished another three to put the score at 66-65 with four seconds. Barry would get one more free throw before Roney hit a jumper at the buzzer to end the game tied at 67-67.

In the first overtime, Barry hit two threes to bolt ahead, but with the game separated by three points; 77-74, Roney drove the paint, hit the layup and hit the free throw to tie the game again for a second overtime.

In overtime two, Barry against blasted to a 5-0 run, but both teams answered before Roney hit a banked three pointer to tie the game at 86-86 at the buzzer.

In overtime three, a final three point attempt fell short for the Barry win.

Roney played four years at Belmont Abbey College and led the team to numerous conference finals (2021 Conference Carolinas champions) and NCAA Div. II selections before transferring to Florida Tech.



Middleburg grad Hannah Roney got a graduate season with Florida Tech and knocked down a career night of three pointer in epic game.

County delivers handful of girl wrestlers to state

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - A strong contingency of girl wrestlers from around the county will be representing the strong wrestling aura of Clay County with the first-ever FHSAA sanction state championships to be held on the same weekend as the boys state championships; March 3,4,5 in Kissimmee.

In 2021, Florida joined Illinois and Wisconsin as additions to 26 states in America



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Clay High has three state wrestling qualifiers in; from left, Aubrianna Apple, Madisyn Blackburn and Jaidyn Vinson, who recently finished as finalists at the region championships; Apple a region champ, Blackburn and Vinson, runners up.

that have female wrestling.

Led by a triple threat of three Clay High Lady Blue Devils; Aubreanna Apple, Madisyn Blackburn and Jaidyn Vinson, all regional finalists and state meet qualifiers, the rest of the county contingency is chock full of talent forged by history.

"That's what we do at Clay High," said Apple, a junior, after her riveting district championship pin two weeks ago at Matanzas High School. "We want to prove we belong."

Joining the Clay trio, from Middleburg, Orange Park, Oakleaf, Ridgeview and even Keystone Heights, the Clay County girls wrestling program jettisoned this season after last year's trial run, per FHSAA allowances, to move ahead as a club-like season including state championships; one to Blackburn, a senior who recently signed a college scholarship to Brewton Parker College in Georgia, and one to Orange Park senior Andrea Smith, both top-ranked all season according to Kabra Wrestling, the official state ranking system.

Smith, yet to be beaten at 235, and Blackburn, with three losses on 27 wins, are the two trendsetters of the bunch with both smooth and confident on the mats thus far. Smith has teammate Jasmine Hecht at 155, ranked 10th after spending much of the season at number one, to forge the aura of the big arena of state championships in the Silver Spur Arena next week.

The Clay trio earned one region title to Apple with two silvers with Blackburn finishing second with stomach issues into the region final.

For Smith, the region title came a week after a district title against a familiar foe, Raines' Jada Arnold with Smith winning via pin both times. Hecht, second at districts, finished fourth at regions.

For Middleburg, the freshman dynamic duo is Cheyenne Cruce (19-8) who follows big brother Austin, a junior 182 grappler for the Broncos, with a third place finish with Bradshaw, (24-7) at 110, taking third as well.

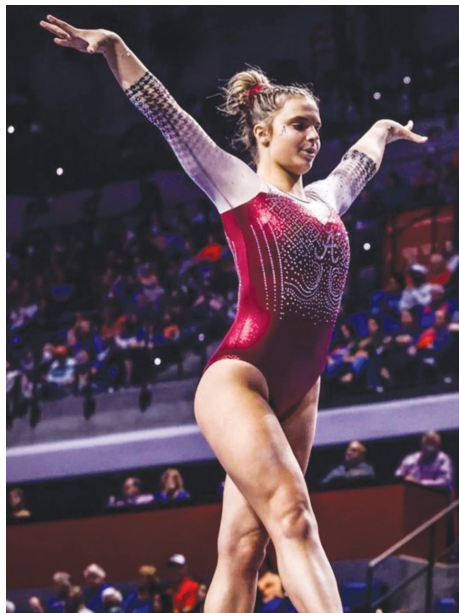
Both Cruce siblings will be entering new territory with another sister/brother duo in Oakleaf High's Adrianna Barrientos (14-6), a sophomore, getting a district title and a region fourth place finish at 105 while twin brother Keon just won his district title at 126 for the Knights en route to their first ever team title last week.

"We talk a lot at the kitchen table about our matches and there is a little jawboning about who could beat who, but it's all good," said Keon Barrientos. "We both want to go as far as we can."

Ridgeview's lone athlete was sophomore Cheyanne Morales who finished at the consolation quarterfinals.

Clay remaining competitors were McKayla Wyrick at 110, who lost her opener to Bradshaw; Alexis Buck at 140 who finished 2-2; Jaysie Garcia at 145, who finished at 1-2.

For Keystone Heights, who fielded their first official girls team, two seniors; Stamatia Papainanou (4-14) and Saige Dennis (12-22) both medaled at districts and wrestled into the consolation rounds at regions.



Fleming Island High grad Lilly Hudson has blossomed as a gymnast for NCAA power Alabama.

Hudson wins third Frosh of week gymnastics award

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Alabama's Lilly Hudson was named the Southeastern Conference Freshman Gymnast of the Week for the third time this season after another standout performance February in Baton Rouge, the league office announced in a press release.

The Fleming Island, Fla., native helped Alabama to a season-best road score of 197.600 at No. 5 LSU with a career best all-around score of 39.550. Hudson finished second in the all-around as well as on the floor exercise with a score of 9.900. Hudson also recorded a 9.925 on the balance beam to help boost the team score to a 49.625 in the event, the Tide's second highest score of the season and tied for the fourth highest in program history.

Hudson spoke at a pre-Southeastern Conference championship press conference saying watching Alabama win their 10th SEC title a year ago and now seeing herself contributing is exciting.

"It's one thing to watch it and watch them succeed," said Hudson, who was part of Alabama's 31st top two finish; second to Florida on March 19. "Now, this year to actually be a part of it is even bigger and better. I'm excited for this post season."

At the SEC championships held last weekend, Hudson, with a 9.900 on the vault pushed Alabama to a 49.350 score for the event, also scored a 9.900 on the uneven parallel bars.

"That bar rotation was on fire," said Alabama head coach Dana Duckworth. "I feel on floor and vault we got through it, and then on bars and beam we went out and dominated."

The Crimson Tide, ranked sixth nationally coming into the meet, finished just behind No. 2 Florida (198.200), and ahead of No. 6 Auburn (197.225), No. 11 Missouri (196.875), No. 5 LSU (196.725), No. 17 Arkansas (196.450), No. 9 Kentucky (196.350) and No. 22 Georgia (195.800).

With its second-place finish, Alabama remains the only school in SEC history to never finish outside the top four at the con-

ference championship meet.

The NCAA Tournament selection committee was to meet Tues., March 22 to determine the seeds for the upcoming tournament that starts March 26.

Indian grapplers take lumps on wrestling road to wins

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Keystone Heights High wrestling got saved sort of by a local paramedic and law enforcement with a bit of mixed martial arts training and the team's numbers have jumped from 10 wrestlers to 24 in 2021.

"We are learning from our mistakes and getting better each day," said senior Cody Saley, a 285 pound wrestler. "We all have a lot to learn. It's a little intimidating to be here at Clay High School."

Saley and his Keystone Heights teammates were in Green Cove Springs for the district 4-1A Duals tournament (Clay won in dominant fashion for a fifth year) and saw the level of wrestling prowess that the Blue Devils put on the mat.

"They let us go upstairs to see their wrestling room with all the pictures of the state champions," said Saley. "One day, we may have a room like that. For now, we just get better each day."

Saley had won four of five matches at the recent Hammer Invite at Oakleaf High school with many of his matches against higher class programs. "It's great to watch the camaraderie of the team especially in meets that we have the smallest and most inexperienced team in the gym," said coach Steven Knott. "We know we are the new kid on the block and we take our lumps."

In 2020, Keystone Heights was able to compete at the FHSAA tournament and got eight wrestlers (of 10) to the region tournament.

Top records at the District duals tour-

namment held on January 7, were senior Shepard Wingate (25-8 at 152), senior Jacob Andrews (13-5 at 195), senior Ethan Cosby (16-7 at 132) and junior Matthew Delano (11-4 at 220). Caley was at 9-4 at 285 with seventh grader Baron Bryson unbeaten in four meets at 120 prior to the tournament.

At the district 4-1A duals tournament at Clay, the Indians lost 67-12 to Baker County, the eventual runnerup to Clay. Delano and Jason Bowden both won by pin for the Indians' 12 points.

"We didn't have to wrestle against Clay today, but I'm sure we will wrestle some of their guys in the IBT tournaments," said Knott, who took over after the first coach left. "I took over after coach Rick Marshall left and I took it over. The team would have gone away and I stepped up to keep the kids here. Everyday I'm learning as much as they are. The kids need sports."

With 24 athletes; three girls included, Knott sees the drive and intensity of the program as becoming a big part of the Keystone Heights sports community.

"I've tried to get the community interest on board, they are very on board," said Knott. "We have support like I have never seen for a new sports. That makes me work harder at what I do to keep the program growing; new uniforms, travel and all the administration stuff."

For the girls; Madison Betty, Matia Paponnow, Saige Dennis, the challenge of being on the team; wrestling boys mostly, is just a new experience.

"It's a lot of fun," said Dennis, who joined to follow her dad and brother who were both wrestlers. "I've been around it for a while."

For Betty, was the boyfriend.

For the trio, a chance to win their own state title now that the FHSAA has sanctioned a state tournament makes the rigors of practice worthwhile.

"It's tough roughing it up with them, but it gets us mentally tough," said Betty. "We haven't wrestle any all girls matches yet."



Keystone Heights High's wrestling team took some lumps in first-ever district duals championship tournament in the gym of the Clay High Blue Devils' storied program.

APRIL-JUNE

Indians dominate state weightlift action

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PORT ST JOE - Leading the headlines for the FHSAA state championship three-day weightlifting festival were the defending Class 1A champion Keystone Heights High School boys team that had almost their entire team return from last year's historic state title run.

Keystone Heights coach Lantz Lowery was succinct about his state champions' ability for a repeat prior to the championship weekend with one clear strategic statement.

"If we all hit our lifts as planned, we should win," said Lowery, the Florida weightlift coach of the year last year and now a three-time state champion coach (2015, 2021, 2022). "What we did was not expected. I thought we would do well, thought we would win, but what we did was unexpected."

Prophetic as he is, Lowery got three individual state champions; Ulysses Freed, Logan Williams and Mason Dicks on top of the team title; a resounding 55-17 win over West Nassau with Port St. Joe third at 16 points.

"To tell me we were going to do that, with that score, no way," said Lowery. "The morning that we left here to head to Port St. Joe, the kids from the git-go were on, they had the right mentality compete. When I went down the hall at the hotel 4:30 in the morning and they were all waiting on me, I knew they were ready to go."

In the Olympic Snatch competition, Keystone Heights won again decisively; a 44-20 score with South Sumter as runner-up. Wewahatchka and North Bay Haven were third with 16 point apiece.

Freed and Bryar Schenck were individual champions in the Olympic Snatch competition; with the Indians adding points with key top five finishers; Wyatt VanZant, fourth at 129; Ben Ulsch and Nate Tisdale at 169, fourth and fifth; Tyler Jenkins at 183, second to Schenck; Jayden Goodman, third at 199; Trey Jeffries, second at 219; Caleb Moncrief, third at 238 with Jackson Herman sixth, and, finally, Mason Dicks and Luke Snider, fourth and ninth at Unlimited. Reid Begue was eighth at 129 with Sam Ulsch seventh at 154.

Lowery's trio of champions in the Traditional competition included Freed, who returned to the team after two years of a COVID year and a torn labrum to get his gold; Williams, a senior who missed his state run last year with a rodeo injury and hit personal bests in all his lifts, and Dicks, who was sixth last year at 670 and jumped to 730 to win by 45 pounds in 2022 to make an emphatic statement after a excruciatingly close region competition.

"I knew it was going to be between me and him (Bolles Branden Black) and I had two personal best lifts for the win," said



Keystone Heights High's boys weightlifting team shows of second state championship trophy under the direction of coach Lantz Lowery.

Dicks. "I've been doing near 365 during the week and I was hitting it in practice. It's great to go out with a win and be a part of a legacy here."

Dicks had one of the closest region titles with Bolles' Branden Black, but his jump was too much for Black to follow as both tied at 700 at regions with Dicks getting the title based off body weight.

For Freed, to just return to the sport was a blessing on its own after a first visit as a freshman in 2019; 12th at 139, got his 2020 opportunity taken by COVID, then got hurt in a wrestling incident and tore his labrum to lose his 2021 shot.

"If you asked me last year when I got injured last year that I would even be going to a state weightlifting meet, I would have never guessed, absolutely not," said Freed, who while competing for the wrestling team tore his shoulder labrum. "My goal is to compete in the Olympics, so I kept training and doing therapy."

Freed's comeback story was daunting even to himself and caused some anxiety.

"My lifts went according to plan at the meet," said Freed. "My very last clean and jerk I tried to get the school record of 270 with a 275 attempt but I lost focus. I already had the state title at that point."

Mincey homer ices Bronco title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

CLERMONT - A fourth inning solo homer from Middleburg High senior Belle Mincey was the dramatic shift in a softball championship game threatening to be yet another extra innings pitching showdown, led by fireballer Mallory Forrester on the mound, for the Middleburg High Lady Broncos softball team that held off a seventh inning bases-loaded situation to win a 1-0 first-ever state title for Middleburg High School Friday night in Clermont over South Lake High School.

"We saw that she was coming high and inside on my hands," said Mincey, whose



Middleburg softball jolted to state title with strong end-of-season run.

shot deep into centerfield was the lone run in the Broncos 1-0 Class 5A championship win over South Lake High on Friday in Clermont. "I was focused on hitting it off the top or just under it to get out into the field and it flew."

Mincey admitted to a premonition from the night before when asked if she was primed to be the Bronco hero.

"I woke up this morning thinking 'I'm ready for a state championship'," said Mincey, who had hit 10 doubles, a triple and one homer for the year before South Lake. "We only need one run with Mallory on the mound."

Middleburg coach Ashley Houston, in just her fourth year at the helm, took her team from a region finals loss last year, to a midseason 11 win, 11 loss record this year, to winning nine games in a row and earning the first-ever team title in Middleburg High's athletic history with a final 20-11 record.

"Mallory is such a competitor and I'm

honored to be able to coach such as kid like her," said Houston, noting Forrester's 10 strikeouts on the night that followed back-to-back 19 strikeouts games in the Broncos region semifinal and championship game and a 10 strikeout effort the night before against Naples in a 1-0 state semifinal win. "We had been in this type of game all season, especially at the end during the playoffs, and I kept telling them to just breathe and get it done."

In the sixth, South Lake again doubled, this time deep to the left field corner but Forrester got a fly ball to Campbell at shortstop.

With a seemingly slight momentum shift leaning toward South Lake after two fly balls and a strikeout in the Broncos' seventh inning, Forrester was to be tested in South Lake's final at bats.

In that critical seventh inning, with Forrester opening with her 10th strikeout and Wesley making her grab, Forrester blinked a bit and allowed a walk and single on base with Forrester hitting the third South Lake batter to load the bases.

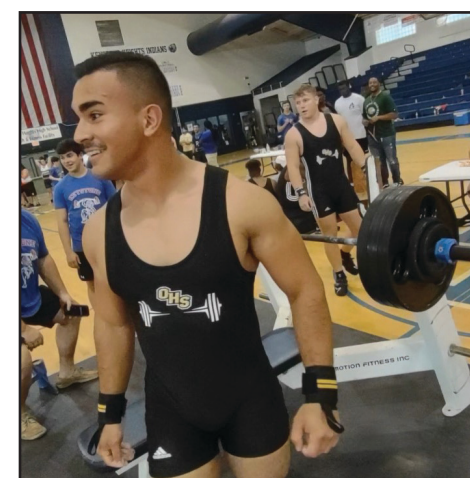
"Coach came out to the mound and said something funny to us to kind of relieve the stressful situation," said Forrester. "We had been there before and she just got our minds right."

Forrester answered with two blistering fastballs that batter Destiny Johns watched sail by her.

"That final pitch, I wanted her to swing to end it," said Forrester. "She swung."

Johns made contact, but the ball sailed nearly straight up and found the glove of shortstop Maisy Campbell as the Broncos' Stampede fan section erupted.

"Just a routine fly ball," said Campbell.



Gabriel Oliveria surprised the state weightlifting world with first-time season leading to state title.

Who is Gabe?

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PORT ST JOE - After Knights' followers saw defending girls champion Tamira Briley rumble to her second straight state title, it was relative unknown Gabriel Oliveria, a senior with no previous weightlifting competition experience, that created enough stir to match the excitement and anticipation of Briley's accomplishment.

For Oliveria, the task at hand was his total focus with a little spiritual help.

“Oh my God, it was amazing,” said Oliveria. “I hurt my elbow last week and I just asked God if he could help me one more time. And he just did it.”

Oliveria, on paper, was a shoe-in for at least a medal with impressive bench presses and improving clean and jerk totals throughout the season. The variable for his shot at the title was defending 169 champion Addie Moore of Niceville, now with Oliveria in 183.

Oliveria, a bench press specialist, was to create a gap with the bench press which he did with a 385 to 325 edge after the first phase, but his clean and jerk (previous best of 240) was considerably less than Moore’s and that was where the medals would be decided.

“I’ve only clean and jerked for eight months,” said Oliveria. “On my first won, I was five pounds off my max at 245, but missed my second one.”

With the miss, Oliveria sensed some anxiety about winning the title with Moore a much more established state meet veteran and also defending champion.

“He’s been there and he’s done it,” said Oliveria. “I respected that and worried a bit that I did not do enough.”

Moore, though, opened and missed at his first crack at 305 to counter Oliveria’s bench press.

“I couldn’t believe he missed that, then he tried again and got 305 to go to 630,” said Oliveria, who was also at 630. “But then I hit 260 to PR my PR that I just set on my first lift to go to 645. I could not believe it with my elbow and all, but God was with me.”

Next, Moore had one shot to win the title outright, but his clean and jerk attempt was 320.

“He went crazy and tried to go 15 pounds more at 320,” said Oliveria. “He cleaned and jerked it so beautifully and I thought he got it and I said to myself that that was impressive, but he started to lose his balance and he lost it. He scratched.”

While watching, Oliveria stayed confident of his totals and let Moore dictate his finish.

“I just know I did my best and whatever the outcome, I had did my best,” said Oliveria. “I did a best off my best so if I finished second, I would still be proud.”

Oliveria, with class, appreciated Moore’s effort.

“I wish I could clean what he did,” said Oliveria. “That guy was also amazing competing like that.”

Spartans “Oh, so Close!” to baseball national title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - St. Johns Country Day School baseball hurled its way to an unprecedented national title, but fell by way of a two-out, bases-loaded, two strikes on batter Jordan Taylor attempting to steal home plate that ultimately failed as the Spartans lost a 5-3 decision at the National High



St. Johns Country Day School baseball traveled to national-power tournament of biggest schools in America and came up second best to eventual Florida state 7A champion Stoneman Douglas High.

School Invitational baseball tournament in North Carolina.

“It was just an unlucky bounce,” said St. Johns baseball coach Tom Lucas. “A hundred times that run scores but the ball hit the backstop and returned to the plate to get our runner out. That’s baseball.”

For Taylor and for teammate Brad Hodges, the two power hitters in the Spartans lineup, the focus of the season’s batting array has been to put the ball in play. Both were named First Team All Tournament selections.

“Sure I would have liked to ding one and win it in one shot, but I was staying smart and waiting for my pitch,” said Taylor.

For the Spartans though, the seemingly lone small school represented in the power lineup of nationwide schools that the St. Johns school population of near 250 students got dwarfed.

“We are pretty well known at the state level and locally, but all the schools in this tournament are huge and nationally ranked,” said Lucas, now 13-2. “We are not even in top 25 in the polls and we used that David v. Goliath thinking to play our games.”

St. Johns was pitted against Stoneman Douglas High out of south Florida, who won their first-ever NHSI title with the victory. Stoneman Douglas’ Chris Arroyo was named Most Valuable Player.

In the championship game, Stoneman Douglas struck first with a three-run first inning as the Spartans opened the game with Finn Howell and Tyce Moore both singling to position the Spartans for an opening run surge.

With Ian Mamea on the mound, Stoneman Douglas got their fifth run in the fifth an Andrade error and two singles to gap the Spartans to 5-3.

St. Johns went for broke in the top of the sixth with a bases-loaded situation off walks to Boylston and Hodges and a singled from Vic Patel, but Boylston got caught attempting to steal home.

Arroyo gave up a single to Taylor in the final at bat for St. Johns with two flyouts and a strikeout ending the game.

St. Johns, now 13-2, advanced to the final with wins of 8-4 over Servite High (9-8) of California and 12-2 over Don Bosco Prep (3-4, 19-5 last year, region finalist) out of New Jersey. St. Johns was the Class 2A runnerup in Florida.



Middleburg got an off-the-fence final out from infielder Kaelyn Hagan to defeat Ridgeview for tough district title en route to state title.

Hagan “climbs the fence” for Broncos softball title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - Both softball coaches; Ridgeview High’s Casey Thompson and Middleburg High’s Ashley Houston, both kind of thought their teams would be the final two standing come district championship night in Clay County and the prophecy was fulfilled with grandeur.

Back at Middleburg High, with a pitching mano-v-mano happening between Bronco senior Mallory Forrester and Ridgeview freshman Lilly, not Libby as stated before with apologies, Bennett, plus some sterling defensive play on both sides, the clash of the titans wound up just a 1-0 barnburner that, despite the low score, did not lack in high drama and intensity. Do not read end of story yet.

“Oh yeah, I knew it would come down to one pitch, one play here and there,” said Houston, who dropped from a Class 5A region finalist last year to join Ridgeview,

twice a 4A Final Four finisher, in the district 3-5A ranks in 2022. “We knew any time Mallory was on the mound, we were going to have a good shot. She did her job. She deserves it.”

Forrester, heading to Flagler College in the fall, whipped up another double digit outing with 15 strikeouts on the night with Bennett on the Panther mound countering with seven strikeouts in one of her best outings of the season.

The game looked to be in the Broncos court early with Alyssa Prather smashing a run scoring double with Kaelyn Hagan on base off a game-opening single. Remember the Kaelyn Hagan name for future reference.

That was it for the scoring obviously, but not for lack of trying as Ridgeview freshman shortstop Paetyn Kirk continued her strong six-hole play with a scoop and toss to wingman second baseman Ky Torrence grinding out an out after a Belle Mincey single. Kirk would later snuff out a second basesteal attempt with catcher Haley McCrea lasering a strike to net Madison Wesley after she singled.

McCrae, the leader of the Panther’s “Clutch Much” comeback aura, hit a short, steep foul ball that was going to be excruciatingly close to the front fence of the Ridgeview dugout and, as the Ridgeview team watched, Hagan deftly inserted her body about as close to the fence without collision to snag the ball and end the game.



St. Johns Country Day School cross country and track ace Matthew Stratton was dominant with state title in cross country then blew away the field in the track 3200 for a second state title in his senior year.

Stratton/Myers go 1-2 in state 3200

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE - St. Johns Country Day School senior track runner Matthew Stratton, the Class 1A cross country state champion, strode past his dad in lap three of eight at the Class 1A 3200 meter finals in Gainesville and gave a wave seemingly showing confidence in what he was about to do.

Or so it seemed. "I knew a girl in my math class once and she was a state track athlete and I was waving to her," said Stratton, who cranked out near 70 second quarters en route to a gold medal winning nine minutes, 15.62 seconds effort to win the 3200 convincingly with one added bonus; his sophomore teammate and training partner Graham Myers was second behind him by just 11 seconds.

For Stratton, who won the race on the track he will be competing on next fall and spring with the University of Florida cross country team and track team, the win was sort of redemption for a bad race last year that had him finish a disappointing third in 9:42.56.

"I qualified for the 800 and the 1600 along with Graham, but my achilles was sensitive and I wanted to give my best effort in the 3200," said Stratton. "Graham stayed the course with me and did not run the two other events and we got a great result. He will be the face of running next year after this finish."

Thompson hero of Fleming Island Final Four ticket

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High's girls flag football team had the clutch hands of receiver Taylor Thompson go big on Monday in the Golden Eagles 19-7 2A region championship win over Pace High as the stealthy pass catcher created the two biggest plays of the day to secure a flag football Final Four berth for coach Clinton Lyons.

"When I saw all that green grass, I just ran as hard as I could and hoped noone would catch me," said Thompson, who on her first heroic play of the night, caught a lofty pass downfield from quarterback Mykayla Maddox and shrugged away a tackler for space, then proceeded to outrun the Pace High defense for about 30 yards to paydirt and a 6-0 first quarter lead. "I just use the gloves and keep my eyes on the ball."

Lyons noted that Pace's defense was a little disregarding of the sideline with their internal speed on defense.

"Taylor Thompson had a great game and we thought they played a little soft on the edge," said Lyons. "We make that catch and toss and it's a big gain. Flag football is all about throwing and catching the ball first. We had trouble catching the ball against Spruce Creek, but it was on tonight."

With the Fleming Island defense continually harassing Pace behind hard outside rushes from Khalia Jadan, then Angela Arnold when Jadan banged up her knee late in the fourth quarter, Mattox went to Thompson again on the Golden Eagles second offensive series for their potent Hook 'N Ladder catch and toss pass play that Thompson calmly made the hook catch, turned and rugby-lateraled to speed out-back Rose Martin near midfield and in front of the Pace High sideline. Martin, who is



Fleming Island flag football wide receiver Taylor Thompson was hero of Golden Eagles ticket to Final Four.

Lyons' speed threat on the Golden Eagles' jet sweep calls, kept full tilt speed all the way down the sideline to score Fleming Island's second score and a 13-0 lead before the half.

"Rose Martin is a great all around player," said Lyons. "She is a player on both sides of the ball."

Fleming Island got a final score with a little backfield chicanery as Edwards got a back lateral from Maddox, ran back right behind the line of scrimmage, then hit Sarah Yirka in the end zone with a corner pass with 5:44 in the third to put the score at 19-7. Yerka also had a fourth quarter interception off a tipped pass.

Pace scored on a post pattern pass that saw the Patriots wideout outspurt the entire Fleming Island defense to the goal line.

Late in the fourth quarter, Edwards ripped around left end for about 30 yards before being upended at the one yard line. Gabi Musa was stopped at the goal line on fourth down to prevent a fourth Golden Eagle score.

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Utes for 'Burg's Mitchell

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - In a flurry of football scholarship verbal commits around Clay County, Middleburg High senior running back Mike Mitchell, one of the top dual threat offensive players in Florida last year, joined the party with his recent commit to play for the University of Utah after his senior season.

"I want to be able to take my skills to the next offense and Utah runs a spread offense with dual threat running backs," said Mitchell, a 10.8 100 meter time with eight reps for the Combine 225 bench press. "I like to compare myself to Zack Moss, their running back that just went into the NFL. I can run the ball and catch it."

Mitchell, who rushed for nearly 1400 yards last year and blasted enemy defenses with slash runs the length of the field

with games of 201, 217 and 255 among his nine games over 100 yards; one under 100 in a 32-30 win over Santa Fe, with 18 touchdowns.

Utah, 8-1 last year and 12th in NCAA Associated Press final poll, is in the very rugged PAC-12 South with the likes of UCLA, Arizona State, Colorado and USC. The Utes employed a balanced offense under head coach Kyle Whittingham with a 400-plus average on offense; 6.4 per run, 10.5 per pass. The Utes played in the prestigious Rose Bowl last year.

"I chose Utah because they play Big Boy football," said Mitchell. "Coach Wolfe, from day one, has been correcting me from a bunch of dumb decisions on and off the field. I wouldn't be here without his guidance."



Middleburg running back Mike Mitchell got one of biggest scholarships in Clay County with NCAA power Utah.

Prewitt going for strong finale

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - Middleburg High coach Carrie Prewitt has a little extra umph! in her step these days, maybe from hours of hiking through mountains, but probably with the realization that her 30-plus years of volleyball coaching prowess in on its curtain call this season.

"Final year for me, yes," said Prewitt, during a quick conversation as she surveyed the third of three days of tryouts for her Lady Broncos volleyball team. "My assistant, Meredith Forkum, is set to take over next year and will keep the Bronco traditions going as she is a former stand-out player for me."

Prewitt returns to the floor after a strong 18-11 season last year, a district runnerup finish to those pesky Panthers at Ridgeview High and two playoff games; a win over Stanton Prep and a loss to eventual Class 5A champions Mosley High in the region semifinals. Mosley also knocked out Ridgeview in the region final.

"The girls know that I know that this is my final year," said Prewitt, who has a handful of Final Four finishes in her 38 years of coaching, but hinted of a final year chase. "I think it motivates all of us to have tough practices. These are tough kids willing to work hard."



Middleburg High long-time volleyball coach Carrie Prewitt blasted through her final campaign as coach with region playoff appearance.

Huff debuts with 600 offensive yards

By Furman Athletics

GREENVILLE, S.C. – Furman rolled up 589 yards of total offense and scored 45 first half points en route to a 52-0 victory over North Greenville in the season opener for both schools Thursday night at Paladin Stadium.

Graduate transfer quarterback Tyler Huff, a Ridgeview High graduate in Orange Park, FL, paced Furman (1-0) with 189 yards passing and 94 rushing yards, including a 56-yard touchdown run, in his first game with the Paladins. The former Presbyterian College signal caller completed 10-of-12 passes and tossed scoring strikes covering 33 and 12 yards in the first half in helping Furman to a 45-0 half-time lead.

"It felt good, I haven't started a football game in about year with that COVID year than I tore my ACL," said Huff, a Ridgeview High graduate. "I got good guys around me so it made it easy."

The shutout was Furman's first at home since blanking Gardner-Webb, 45-0, in 2003 and first season opening shutout since downing South Carolina State, 38-0, in 1988 en route to its 13-2, national championship.

Huff helped open the scoring when he found All-America tight end Ryan Miller open down the middle of the field for a 33-yard touchdown strike on the game's initial possession.

Dog food bags to national champion

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island native Michelle Carlascio tells a funny story of her transformation from a non-athlete mom to a Supermom of sorts that is now considered a top powerlifter in the United States and a possible world's top powerlifter.

"Used to be we would go to the grocery store and I would get the 50-pound bags of dog food with my kids; both in their 20s, and they would ask to help," said Carlascio,



Fleming Island master powerlifter Michelle Carlascio took a dog food bag challenge from her kids to a national title.

now a 2022 Powerlifting America National Champion and a 2022 NAPF Powerlifting American team 63Kg M2 gold medalist. “I just grabbed it, said I got this, threw it over my shoulders and walked away. I think it kind of freaks them out.”

Carlascio, 51, and husband Keith, 53, both were weekend warrior 5K runners, some crossfit training and some lifting.

“I was running 5Ks until I broke my foot at my own birthday party,” said Carlascio, a former pre-school teacher and now a fitness trainer in the First Coast YMCA system; mainly Barco Newton and Dye Clay YMCAs plus a crossfit Level I instructor at the Steel Mill gym in Fleming Island. “I never competed and I was always I would never like to compete.”

Now, both have returned from a NAPF competition for the IPF; National American Powerlifting Championships in Panama to qualify for the International Powerlifting Championship. Powerlifting defined as the Bench Press, the Squat and the Dead Lift disciplines.

Knights explode to “upset” of Eagles

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Oakleaf High football stamped out an early top spot in their super charged district lineup with a 20-7 first half lead holding to a 26-20 upset of previously unbeaten Fleming Island High Friday night in a packed Fleming Island High stadium. Highlights for the game included two interceptions; one a pick six score, for wide receiver turned defensive back Taylor Bradshaw, the other an end zone steal late in the game to seal the six point gap.

“We wanted to win this one most this season,” said Oakleaf senior quarterback Drew Ammon, who connected with a 75 yard scoring pass to wide out Carlos Witherup to build a 20-7 first half surge. “I know we got Bartram Trail, but this one was important. Carlos opens up I’m going to get him the ball.”

For Oakleaf head coach Marcus Miller, the win was a big one for him, but more importantly, the win told his team that they can compete with the best in the district.

On Oakleaf’s first possession, the Knights converted a fourth and five situa-

tion at the Golden Eagle 19 yard line with an Ammon pass to Bradshaw that preempted a two yard scoring dive from running back Devin Outlaw with eight minutes left in the first quarter.

In what seemed to preview a track-meet scenario for the highly-potent offenses, Fleming Island sophomore quarterback Cibastian Broughton showed off his speed afoot with a 65 yard sprint to the Knights’ 25 yard line.

In what would be a staple defensive effort for Knight’s defensive coordinator Ben White, Oakleaf sophomore safety Drake Stubbs stuffed Fleming Island running back Sam Singleton on second down to lose a yard and eventually leave the Golden Eagles at zero after a failed fourth and five that ended with Oakleaf defensive back Corey Washington scooping up a Trace Burney fumble.

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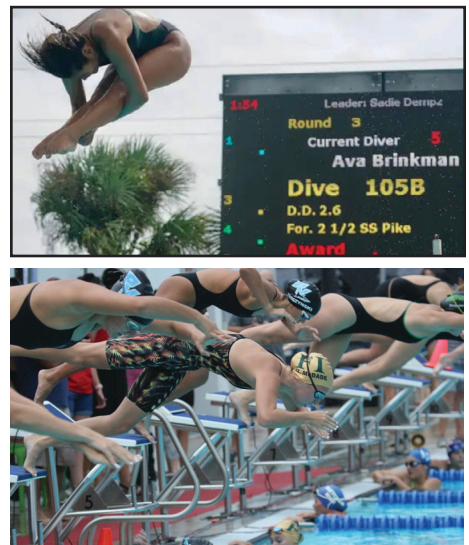
McDade, Brinkman gold

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

STUART - Fleming Island High bagged two gold medals at the FHSAA state swimming and diving Class 3A championship meet Friday in Stuart with junior freestyler Maryn McDade successfully defending her 50 free state title and sophomore diver Ava Brinkman overcoming a horrific diving accident to return to the top tier of her sport.

Brinkman, who as a freshman registered one of the top scores statewide in her district championships last year, had a diving accident in the week prior to regions that ended her spectacular climb as one of the top upcoming divers in Florida.

“It was definitely a surreal experience especially with everything that I went through with the accident,” said Brinkman, who scored 448.85 points for the gold with runnerup Hadley Futch of Winter Springs keeping chase with a 441.80. “I think it



Fleming Island High dynamic swim duo of diver Ava Brinkman and freestyle sprinter Maryn McDade dominated their events for state titles; McDade a successful defense of her 50 free title.

was incredible to see how I grew up within myself and made my way back to win the state championship.”

Brinkman’s clutch dive that separated her from her two chasers; Hutch and St. Thomas Aquinas’ Kaitlyn Raby (third at 438.60) was her final dive.

McDade, who quietly last year blitzed the pool to her first state title in her specialty; the 50 freestyle, warded off all challengers; mainly a pesky duo from Ponte Vedra High School, to complete the mission a second time only this time with a bit more tension involved.

In her prelims, McDade had to fend off Ponte Vedra sophomore sensation Penelope Zarczynski, a district and region rival in the prior two weeks. McDade smoothly ripped her fastest 50 of the season with a 23.39 with Zarczynski just off at 23.42 and Seminole’s Mahya Golubovic third at 23.47 in one of the tightest races up to that point.

In the final, the 1-2-3 stayed the same with McDade hitting the turbo to knock her time down to 23.07 to win with Zarczynski runnerup at 23.36 and Golubovic third at 23.49 as the trio delivered one of the tightest races in recent history.

Zarczynski turned the tables on McDade in the 100 free with a gold with McDade fourth. McDade was tied for second last year in the 100 free.

Carroll fourth quarter surge falls just short

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

“I started out in the middle of the pairings pack because I was not in the top three after the first round,” said Carroll, who finished with a par 72 on the hilly course.

In the final tally, Carroll, who has chased big brother Cody Carroll, now finishing up four college years of golf at the University of North Florida where Chase will follow suit in the fall, sat and watched the leaderboard only to see that Ponte Vedra High senior Brock Blais scorched the first round with a three under par 69 then struggled through the early holes of the second round to let Carroll sneak into con-

attention. Blais would only hit one birdie in his first nine on day two then get set backs with three bogies in the final nine to put Carroll up by one going into the 18th hole.

Blais who was the final golfer at the initial tee off at about 10 a.m. had Carroll, who teed off at 9 a.m., in the clubhouse with crossed fingers.

“When he got to the 18th hole, I was one up,” said Carroll. “He had a great drive, but missed the green on his approach, but then hit an insane chip shot to tie the score.”

In the playoff holes, which started in a three-hole loop (18, 1, 17) until one golfer created a stroke lead to determine the winner.

TJ power earns Broncos playoff ticket

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FERNANDINA BEACH - Middleburg High running back T.J. Lane offered up a second 300-plus yard offensive showcase with 321 yards and four scores against Fernandina Beach in a 28-14 Bronco win that propelled the Broncos into the Class 3S region playoffs on Friday.

“I didn’t do this by myself,” said Lane. “My O-Line, my offense coordinator, my whole team just stepped up in the second half of the season. It has been a long time for Middleburg in the playoffs.”

Middleburg coach Ryan Wolfe remembered that the Clay High football 2013 team that he was part of years ago that went to the Class 5A state final opened their season at 1-4 before running the rest of the 10-5 season to the championship game (a 66-9 loss to American Heritage with the likes of Sony Michel at RB (now Los Angeles Chargers) and Patrick Surtain Jr. (now Denver Broncos).

Middleburg opened with losses to Hawthorne (8-0), Bishop Kenny (8-2), Bradford (9-1) and Ponte Vedra (5-5), all but Ponte Vedra in region playoffs. The Broncos fifth loss was to No. 3-Columbia (vs. No. 6-Lincoln) who is in opposite bracket to Middleburg if both teams win quarterfinals.

Against Fernandina Beach, Lane’s powerful running opened with a 50 (on second carry of game) and 21 yarder to open the game to a 14-0 Bronco lead with a short one in the second quarter for a 21-0 lead into the half. Lane would go 40 yards in the fourth quarter for his final touchdown putting Middleburg up 28-7.

Myers third at state XC

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

TALLAHASSEE - Fleming Island High junior Graham Myers was slowly approaching a possible triple play of cross country with his recent district and region titles, but his journey for the third prong; the Class 3A title, fell short only because the defending Class 3A champion decided to set a new state course record on the same day.

“He (Patrick Koon, Leon, defending



Fleming Island cross country runner Graham Myers ran tough all season and finished with third place in state championship race against state record holder.

state champion) went out really fast on the first mile, like 4:38, and me and another guy were chasing at 4:46," said Myers. "My dad had suggested going out at 4:50 and having some energy at the end which may have worked. I pleased I had some gas at the end to chase down Ruiz (Joshua Ruiz of Belen Jesuit, runnerup for eventual team champions) just not enough real estate."

Myers, third in an outstanding 15 minute, 42.10 second effort, watched from the lead chase pack as defending champion Patrick Koon, of Leon, pulled away decisively at the second mile to garner his second straight title in 14:56.70. Koon's run was the fastest time ever posted on the Apalachee Regional Park tough, hill course.

As the runners passed mile one on the course, Koon was closer to both Ruiz and Myers in a 4:38 opener with his chasers at 4:46, but Koon blasted the second mile extend away from the field smoothly with a 9:30 two mile split with Ruiz and Myers 14 seconds off the pace.

In the girls Class 4A race, Oakleaf High senior Sierra Barrera finished eighth with a 19:09.90 effort after back-to-back finishes under 19 minutes at her district and region races. Barrera faced off as a chaser of a front running pace group that included eventual winner Emma O'Day of Boca Raton who won in 18:23.90 on the tough, hilly course. Just five runners in the girls race finished under 19 minutes.

In the team scoring, defending 4A champion Buchholz repeated as champions with Barrera finishing ahead of all of the Buchholz runners after finishing among the Bobcats top three runners at district and regions.

Poucher, Sakowski blast for Cougar flag title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

LAKESIDE - Green Cove Springs Junior High flag football coach Doug Deter employed a bit of Tennessee Volunteer speed play on his offense with tailback Hayley Sakowski ripping for two long touchdowns and wide receiver Emily Poucher taking the air route as the Lady Cougars won the Clay County Flag Football World Championships 25-8 Monday night against Lake-



Green Cove Springs flag football coach Doug Deters stretches away from play in second of Northeast Florida Athletic Conference championship win over Lakeside.

side Junior High at Lakeside. Both teams entered the contest with five wins and one loss; Green Cove losing to Lakeside just two weeks ago, 7-6. Green Cove beat Oakleaf to advance with Lakeside dethroning defending champion Lake Asbury to advance.

Poucher used her long reach and strong hands to look a bit like Calvin "Megatron" Johnson, former Detroit Lions Hall of Famer, as she caught two passes amidst heavy traffic from the Lakeside defense.

Green Cove scored first on a fourth down stretch from Madine from the one yard line, but missed a PAT pass play to go 6-0.

On Lakeside's first series, with three minutes in the first period, Sakowski snared a pass interception that set up the next Green Cove score. Sakowski got stopped at the goal line on a breakaway and Lakeside's defense, behind rusher Kaylin Smith, held on four downs at their own goal line.

Lakeside quarterback Ella Crowe broke from the first down in the shadow of the goal line to get out to the Lakeside 22 yard line and give the Lady Gators' offense some breathing room.

Green Cove got to 19-0 off a pass catch from Poucher in traffic in the end zone just before halftime.

Crowe would get a Lakeside touchdown late in the fourth quarter, but Deter was happy to just run the clock out after a breakaway score from Sakowski put the scorer at 25-8.

KHHS Guy runs school record at region XC

Courtesy of FSCMOCS.com

LAKELAND, Fla. – Senior Alex Guy of the Florida Southern men's cross country team ran the fourth fastest 10K time in program history while setting a new program record for a 10K performance at



Keystone Heights High cross country grad Alex Guy, center, set Florida Southern College program record in 10K NCAA regional race.

the NCAA Region Championship Saturday morning. The Keystone Heights, Fla. native completed the distance in 31:45.4 to become just the fourth Moccasin all-time to run a sub-32 minute 10K. Guy led the Mocs to a sixth place team finish in the 18-member field at the 2022 NCAA South Region Championship hosted by Florida Southern College in conjunction with Polk County Sports and Tourism. Guy's individual time earned him 19th overall and secured All-Region honors for the senior.

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

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

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

25:14.3.

Kailes top Bull at American XC

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

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

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

Freshman Cora Kolodge (Fair Haven, Mich.) paced the women's team with a time of 22:50.1 and finished in 51st position, while Kelly Lynch (Wilmington, Del.) placed second for the Bulls in 53rd position with a time of 22:54.7. Alyssa Wyatt (Jacksonville, Fla.) rounded out the top three for the Bulls with a mark of 23:52.0.

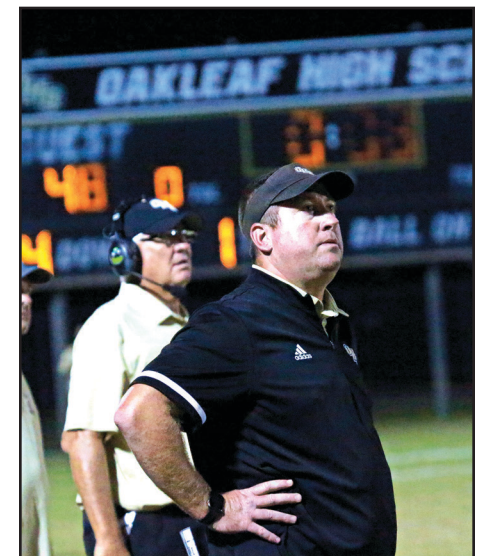
Also in the American Athletic Conference, the University of Central Florida women's team place eighth. Keystone Heights High graduate Camryn Williams is a member of the Lady Knights team.

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

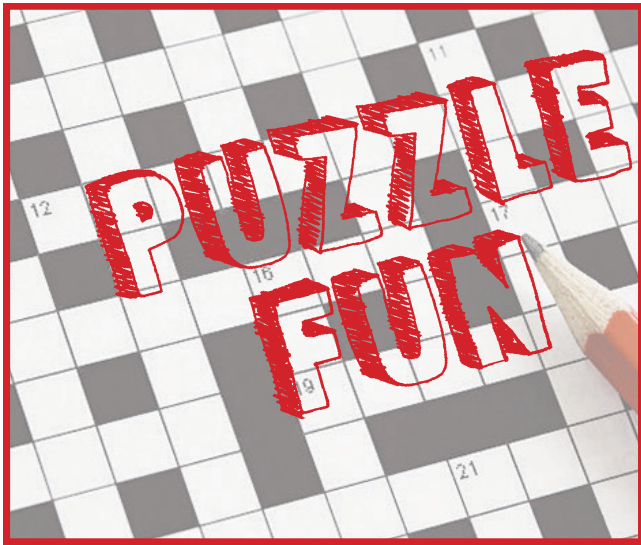
OMG! Knights lose on last play (again!)

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - In a two-week span of incredible bad luck where the Oakleaf High football team scored nearly 70 points and amassed nearly 1000 yards of offense, the Knights, for a second week in a row, lost in amazing fashion in a 49-48 loss to district rival Creekside High on Thursday at Oakleaf.



Oakleaf football coach Marcus Miller can only watch final seconds of final seconds' loss to Creekside in one of many last minute losses for tough Knights' schedule.



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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to donating blood.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 14 = O)

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Clue: Gift of money or something

B. 22 21 14 1 15 5 4 6

Clue: Not enough

C. 17 8 2 6

Clue: Growth and sustenance

D. 19 5 1 8 12 4

Clue: Compassionate

Answers: A. donation B. shortage C. life D. caring

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Answer: Donor

Guess Who?

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Answer: Guy Fieri

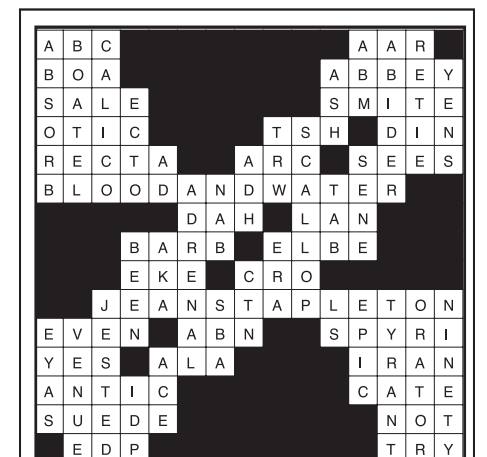
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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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 Jordan & Associates located at 3055 Nautilus Rd, in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Date at Middleburg, Florida, this 3rd day of January 2023. Vanzant Professional Consulting, Inc.

Legal 49260 Published 1/5/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on an ordinance amending Ordinance 11-22 which adopted and enacted the final budget of estimated revenues and expenditures and made appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 for the second time during the course of said fiscal year; providing an effective date.

This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 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 49259 Published 1/5/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Wednesday the 25th day of January, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 996 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL 32065 Joyce, Grace 749 Mattress, Couches, Misc Boxes, Vacuum, Microwave Long Dresser Stand Up Dresser, Clothes, Table, TVs, Fan, Misc Items, . Webb, Michael 605 Wire Shelving, Vacuums, Misc Items, Popcorn maker, Fan, Office Chairs, CD Player, VHS Tapes, Roofing Material, . Joyce, Grace 358 Records, Suite Cases, Laundry Baskets, Mailbox, Amplifier, Guitars Misc Items, Radio, Extension Cords, Book Bags, . Webb, Michael 325 Vacuum Parts, Vacuums, Misc Boxes, Shelving Unit, Plastic Shelf, Crawford, Tamra 849 Dressers, Large Cage, Bike, Vacuum, Speakers, Pictures, Misc Boxes, Mirrors, Clothes, . All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Legal 49258 Published 1/5/2023 and 1/12/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 01/23/2023 at 11:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold at public sale at 2175 KINGSLEY AVE, 215 ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 for the amount owed on each vehicle to satisfy the lien for repairs, services and storage charges and any administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585. KNDJ23AUXL7117095 2020 KIA SOUL LX 18000.00 The name, address and telephone num-

ber and public sale location of the repair shop claiming the lien for unpaid charges is: Lienor Name: MILLER'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC. Lienor Address: 2175 KINGSLEY AVE STE 215, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073-5118 Lienor Telephone #: 904-213-1180 MV License #: VI/1036618/1 Location of Vehicles: 2175 KINGSLEY AVE, 215, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 The customer or person claiming an interest, or a lien may redeem the vehicle by satisfying the amount due in cash on or before the sale date and time. The customer or person claiming an interest in or lien on a vehicle may file a demand for a hearing with the Clerk of Court in the CLAY COUNTY where the vehicle is held to determine whether the vehicle has been wrongfully taken or withheld from him or her. At any time before the date of sale a customer or person of record claiming a lien on the vehicle may post a cash or surety bond in the amount stated on the invoice with the Clerk of Circuit Court where the disputed transaction occurred.

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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 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. (1) 2018 Ford ID# 1FMCU0F7XJUA61156 (2) 2008 Chev ID# 3GCEK13M68G125564 (3) 2003 Kia ID# KNAGD128835234998

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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 Seagrass Village of Fleming Island located at 1949 East West Parkway, in the County of Clay, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Date at Fleming Island, Florida, this 29th day of December 2022. Fleming Island Investors, LLC. 600 Grand Panama Blvd, Ste, 304, Panama City Beach, FL 32407

Legal 49139 Published 1/5/2023 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 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2021CA000973 CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. DEON DIAZ SCREEN; LAMESIA J. SNEAD SCREEN; OAKLEAF VILLAGE CENTER ASSOCIATION INC., et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 5, 2022, and entered in 2021CA000973 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. is the Plaintiff and DEON DIAZ SCREEN; LAMESIA J. SNEAD SCREEN; OAKLEAF VILLAGE CENTER 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 February, 02, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 21, VILLAGE CENTER AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 56, PAGE(S) 59 THROUGH 63, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 3513 BUTTERNUT WAY 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 in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 5 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 crlntnrp@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 49138 Published 1/5/2023 and 1/12/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

ASSUMED NAME

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333 The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: WALTER ALLEN ROUNDS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: care of, 6037 Twin Pines Road Jacksonville Florida 00000 USA NAMEHOLDER(S): Name: Address: Walter A Rounds care of, 6037 Twin Pines Road Jacksonville Florida 00000 USA

Walter Allen Rounds care of, 6037 Twin Pines Road Jacksonville Florida 00000 USA Walter-Allen: Rounds, Authorized Representative. Walter-Allen: Rounds, Statutory Agent. Walter-Allen: Rounds, beneficiary, care of, 6037 Twin Pines Road Jacksonville Florida 00000 USA

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Rounds Walter Allen care of, 6037 Twin Pines Road Jacksonville Florida 00000 USA If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: : Walter-Allen: Rounds, Beneficiary MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: rving-biker@yahoo.com Work Item 1359984400021 Original File Number 1359984400021 STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FILED 12/27/2022 11:59 PM Steve Simon Secretary of State

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act

Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Wednesday the 25th day of January, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL, 32003 Clay County Emerson, Paul B011 bicycles, ladders, bed frame, mattress, kids riding jeep toy, boxes, basketball hoop, xmas tree, metal filing cabinets, furniture, hand tools, fan, misc. Feria, Ruben F355 rug, furniture, tables, saw, bar stools, boxes, totes, bed frame, lamps, soundbar. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

ELITE TOWING gives notice that on 01/31/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2865 SUITE C BLANDING BLVD 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. 1HGCM66537A026153 2007 HOND J4GR48K56C100954 2006 JEEP 1YVHZ8BH9B5M10404 2011 MAZD JHMS26741S004962 2001 HOND 1HGCR2F88EA169066 2014 HOND

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NCRS gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 7077 SR 21 Keystone Heights, FL 32656 904-801-6000 at date and time listed below: NCRS AUCTION January 19, 2023 @ 10:00 A 2003 DODGE VIN 1 D 4 G P 2 5 3 1 3 B 1 6 9 1 8 7 2002 FORD VIN 1 F D W E 3 5 L 1 2 H A 7 0 0 4 2 Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Wednesday the 25th day of January, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Woodworth, Josie 103 Totes, Clothes, Lamp, Bike, Desk Chair, Bags, Shoe Rack, Dooley, Edward 625 Mattress Set, Misc Furniture, Lawn Mower, Lamp, Boxes, Totes, Reaves, Paul 725 2 Sets Rims wTires, Misc Furniture, Clothes, Lamps, VHS Tapes, Chain Saw, Shovel, Misc Bags, Misc Items. Savigne, Humberto 118 Pictures, Bike Parts, Bags, Paintings, Misc Items. Kozloski, Kelli 283 Mattresses, Boxes, TVs, Dresser, Toys, Clothes, Microwave, Fishing Pole, Tackle Box, Misc Items. Kozloski, Kelli 170 TV, Totes, Dishes, Fans, Fireworks, Misc Furniture, Boxes, Misc Items. Dooley, Edward 635 Dolly, Space Heater, Back Pack, Ladder, Fridge, Misc Furniture, Lots of Boxes. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on December 28, 2022 Port 55 Apartments LP 509 Spring Street Jefferson, IN 47130 permit #96511-8. The project is located in Clay County, Section 6 Township 5S, Range 25E. The permit authorizes Construction and operation of a Stormwater Management System for a 20.26-acre project known as Black Creek Multifamily as per plans received by the District on September 19, 2022. The receiving water body is Grog Branch. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwm.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing. A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at floridaswater.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing. The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.). If you wish to do so, please visit http://floridaswater.com/nor_dec/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Regulatory Support, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele.

no. (386)329-4570. Legal 49129 Published 1/5/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003, January 24, 2023 at 10:00am Austin Baker dishes clocks household items Antiques 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. Legal 49128 Published 1/5/2023 and 1/12/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: 10-2022-DR-001538 Division: F Stephaniea PetitFrere, Petitioner And Esaie Magis, Respondent Dissolution of Marriage TO: Esaie Magis, 68 Jefferson Ave, Bayshore, NY 11706. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Stephaniea PetitFrere, whose address is 1248 Ticonderoga Trl, Apt A, Orange Park, FL 32065 on or before 02/07/23 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 12/27/2022 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Annie Herrera Deputy Clerk

Legal 49127 Published 1/5/2023, 1/12/2023, 1/19/2023 and 1/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE Z-22-26

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, both hearings taking place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN

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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRs ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A PORTION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 22-05-24-006420-018-00) FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF BA-2 (COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICE) TO AR (AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification on a portion of approximately 1.03 acres from BA-2 (Commercial and Professional Office District) to AR (Agricultural/Residential District) on the following land, the owner of the land being The Taylor Family Revocable Trust:

Location Address for Z-22-26
Tax Parcel Identification Number 22-05-006420-018-00
Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

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

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE PUD-2022-11

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of considering the adoption of a rezoning application. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRs ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF TWO PARCELS (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 28-04-25-008040-004-00 AND 28-04-25-008040-001-00) COMPRISING 23.74 ACRES, FROM AR (AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of two parcels of land from AR (Agricultural/Residential District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), the owners of the land being William Larry Carter and YL21, LLC.

Location Address for PUD-2022-11
Fountain Drive, Orange Park, FL Oak Lane, Orange Park, FL

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to

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

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

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

Legal 49007 Published 1/5/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE PCD-2022-12

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of considering the adoption of a rezoning application. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRs ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A SINGLE PARCEL (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 32-05-26-021092-000-00) COMPRISING 6.266 ACRES, FROM AR (AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO PCD (PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of one parcel of land from AR (Agricultural/Residential District) to PCD (Planned Commercial Development), the owner of the land being John Fagan.

Location Address for PCD-2022-12
3385 CR 315, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2019CA001396

Division: Civil
Judge Steven B. Whittington
PNC Bank, National Association
Plaintiff,

vs.
Daniel Tanner, AKA Daniel Linn Tanner, et al.

Defendants.
Notice is hereby given that on January 25, 2023, at 10:00 AM, the below named Clerk of Court will offer by electronic sale at www.clay.realforeclose.com the following described real property:

Lot 24, Block 5, Green Cove Heights, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 19, Pages 58,59 and 60 of the public records of Clay County Florida.

Commonly known as: 435 Melrose Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from this 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. The sale is being held pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, entered on November 22, 2022, in Civil Case No. 2019CA001396, pending in the Circuit Court in Clay County, Florida. DATED this December 15, 2022. TARA S. GREEN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Kayla Beard
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2022CA000909
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
vs.
Plaintiff,
Terri L. Cherry; Coppergate Estates Owners Association, Inc.; Unknown Spouse of Terri L. Cherry
Defendants.

TO: Unknown Spouse of Terri L. Cherry
Last Known Address: 2943 Stonegate Lane Middleburg, FL 32068
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida: **LOT 116, COPPERGATE UNIT THREE-B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 38, PAGES 18, 19, 20, 21 AND 22, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Julie York, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC., the Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 2001 NW 64th St, Suite 130, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication on or before and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. Dated on 12/27/2022
Tara Green
As Clerk of the Court
By Gracie Moore
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.: 2018CA000967

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-9
Plaintiff(s)
vs.
BILLY A. WAGER; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Order Granting Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on December 14, 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 17th 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:

A parcel of land situated in the South half of the Northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 6 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 12; thence on the East line thereof, run South 00 degrees 40 minutes 48 seconds East 2,698.58 feet to the South line of the Northeast quarter; thence on last said line, South 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds West 1,485.39 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue South 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds West 495.15 feet to the West line of the East half, of the West half, of the Northeast quarter; thence on last said line, North 00 degrees 29 minutes 57 seconds West 583.82 feet; thence North 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds East 494.23 feet; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds East 583.82 feet, to the point of beginning, being 6.62 acres, more or less, in area. Together with an easement for ingress, egress and utilities covering the following described portion of Section 12: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 12; thence on the East line thereof, run South 00 degrees 40 minutes 48 seconds East 1,011.96 feet to the North line of the South half, of the South half, of the Northeast quarter; thence on last said line, South 88 degrees 27 minutes 48 seconds West 957.81 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue on last said line South 88 degrees 27 minutes 48 seconds West 60.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds East 1,679.77 feet to the South line of said Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 58 seconds East, 1974.23 feet to the North line of the Southwest quarter, of the Southeast quarter, of the Southeast quarter, of said Section 12; thence on last said line, North 88 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East 60.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 58 seconds West, 1,974.12 feet to the South line of said Southeast quarter, of the Northeast quarter; thence North 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds West 1,680.18 feet to the point of beginning. Also, together with an easement for ingress, egress and utilities covering the following described portion of said section 12: an easement for ingress, egress and utilities covering a portion of Section 12, Township 6 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida; said portion being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 12; thence on the East line thereof, run South 00 degrees 40 minutes 48 seconds East 2,698.58 feet, to the South line of the Southeast quarter, of the Northeast quarter; thence on last said line, South 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds West, 1,020.39 feet to the West line of a 60 foot easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence on last said line, run the following two courses; (1) North 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds West 261.91 feet to the point of beginning; (2) North 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds West 60.0 feet; thence South 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds West 465.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds East 60.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds East 465.00 feet, to the point of beginning.

Property address: 3838 Ron Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
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.

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Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crin@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: Gracie Moore 12/16/2022
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022-CA-001163-:XXXX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CIM TRUST 2021-RI, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2021-RI, Plaintiff, vs.
DANIEL-THIBEAULT, et al., Defendants.

TAMMY THIBEAULT
Last Known Address: 6022 WESTWOOD RD S, BALDWIN, FL 32234
Current Residence Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 31 WESTWOOD ROAD SOUTH A PART OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 34; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEG. 15 MIN. 00 SEC. EAST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAJD SECTION 34, A DISTANCE OF 1000 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEG. 36 MIN. 00 SEC. EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1090.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEG. 36 MIN. 00 SEC. EAST A DISTANCE OF 160 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEG. 15 MIN. 00 SEC. WEST TO THE CENTERLINE OF THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT RECORDS IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 532, PAGE 499 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH-WESTERLY ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID EASEMENT TO A POINT LYING SOUTH 00 DEG. 15 MIN. 00 SEC. WEST OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEG. 15 MIN. 00 SEC. EAST TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on De Cubas & Lewis, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. BOX 771270, CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33077 on or before a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the (Please publish in CLAY TODAY) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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 crin@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 this Court this 21st day of December, 2022.
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Court
By Gracie Moore
As Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION IN EMINENT DOMAIN AND NOTICE OF HEARING OF CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2022-CA-1221
Parcel 121

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Petitioner, vs.
WIGGINS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF NORTH FLORIDA, INC., a Florida corporation; OCEAN PALM, LLC; and DIANE HUTCHINGS, Clay County Tax Collector, Defendants.

STATE OF FLORIDA TO: To the above named Defendants and all said Defendants who are living, and if any or all Defendants are deceased, the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against any such deceased Defendant or Defendants, if alive, and, if dead, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, legatees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any such deceased Defendant or Defendants, and all other parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the property described in the Petition, to-wit: Item # 4307192
Parcel 121
CR 220 – Clay County
Section No. 71580 County Road No. 220 Clay County
F.P. No. 4307192
Parcel No. 121
Fee Simple

A Part Of Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida, Being More Particularly Described As Follows:

Commence At The South 1/4 Corner Of Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida; Thence North 00°15'24" West, Along The West Line Of The Southeast 1/4 Of Said Section 33, A Distance Of 617.42 Feet To The Baseline Of Survey Of County Road No. 220 (As Per Florida Department Of Transportation Right Of Way Map Section 71580, F.P. No. 4307192, Having A Variable Width Right Of Way); Thence North 34°46'39" East, Along Said Baseline Of Survey Of County Road No. 220, A Distance Of 333.78 Feet; Thence South 55°13'21" East, A Distance Of 50.00 Feet To The Southeasterly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Said County Road No. 220, And To The Point Of Beginning; Thence North 34°46'39" East, Along Said Southeasterly Existing Right Of Way Line Of County Road No. 220, A Distance Of 140.39 Feet; Thence South 60°30'24" East, A Distance Of 521.67 Feet; Thence North 33°18'21" East, A Distance Of 156.20 Feet; Thence North 89°49'31" East, A Distance Of 323.60 Feet; Thence North 83°07'13" East, A Distance Of 148.60 Feet To The East Line of the Southwest 1/4 Of The Southeast 1/4 Said Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida; Thence South 00°19'11" East, Along Said East Line, A Distance Of 752.37 Feet; Thence North 55°47'33" West, A Distance Of 1,324.35 Feet To The Point Of Beginning.

Containing: 9.062 Acres, More Or Less. Being Tax Parcel No. 33-04-25-008139-000-00

A petition in eminent domain has been filed to acquire certain property interests in Clay County, Florida. Each Defendant is required to serve written defenses to the petition on Petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are shown below, on or before **March 20, 2023** and to file the original of the defenses with the clerk of this court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter, showing what right, title, interest or lien Defendant has in or to the property described in the petition and to show cause why that property should not be taken for the uses and purposes set forth in the petition. If any Defendant fails to do so, a default will be entered against that Defendant for the relief demanded in the petition.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a declaration of taking has been filed in this cause and that Petitioner will apply for an Order of Taking and any other order the court deems proper before the **Honorable Don Lester**, one of the Judges of this Court, on **Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**, (one hour is reserved) in **Hearing Room 4-077 at the Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida**. All Defendants to this suit may request a hearing at the time and place designated and be heard at the time and place designated and be heard. Any Defendant failing to file a request for hear-

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ing shall waive any right to object to the Order of Taking.
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of this Court on the 21st day of December, 2022.
 TARA S. GREEN
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 By Rebecca Crews
 Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2022-CP-0652 IN RE: ESTATE OF MADELEINE MURIEL KORT, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of MADELEINE MURIEL KORT, deceased, whose date of death was March 19, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N Orange Ave# 308, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 29th, 2022.
 PIETER JEREMIAH KORT
 18 Carlow Court K8N 5R2, Belleville, Ontario, Canada.
 DAVID W. VELIZ, ESQUIRE
 Florida Bar No: 846368
 630 North Wymore Road Suite 330
 Maitland, Florida, 32751
 Telephone: (407) 849-7072
 Fax: (407) 849-7075
 E-Mail: VelizKatz@VelizKatzLaw.com
 Secondary E-Mail: PDiaz@VelizKatzLaw.com
 Attorney for Personal Representative
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2022-CP-0653 IN RE: ESTATE OF JONI ADELE KORT, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of JONI ADELE KORT, deceased, whose date of death was March 19, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N Orange Ave# 308, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 29th, 2022.
 PIETER JEREMIAH KORT
 18 Carlow Court K8N 5R2, Belleville, Ontario, Canada.
 DAVID W. VELIZ, ESQUIRE
 Florida Bar No: 846368
 630 North Wymore Road Suite 330
 Maitland, Florida, 32751
 Telephone: (407) 849-7072

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2022-CP-0653 IN RE: ESTATE OF JONI ADELE KORT, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of JONI ADELE KORT, deceased, whose date of death was March 19, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N Orange Ave# 308, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 29th, 2022.
 PIETER JEREMIAH KORT
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 Attorney for Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 2022-CC-00852
 CHARM-B INC. PLAINTIFF,
 VS.
 HOA PROBLEM SOLUTIONS 5 INC., DEFENDANT(S)
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **July 28, 2022**, and entered in 2022-CC-0852 of the County Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Charm-B, Inc. is the Plaintiff and HOA Problem Solutions 5 Inc. is the Defendant. Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00AM, on **January 25, 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 341, Silver Creek, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 44, Page 52 through 57, Public Records of Clay County, Florida. More commonly known as: 2348 Creekrfront Dr., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 ("Property").
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.
Dated this 20th day of December, 2022.
 Tara S. Green
 CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT
 Robbin Tefft
 Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact the Administrative Office of the Court as far in advance as possible, but preferably at least (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or other court activity of the date the service is needed: Complete the Request for Accommodations Form and submit to 800 E. Twiggs Street, Room 604, Tampa, FL 33602. Please review FAQ's for answers to many questions. You may contact the Administrative Office of the Courts ADA Coordination by letter, telephone or e-mail: Administrative Office of the Courts, Attention: ADA Coordination, 800 E. Twiggs Street, Tampa, FL 33602, Phone: 813- 272-7040, Hearing Impaired: 1-800-955-8771, Voice impaired: 1-800-955-8770, e-mail: ADA@fljud13.org.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA Civil Action No. 22-A-25 IN RE THE ADOPTION OF: H.B.W. Minor under the age of 18 years, By STEPHANIE SUZANNE MORGAN Petitioners.

Notice of Adoption Proceedings to: CHADWICK MUCK
 You are hereby notified that your parental rights to H.B.W., whose date of birth is August 10, 2015, may be terminated in this adoption proceeding, unless you appear and defend any such rights within 30 days of first publication of the Notice, by filing a Response with the Circuit Clerk of Greenbrier County, West Virginia and by serving said Response upon counsel for Petitioner, Emily S. Isaacs, Legal Aid of West Virginia, 125 Green Lane, Lewisburg, WV 24901.
 You are further notified that a final hearing will be held on February 13, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, by the Honorable Robert E. Richardson, Circuit Court Judge of Greenbrier County, at the Greenbrier County Courthouse, 912 Court Street North, Lewisburg, WV 24901.
 Failure to respond or appear may result in termination of any parental rights you may have.
 Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this the 19th day of December 2022.
 Louvonne Arbuckle
 Clerk of the Circuit Court

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on dates below these vehicles will be sold at public sale for monies owed on vehicle repair

and storage cost. 02/06/23 at 10:00 am REYNOLDS PARK YACHT CENTER 1063 BULKHEAD RD GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043 FG1978 PEA PEA59020M78FP CWOS CORP.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FILE NO.: 10-2022-CP-000684-CPAXXX IN RE ESTATE OF: THOMAS W. BLUMBERG, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of THOMAS W. BLUMBERG, deceased, whose date of death was August 26, 2022; is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is: December 29, 2022.
 Erin K. Blumberg
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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.: 10-2020-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 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.
 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 (704) 255-1695 or crtrintp@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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The online bidding and auction for Storage Rentals of America, 369 Blanding Blvd. will be held online at lockerfox.com through January 19, 2023, at 11:00AM. The entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien and other charges according to FL Statutes 83.801. PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:
 Unit # Tenant or Business Name
 C09 Raquel Manson
 C24 Anna Hunter
 C45 Gary Cruise
 D32 Thomas Cleveland, III
 D42 Taxes R Us, Inc.
 D59 Kendra Jackson
 D61 Gary Cruise
 D63 Jerry Barnes
 E03 Donald Flowers
 E36 Matthew Wheeler
 F02 Andrea Jones
 F15 Christa Babcock
 J10 Evelyn Robinson
 J29 Evelyn Robinson
 Total Units: 14
 Sale being held to satisfy Landlords' lien. The seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. CASH ONLY. Contents to be removed within 72 hours.
 Storage Rentals of America
 369 Blanding Blvd.
 Orange Park, FL 32073
 904-977-6400

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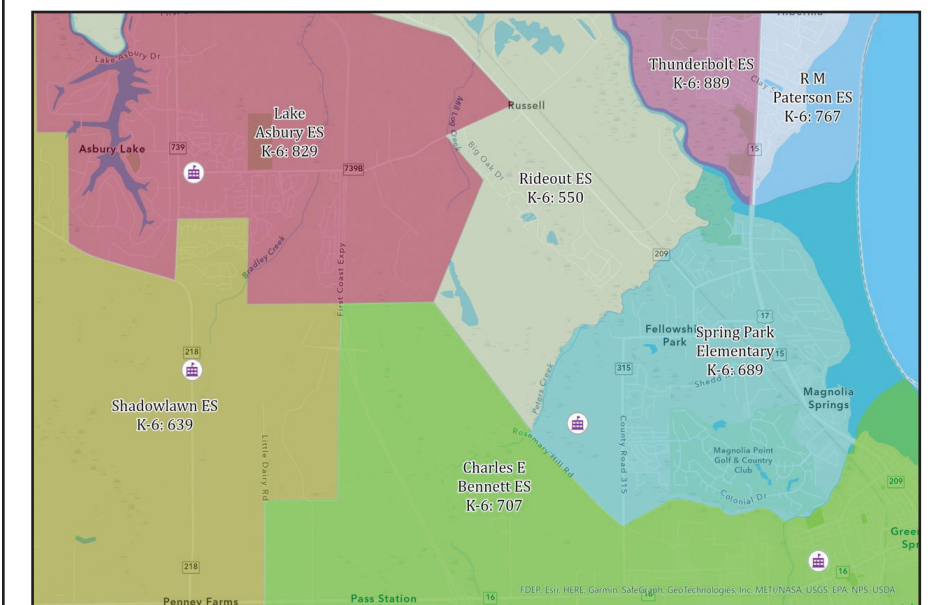
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

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 crtrintp@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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF SPRING PARK ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE ZONE AND REVISIONS TO THE SURROUNDING IMPACTED SCHOOLS' ZONES

Spring Park Elementary School, located at 3530 County Road 315, Green Cove Springs, FL, is scheduled to open August 2023. As a result, an attendance zone must be created and the surrounding impacted schools' zones must be revised. The School Board of Clay County is considering adopting and approving a resolution for the recommended Spring Park Elementary attendance zone and the surrounding impacted schools' zones. The map listed below represents the Clay County School Board's recommended zones. A public hearing will be scheduled on this topic Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Teacher Training Center at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island, FL 32003. For additional information, please contact Bryce Ellis, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, 904-336-6853 or email bryce.ellis@myoneclay.net



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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
Legal 47507 Published 1/5/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF MEETING ARMSTRONG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Armstrong Community Development District will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation 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. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.
 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 MEETING PINE RIDGE PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at the Pine Ridge Plantation Amenity Center, 4200 Pine Ridge Parkway, Middleburg, Florida 32068. 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

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing to consider Application for Zon-

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ing 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. 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

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NOTICE OF ACTION
NOTICE OF ACTION 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 know 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 OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on January 18, 2023. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/toys/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on January 11, 2023 and end at 10AM on January 18, 2023. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com.

KO Storage of Keystone Heights - Annex, 1029 FL-100, Keystone Heights FL 32656, (952) 314-7121 Time: 10:00AM CST
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KO Storage of Keystone Heights, 7350 FL-100, Keystone Heights FL 32656, (952) 314-7121 Time: 10:00AM CST
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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.
2000 HONDA VIN # JHLRDI869YC045557
2002 DODGE VIN # 1B4G-P243X2B729315
2007 CHEVROLET VIN # IG-NDS13S672190679
auction will be held at 9:00 a.m. 01/23/2023
G & M Towing Inc, located at 4995 Highway 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs at Horton's Towing 3645 Hwy 17, Bldg. 2, Fleming Island, FL 32003 Horton's Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
1. Auction date - 1/19/2023, 9:00 a.m.
2006 Honda Vin # JHMFA36296S000219
2. Auction date - 2/2/2023, 9:00 a.m.
2020 Kawasaki Vin # ML5EXEN18L-DA04436
3. Auction date - 1/19/2023, 9:00 a.m.
2014 Hyundai Vin# 5NPE-B4AC6EH908334

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING FOR MAGNOLIA WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Magnolia West Community Development District ("District") will hold a meeting on **January 17, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Magnolia West Amenity Center located at 3490 Canyon Falls 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.magnoliawestcdd.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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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 Studio Minkyz located at 1739 Pickwick Place, in the County of Clay, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Date at Fleming Island, Florida, this 27th day of October 2022.

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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 Card Your Yard located at 2008 Pond Ridge Court, Unit #1304, in the County of Clay, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Date at Fleming Island, Florida, this 30th day of December 2022.
Jennifer S. Nolan

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing, on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO ARTICLE II OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BEING THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1996-8, AS AMENDED, AND COMPRISING THE PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, BY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: SECTION 2-3 TO CLARIFY THE TITLE; SECTION 2-3(2)(b) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING PLAN REVIEW; SECTION 2-5(3)(d) AND (e) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MINOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW AND EFFECT OF PLAN APPROVAL; SECTION 2-5(3)(h) TO STRIKE SUBSECTION (h) RELATED TO RENEWAL OF MINOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL; SECTION 2-6(3) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLANS; SECTION 2-6(4) (b) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PRELIMINARY PLAN SUBMISSION; SECTION 2-6(4) (f) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PRELIMINARY PLAN REVIEW; SECTION 2-6(5)(b) AND (c) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT FINAL PLAN REVIEW AND EFFECT OF PLAN APPROVAL; SECTION 2-6(5)(e) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT FINAL PLAN APPROVAL; SECTION 2-7(2) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION PLATS; SECTION 2-8(3) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR SUBDIVISION CONCEPT PLANS; SECTION 2-8(4) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLATS; SECTION 2-8(5)(b) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAN SUBMIS-

SION; SECTION 2-8(5)(f) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAN REVIEW; SECTION 2-8(6) AND (c) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAN REVIEW AND EFFECT OF PLAN APPROVAL; SECTION 2-8(6)(e) TO STRIKE SUBSECTION (e) RELATED TO RENEWAL OF MAJOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAN APPROVAL; SECTION 2-9(3) AND (4) TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REZONING REQUEST SUBMISSION AND CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW; SECTION 2-10 TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REVIEW PROCESS IN ITS ENTIRETY; SECTION 2-11 TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PLATTING PROCESS IN ITS ENTIRETY; AND SECTION 2-13 TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

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MEETING DATES OF THE CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

The Audit/Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, which may be recessed from time to time, in the Board room at the Administrative Office of the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. The Board of Supervisors will also meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on the above-referenced date, at the above-referenced location.

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 01/20/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicles(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. 55SWF8EB9K0311883 2019 MERZ

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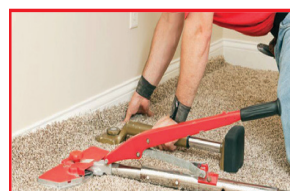
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