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### Focus on transparency:



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All 23 officers with the Orange Park Police Department now are wearing body-worn cameras when they're on duty. The purpose is to provide transparency as well as improve law enforcement tactics.

## Orange Park Police officers wearing body-worn cameras

By Don Coble  
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ORANGE PARK – If you're caught speeding or just need directions, interactions with Orange Park Police Department officers are now being recorded.

The agency became the first in Clay

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## The gift of music



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Paul Wane had a captive audience when he played his guitar at AMIkids of Clay County. The musician then donated a music studio to the Green Cove Springs school.

### Paul Wane's gift of studio 'resonates' with AMIkids of Clay County

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Paul Wane didn't need a microphone inside the Thomas Hogan Memorial Gym on Jan. 19, but his message resonated with the small group of boys huddled on the bleachers.

He talked about approaching life with a positive attitude and working every day to improve – all with his customary red, white and blue guitar hanging from his shoulder.

"In life, people will try to bring you down," Wane said. "Don't let them do that. When you climb a ladder, you don't

want to step a rung down to get on their level. Bring them up to your level."

Wane had the same Jacksonville Jaguars jersey he wore when he played "The Star-Spangled Banner" ahead of the Jaguars' regular season finale against the Tennessee Titans on Jan. 7.

Then he flipped a switch on a speaker, hit a couple of buttons on the floor control board and played a few riffs to make sure it wasn't too loud.

He suddenly owned the room.

Wane asked the boys if they wanted to hear the National Anthem. Not only want to hear it, but they also sat wide-eyed as he dove into the song.

Wane said he needed to get back into the recording studio, but his exit was delayed when one of the boys asked

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Every athletic team in the county is required to have trained coaches or trainer who is certified in CPR and AED resuscitation.

### Schools well-equipped to handle emergencies on – and off – the field

By Kylie Cordell  
For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Millions watched in fear and panic as Damar Hamlin collapsed from cardiac arrest on national television. Fast-acting first responders

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## Municipalities, county leaders address problems, successes that come with growth

By Don Coble  
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ORANGE PARK – Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake had to drive 31 miles on Wednesday, Jan. 18, to attend the Clay County Chamber of Commerce's annual State of Clay at the Thrasher-Horne Center.

By the time she took the microphone to talk about her city's successes and challenges, she seemed a bit frazzled.

"I have to tell you, I got in my car and I headed up north on (State Road) 21 and

there was traffic, they're paving the roads from (S.R.) 16 to Keystone. Then you move into Middleburg at a traffic light, and oh my gosh, I think it's been 15 minutes or so. You guys got some serious traffic happening."

Everyone on stage shook their heads in agreement. So did the standing-room-only crowd of more than 100.

Growth not only brings new opportunities, business and money to the county, but it also brings the challenges of managing growth. Lake, along with mayors Randy Anderson of Orange Park, Matt Johnson of Green Cove Springs, Thomas DeVille of Penney Farms and County Commission Chairwoman Betsy Condon all were concerned about the price of expansion.

With most of Oakleaf already devel-



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

From left, Commissioner Betsy Condon, and mayors Randy Anderson of Orange Park, Matt Johnson of Green Cove Springs, Thomas DeVille of Penney Farms and Karen Lake of Keystone Heights gave updates on their municipalities during State of Clay luncheon.

oped, the biggest concerns are for the southern end of the county. According to Condon, more than 10,000 home permits already have been planned in the Lake Asbury area.

Nearby, Johnson said Green Cove Springs is bracing to double its population in the next 25 years. Yet, the city is determined to keep its small-town feel.

"First thing we did with the comprehensive plan that takes us 25 years out," he said. "The population is expected to double in 25 years and Green Cove Springs, so we're getting ready for that."

"One thing we're doing, and I don't just take it for granted, down (U.S. Highway)

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## Residents push back on plans for Wawa at Village Square Parkway

By Lee Wardlaw  
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FLEMING ISLAND – Plans for a new Wawa to be built at Fleming Island Shoppes drew a sharp backlash from both neighbors and members of the Fleming Island Plantation community during a public meet-and-greet held by the property owner and developer on Tuesday night.

To move forward with project plans, the developer, Landmark Commercial Realty, needs an easement from the Fleming Island Community Development District. The CDD currently owns the easement access rights to the property bordering the proposed commercial development, which totals 4,000 square feet.

For the gas station, the developer would request an easement of 2,800 square feet of that space, according to a representative. However, if project plans were to move forward, the Wawa's access road would cross directly over the Black Creek Trail, which thousands of Fleming Island residents use for recreational activities such as walking and biking and traveling to and from school and work.

Most of the packed audience voiced deep concerns with the potential new development.

A litany of issues was raised by neighbors, many of whom were displeased with the possibility of another new gas station/convenience store in an area already containing seven within a three-mile radius of the proposed new site.



The concerns included the potential of increased traffic and safety concerns for motorists, bicyclists, children and seniors, and, of course, the rerouting of Black Creek Trail, which would be required if plan blueprints were to indeed move forward.

However, the developer maintained that the Wawa would alleviate traffic congestion because it would provide another ingress/egress access point in an already highly-trafficked area. "We know there are a lot of concerns about how traffic comes in and out of that area, but creating another point of access, ingress and egress, allows for this intersection to not have to take on the amount of traffic that would have to come in through here to utilize this development here," a representative from



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

Bryce DeHaven, Property Owner, fielded questions from residents about the potential new development. A packed house of concerned Fleming Island neighbors and residents poured into the seats at Achieve Fitness to voice their sharp concerns with the proposed new Wawa gas station and convenience store.

the developer said.

A special, 350-foot, right-turn lane on U.S. Highway 17 would be constructed if final blueprints were approved, which would have to be built to FDOT standards. The Wawa would only be accessible via the special right turn. Then, when leaving, customers would be required to continue heading south on the highway.

To answer pedestrian and bicyclist concerns, a crosswalk and a series of pedestrian stop signs would need to be established. A rerouted Black Creek Trail would also have to be constructed before the groundbreaking of the gas station.

Many steps would remain for the project to be approved, which would include a permitting process with the FDOT, a re-

view from Clay County, and finally, an architectural review from the CDD.

A traffic study by the developer found that 135 trips would be made during the peak hour of the business week, which would be 8 a.m. The public meeting was held at 2349 Village Square Pkwy.

At the end of the meeting, District 1 Commissioner Mike Cella offered public comment to the developer.

"Here's my problem. We've come this far with all of the design and work, and they've never once talked to anyone in the county. Only with my initiative here is the county even involved. If I wasn't here, they never would have talked to the county. They've been planning this thing for months," he said.

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## Women business owners optimistic about future

By StatePoint Media  
For Clay Today

Even as they ride out inflationary pressures, supply chain disruptions and economic uncertainty, women owners and executives of small and mid-size majority-women-owned businesses have an optimistic outlook about the near-term future of their businesses, according to a recent survey.

The PNC Bank survey found that women business owner (WBO) expectations for their own companies remain



strong, with 41% feeling highly optimistic -- up from 29% in the fall of 2020 but down from 67% in the fall of 2021 -- while the share of those feeling pessimistic has held constant at just 1%.

The survey also indicated that more than eight in 10 women business owners are very confident about their future success and nearly half say it comes from their own hard work and drive. Similarly, 79% of WBOs are very satisfied with their role as business owners or leaders compared to 67% of men business owners (MBOs).

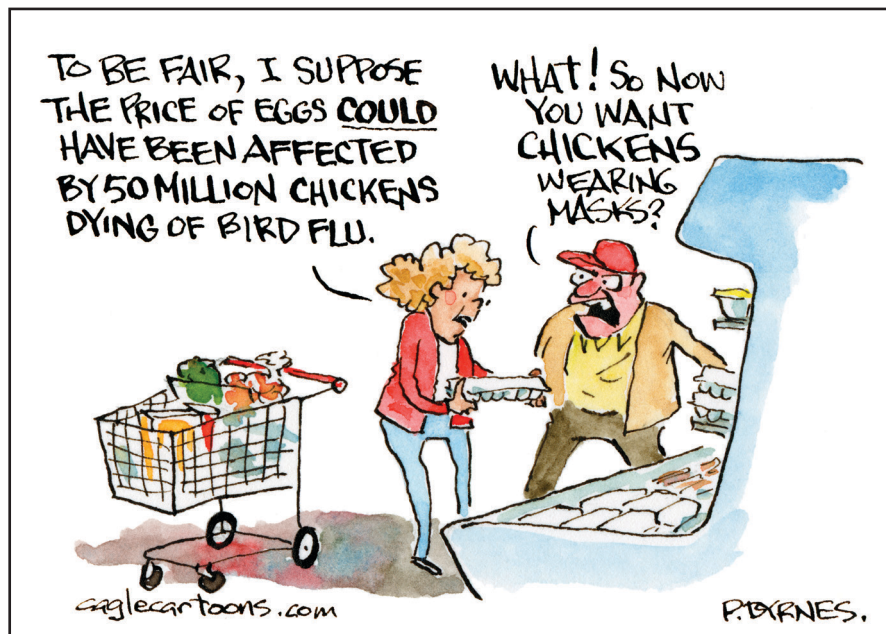
"We are seeing a new pattern of self-empowerment among women business owners that are very encouraging," said Beth Marcello, director of PNC Women's Business Development. "Their own hard work to survive the pandemic is the source of their confidence and optimism today."

The survey suggests that women have a take-charge, can-do attitude. When it was difficult to find employees, 49% of WBOs versus one-third of MBOs say that they or their managers stepped in to cover open staff hours themselves. Additionally, they're focused on growth: 81% surveyed are Woman Business Enterprise-certified, 73% market their certification, and 88% say that certification has been a helpful business development tool.

"For the first time, we have evidence of increased financial confidence among women business owners. They are two times more likely than men to say they're considering a new loan or line of credit to support business growth," said Marcello. "They are monitoring their cash position and have a cash reserve, but they're investing excess cash rather than stockpiling it; they are continuing to leverage the increased efficiency of the digital financial tools they migrated to during the pandem-

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## OPINIONS



## Florida Supreme Court confirms 15-week abortion limit – but fight continues

By Anne Geggis  
For FloridaPolitics

The state Supreme Court Monday refused to block the state's prohibition on abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy as the legal battle challenging the new law continues.

The 4-1 decision to keep the 15-week ban in effect was in response to abortion clinics and one doctor asking that an injunction that would allow abortions after 15 weeks remain in effect while underlying issues with the law are resolved before the Court.

Leon County Circuit Judge John Cooper found that the law violated the Florida Constitution's right to privacy, which is more explicit than the U.S. Constitution's. He issued an injunction against the ban's enforcement July 5, making it so that women could have an abortion up to the time that Roe v. Wade allowed.

But the state appealed that decision in the First District Court of Appeal and Cooper's injunction was in effect for less than an hour. Abortion rights supporters filed an appeal of that decision in August.

The Supreme Court turned away the appeal of the First District Court of Appeal's ruling on the injunction in one sentence Monday, with no reasoning. It was signed by Justices Charles Canady, Ricky Polston, John Couriel and Jamie Grosshans.

Justice Jorge Labarga, however, dissented, saying that the plaintiffs, "have met the exacting burden required for this Court to stay the First District of Appeal's decision pending review in this Court."

Democratic U.S. Rep. Kathy Gas-

**The state's 15-week ban on abortion, with no exceptions for rape or incest, was passed after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade court case that gave women the right to an abortion up to the point when a baby can survive outside the womb. Numerous states filled the void the overturned court ruling left by passing laws that effectively banned the procedure completely.**

tor called Monday's ruling, "radical and extreme."

"Even with a strong and broad right to privacy in the Florida Constitution AND long-standing legal precedent, the Florida Supreme Court and the GOP politicians want to control our lives and restrict the freedom to make personal choices," Castor tweeted.

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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.

Prink: (prink) a verb that means to make minor adjustments to one's appearance.

"My wife always seems to prink for at least 30 minutes before we go out."

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2018

- Joe Arthur Turner of Keystone Heights is arrested and charged with murder and sexual battery of Jordan Cooper, a woman with intellectual disabilities.

- More than 95% of Clay County teachers approve a new two-year contract that includes pay raises between \$1,000 and \$1,700 a year.

- The county commission approves medical marijuana facilities.

### 10 years ago, 2013

- Technology education company eInstruction earns a \$75,000 project to make upgrades to music and technology programs at Annunciation Catholic School.

- The BCC approves a plan for 89 residential units, 60,300 square feet of retail and office space and a three-tier parking garage for Taylor Commons at King Tree Apartments site.

- Skot Wilson asks the Clay County Sheriff's Office to donate two of its patrol cars to the Union City, New Jersey, Police Department after 14 of the agency's cars were damaged by Super Storm Sandy.

### 20 years ago, 2003

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office investigates who set a fire that destroyed the 30-foot Eagle Harbor community's pontoon boat and dock.

- Annie Montgomery, Linda Hutchinson, Steve Shannon, Roberta Wills and Sandra Dunnivant are selected as finalists for the Clay County Teacher of the Year.

- John Thrasher is hired as Clay County's legislative lobbyist to help the county win projects with the Florida Legislature.

### 30 years ago, 1993

- Deputy Superintendent Jim Sowell,

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### Opinions ...

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# Court

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the procedure before most women know they are pregnant.

Gov. Ron DeSantis hailed the passage of Florida's law – the state's most restrictive since abortion became legal. He has alluded to promoting more laws that would roll back abortion rights further, although he has not been specific about what changes he would support.

"House Bill 5 protects babies in the womb who have beating hearts, who can move, who can taste, who can see, and who can feel pain," DeSantis said when he signed the bill. "Life is a sacred gift worthy of our protection, and I am proud to sign this great piece of legislation which represents the most significant protections for life in the state's modern history."

But abortion rights groups filed suits, state by state, to establish the right to an abortion under state constitutions because the language in some of them protects a woman's privacy and equal rights.

Democratic Rep. Anna Eskamani called

Monday's ruling – coming one day after the 50th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade ruling – "heartbreaking."

"They have not closed the door completely but allowing the ban to remain in effect continues to cause individuals' suffering and takes away our freedoms," the Orlando area lawmaker said.

Laura Goodhue, executive director of the Florida Alliance Planned Parenthood Affiliates, said the 15-week ban, in practice, has made doctors hesitant to provide medical care once a pregnancy is past the law's cutoff.

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# Business

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ic; and they are confidently increasing pricing as the economy allows for it."

## Meeting the challenges

While WBOs have concerns about inflation, profitability and the supply chain, they believe they're prepared for these challenges. Although similar portions of WBOs and MBOs experienced supply chain issues in the past year, 79% of WBOs believe they have the right amount of inventory they need to succeed.

WBOs also intend to maintain or expand on policies they initiated during the pandemic, including allowing flexible work arrangements (48%), increasing compensation (38%) and implementing employee health or safety enhancements (33%). WBOs are more likely than MBOs to adopt Corporate Social Responsibility

policies or practices, including gender pay equity (34% vs. 9%) and diversity and inclusion (29% vs. 14%). These disparities could be an indication of why fewer WBOs (30%) than MBOs (43%) are finding it harder to hire new staff compared to six months ago.

Identifying and addressing challenges faced by women financial decision-makers is a component of PNC's Project 257: Accelerating Women's Financial Equality, an initiative to help close the 257-year economic gender gap. More information about these efforts as well as helpful resources for women financial decision-makers can be found at [pnc.com/women](http://pnc.com/women). To connect with Project 257, follow PNC on social media: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.

While the pandemic created new economic challenges, many with lasting effects, women business owners largely overcame these obstacles, taking away lessons that have inspired their optimism and confidence today.

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an authority on Clay County school history, retires after 34 years with the District.

• 38 Special, Travis Tritt, Charlie Daniels and the Kentucky Headhunters announce a benefit concert at NAS Jacksonville to raise money for playground equipment at the Ronnie Van Zant Park in Green Cove Springs.

• Keystone Heights customers are concerned they may lose their Sears Outlet after the chain announces its plan to close 100 stores.

## 40 years ago, 1983

• Rickie Rowell and two juveniles are arrested in Volusia County and charged with two Admiral's Walk break-ins.

• The county commission postpones a plan to sell \$4.5 million in bonds to make up for budget shortfalls.

• The Middleburg High boys basketball team wins back-to-back games – 59-47 against Crescent City and 51-49 in double overtime against Nease – at the Jacksonville War Memorial Arena.

# SJR State College to hold financial aid, FAFSA event

ORANGE PARK – St. Johns River State College will present "FASFA Frenzy," a free workshop assisting in applying for financial aid, at its campus on College Drive.

"Finances should not be a barrier to attending college," said SJR State's Financial Aid Director Suzanne Evans. "The event will provide qualified students with assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is the first and most important step in applying for financial aid." Walk-ins are welcome.

Students can base their financial information on the previous year's tax return. Potential students intending to enroll in college during the 2023-24 academic year are encouraged to complete the form as soon as possible, as some funds are awarded on an as-needed basis while others are awarded first-come, first served.

The Orange Park campus will host FAFSA Frenzy night on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 6-8 p.m. in the D Building.

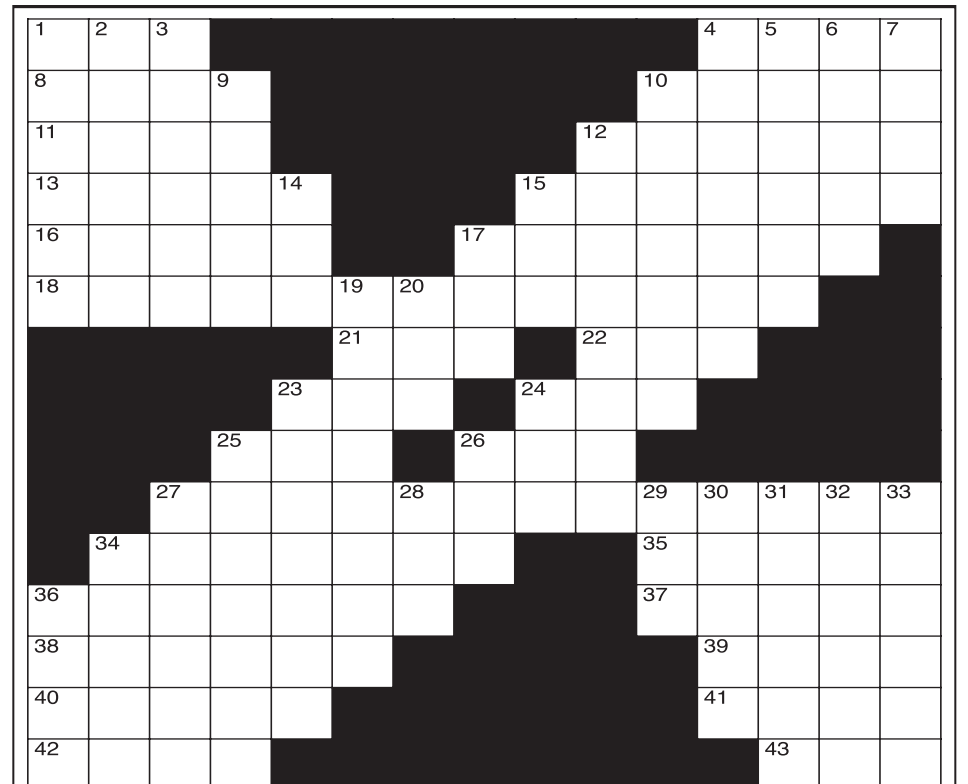
During the event, current and potential students can participate in free step-by-step instructions for completing and submitting the FAFSA, along with the Florida Financial Aid Application. Computers will be provided.

To complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, students/parents will need to bring the following:

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- Bank statements and records of investments, if applicable
- Records of untaxed income, if applicable

Filling out the FAFSA doesn't obligate students to a particular career track or college. For more information, visit [sjrstate.edu/fafsafrenzy.html](http://sjrstate.edu/fafsafrenzy.html).



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Tax collector
4. Fishes without the line touching water
8. Brooklyn hoopsters
10. Actress Lathan
11. A metric for athletes
12. Food storage location
13. Colossus
15. Desolations
16. Accustom to something unpleasant
17. \_\_\_ Kubrick, filmmaker
18. You might ask this at Thanksgiving
21. Arkansas city
22. Gave food to
23. Request
24. V-shaped open trough
25. Make lively
26. It accompanies feather
27. Blonde bombshell
34. One who revolves

### CLUES DOWN

1. Part of your foot
2. It's at the back of the eyeball
3. Where things stand
4. Offered
5. Contains pollen
6. Boisterous get-together
7. Asserts out loud
9. They're in the sky
10. Canonized

12. A politician's official stances
14. It can catch fish
15. British thermal unit
17. Helps little firms
19. Where patients go for treatment
20. Large red deer
23. Pokes holes in
24. Star Wars hero Solo
25. One in a hospital
26. Scandinavian god of battle
27. Famous cat
28. \_\_\_ Angeles: City of Angels
29. Type of drug (abbr.)
30. City along the Rhine
31. Animal disease
32. Martini ingredients
33. Get away
34. Rare species of rodent
36. Suppress

## BCC, NFLT continue their push to expand conservation footprint

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – While still in an exploratory stage, the Board of County Commissioners and North Florida Land Trust continued to examine ways to create and fund a conservation lands program during a special workshop Tuesday morning. Commissioners heard several proposals on funding the project, including a slight increase in the millage or electric rates. They also examined the priorities for the conservation project.

Since nobody knows how much money will be raised or how much real estate and interest rates will be when the program may be implemented in late 2025 or early 2026, BCC and NFLT said it's necessary to create a blueprint.

"It's now or never," said NFLT President and COO Allison Defoor. "Whatever moves we make now or don't make now will affect our grandchildren."

A .1 mill increase will generate \$29.3 million in the next 20 years, and it will cost each homeowner about \$30 a year in taxes, but NFLT hopes to raise nearly \$59 million.

"That's a couple pizzas a year," said NFLT Director of Conservative Acquisitions Ramesh Buch.

Commissioners expressed the value of

protecting more land through purchases and easements, they said it would require a plan that voters will approve. Since the county can't increase the sales tax, voters must approve a referendum during the general election in 2024.

"Land conservation is a nebulous term," commissioner Mike Cella said. "We need to nail that down a little more."

The county also is struggling to keep up with rapid growth. With more than 10,000 homes already approved for the Lake Asbury area, land trust officials said it's more important now to protect conservation areas before they're all gone.

Commissioner Kristen Burke said money for conservation can't come out of the current budget.

"We don't have all of that money, no matter what people think," she said. "We barely balanced the budget. Either something's got to give or we have to raise it from somewhere else."

The land trust also identified seven conservation values and asked commissioners to identify their priorities. All five board members were given 10 stickers and they were asked to place stickers on areas they think were the most important.

Protecting endangered species was first with 12 votes, followed by protecting drinking water with 11, access to recre-



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

North Florida Land Trust Conservation Acquisitions Coordinator Heather Nagy provided seven conservation values as the Board of County Commissioners explore ways to create and pay for a long-range Conservation Lands Program.

ation areas with 10, connecting programs with neighboring counties and protecting surface water with 8 each, protecting historical and cultural areas with 6 and protecting farms and forest areas with 5.

The North Florida Land Trust is a nonprofit that is committed to protecting natural places in Clay, Duval, St. Johns, Baker, Nassau, Putnam and Flagler counties.

"We aren't talking about land at the in-

tersection of (State Road) 16 and 21 that costs \$40,000 an acre," Buch said. "We're talking about remote areas where land costs \$2,000-\$4,000."

The BCC pushed the project forward and decided the next step would be a series of public meetings to get more input.

"This is a political process," Defoor said. "If we all play well, it will lead to a good outcome."



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Artist Mia Pearlman unveiled her "Undulation" sculpture that was inspired by the county's waterways and wildlife. The artwork can be seen at Baptist Medical Center Clay.

## 'Undulation' sculpture to inspire, heal patients at Baptist Clay

By Don Coble  
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FLEMING ISLAND – Mia Pearlman found inspiration for her sculpture "Undulation" from the county's greatest resource – water. She quickly envisioned fish swimming through rippling water. She was motivated by bright colors and the relaxing combination of sun, water and wildlife.

"It was inspired by the research I did into the local fish and the river," Pearlman said as her sculpture was unveiled Tuesday afternoon at Baptist Medical Center Clay's West Entrance. "I was really interested in the waterways, underground rivers and like all the different ways that water plays a really important part here both in terms of leisure and also the economy."

Art is an important aspect of Baptist's mission, according to hospital president Darin Roark.

"Art is the big part of our healing process," he said. After one of her designs wasn't selected for Baptist Medical Center in

Jacksonville, the hospital asked her to submit ideas for the Clay project – a year before ground was broken for the 102-bed facility off Village Square Parkway.

It took a year to create the sculpture, Pearlman said.

The artist said she also studied the residents of Clay County for motivation.

"I think a lot of it is who the county is," she said. "I wanted to make something the community could adopt."

The piece includes a series of different colored wavy bulwarks. You can imagine waves and fish swimming when as you walk around the sculpture. I'm really thrilled with the way it came out," Pearlman said. "We went through three different painters just to try to get somebody who could get the right pigments to make the colors that we want. There are always a lot of technical things that happen behind the scene in this kind of project."

The sculpture was installed outside the doors at the southwest corner of the hospital.

## HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital one of America's Top 250

**Orange Park among top 5% of hospitals nationwide for overall clinical performance**

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital has been named America's Best 250 Hospitals according to Healthgrades, a leading resource that connects consumers, physicians and health systems. This achievement puts the hospital in the top 5% of hospitals nationwide for overall clinical performance across the most common conditions and procedures.

Sustaining a high level of care requires a hospital-wide commitment and an ongoing "patient-first" approach. "Healthgrades is proud to recognize HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital as two of America's 250 Best Hospitals for 2023," said Brad Bowman M.D., Chief Medical Officer and Head of Data Science at Healthgrades. "They both consistently deliver better-than-expected outcomes for the patients in their community and are setting a high national standard for clinical excellence."

"It is important that consumers consider hospital quality when it comes to selecting a hospital," says Dr. Bradley Shumaker, Chief Medical Officer at Orange Park Hospital. "This is our fourth year in a row earning this prestigious award. That shows how hard our teams have worked

to make patient safety a priority."

"The importance of clinical success in key areas like Stroke Care, Critical Care and Cardiac Care in becoming a top hospital in the nation cannot be understated," Bowman said. "A commitment to excellence in these most challenging service areas, and the key conditions within each, is a hallmark of Healthgrades America's Best Hospitals."

"We applaud HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital as the recipient of the Healthgrades America's 250 Best Hospitals for their long-standing commitment to quality and superior clinical outcomes. As hospitals across the country continue to fearlessly treat patients during the time of COVID-19, it has never been more important to recognize those organizations that are delivering the highest quality care," Bowman said.

In addition to HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital's ranking, HCA Florida Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville was also included on the list.

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## The beat goes on ...

# Save a life by learning the A-B-Cs and CPR

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

CLAY COUNTY – Jim Market was given a second shot at life when he collapsed from a left arterial descending heart attack – commonly known as the widowmaker – two years ago in the Baptist Oakleaf ER parking lot.

The man from Middleburg wasn't breathing when his wife pulled their pickup truck to the front door.

"He stopped talking to me. He was making strange sounds and turning blue. All of a sudden, he wasn't responding to me," his wife, Timmi, said. "By the time I got to Oakleaf Parkway, he expelled his last breath. By then, I was driving 90 mph. I was punching him, yelling at him not to leave me."

When they arrived at the front door of the Emergency Room, she ran inside to get help. A security guard working the midnight shift saw Market slumped over and motionless. The guard pulled him from the seat and started doing Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Market on the sidewalk.

"I knew I had to get him out," Luis Vargas said.

Nurses and doctors quickly joined Var-



PHOTO BY KYLIE CORDELL  
Eeunice Mathis teaches CPR, including how to revive children from cardiac arrest.

gas to help lift Market on a stretcher. A nurse continued chest compressions while

Market was rushed into an exam room.

The medical team worked to stabilize Market.

"Jim was essentially dead," said Dr. Joseph King. "We had to shock his heart several times to restore a normal rhythm."

The quick response from the security guards' initial chest compressions and the entire team helped revived the patient from a heart attack that few survived.

Never has the success of CPR been on display more than when a national television audience watched in disbelief when Buffalo Bills safety went into cardiac arrest after getting a sudden hit to the chest that caused commotio cordis. Medical teams resuscitated him on the field and they were forced to perform CPR on him again at the hospital. Hamlin has since recovered and was released from the hospital.

But not everyone is so lucky. While many have heard of CPR, few people know how to administer it.

Here are the basics:

"Usually, the first thing you're going to do when administering CPR is (to) tap and shout," said Yolanda Tucker, an Acuity CPR and Safety Training Instructor in Orange Park. "You are waiting for a response, two seconds at the most, and then you want to

check for a pulse."

You can check a pulse by placing your index and middle fingers on the neck to the side of the windpipe.

Tucker suggests checking their nail bed if they don't know how to check a pulse.

"It normally turns white and then pink again, this tells you that blood is flowing," she said.

If you cannot feel a pulse, alert bystanders to call 911 immediately and bring an AED, or Automatic External Defibrillator. Most companies are required to have one by law.

"Then you administer CPR until one of three things happens: that person receives RSC (Return to Spontaneous Circulation), EMS arrives or you are completely exhausted and cannot go any longer," she said.

If a child sustains cardiac arrest, use two thumbs or the heel of your hands to administer CRP and rescue breaths after each set of compressions. If you see a teen or adult collapse, you can perform hands-only CPR. Compressions should be hard and fast in the center of their chest.

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# Banjo Brown jamming to his own musical following

By Lee Wardlaw

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CLAY COUNTY – After strumming a deafening rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” with a Southern Rock-style spin ahead of the Jacksonville-Tennessee game, Paul Wane became the center of attention in the musical world in Northeast Florida.

But he wasn’t the only show in town.

Enter Aaron Brown, a U.S. Navy veteran who moved to Orange Park in 2020, has been playing the guitar since high school, but he didn’t consider music as a serious career path until 2021.

After attending several open mic sessions alongside fellow local musician and close friend Gabe Bullard to break the ice, Brown now prefers to go by a different moniker – Banjo Brown – when rocking crowds along with live, onstage performances that are available for viewing now on Fleming Island, Green Cove Springs and throughout Northeast Florida.

A one-man band, the guitarist and vocalist treat audiences to an alluring variety of acoustic folk and Americana cover hits, with his menu of songs featuring a wide selection of favorite genres including bluegrass, country, rock and more.

When Brown takes to the stage, his cowboy hat, leather vest, cowboy boots, harmonica and favorite guitar all go along



Banjo Brown

for the ride. The musician’s instrument of choice is a Martin Grand Concert guitar, and he can shred those chords for a long time, too.

Plenty of stamina is required for each of Brown’s acts, all of which last between three-to-four hours.

He was reared in Charleston, South Carolina, and he said that playing the guitar isn’t his best onstage skill or motivation for performing.

“I’m not the best guitarist in the world. I’m inspired by lyricists,” he said.

His idols include John Pride, Guy Clarke, Vincent Neil Emerson, Taylor Kingman, Oliver Wood, Jason Isbell, Chris Stapleton and the Turnpike Troubadours.

“Those are guys that put poetry into their music,” Brown said.

Banjo Brown’s diverse lineup of old-school hits includes those from his biggest inspirations that are listed above along with other top artists, such as The Devil Makes Three, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Pink Floyd and more.

“These are songs of ne’er-do-wells and rounders. That’s the kind of music I’m drawn to. I like music that has an edge to it,” Brown said.

He performs regularly at Mercury Moon on Fleming Island from 9 p.m. to midnight every third Wednesday of the month. He also hosts a show every other Friday at V Pizza on Fleming Island from 6-9 p.m.

He was most recently on stage at the Sunset Tiki Bar on Fleming Island, but



you can catch his next big performance on Friday, Jan. 27, at V Pizza from 9 p.m. to midnight.

To find his schedule, visit BanjoBrownMusic on Facebook or email him at BanjoBrownMusic@gmail.com.



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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT AND CELEBRATION:** will be on Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jacksonville University Concert Hall, 2800 University Blvd., in Jacksonville.

**CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH THROUGH MUSIC:** will be on Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. at the Congressional Holiness Church, 2079 State Road 16 in Orange Park. For more information, visit friends@fasacc.org or call (904) 657-6223.

**REMEMBERING DUNBAR HIGH AND BLACK AMERICAN ANCHORS:** will be on Feb. 11 at 4 p.m. at Green Cove Springs Junior High, 1220 Bonaventure Ave. For more information, visit friends@fasacc.org or call (904) 657-6223.

**BLACK HISTORY FESTIVAL/MEN OF LOYALTY YOUTH BOXING:** will be on Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. at Pier Station Road West in Green Cove Springs. Men of Loyalty is a program that teaches children boxing techniques, offering discussion groups, snacks and building teamwork in a positive family environment. The festival also includes family fun, performers, arts and crafts. For more information, visit menofloyalty.org.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH PARADE AND MELANIN MARKET:** will be on Feb. 18 from noon-5 p.m. along A. Philip Randolph Boulevard in Jacksonville.

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA MARKET DAY BLACK HISTORY MONTH COLLABORATION:** will be on Feb. 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1 UNF Dr. in Jacksonville. The event is free.

**AUGUSTA SAVAGE ARTS FESTIVAL:** will be on Feb. 25 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Spring Park, 106 St. Johns Ave. in Green Cove Springs. For more information, visit friends@fasacc.org or call (904) 657-6223.

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# Early Learning Coalition selects Traci Green as its Preschool Teacher of the Year

By Kylie Cordell  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – The Early Learning Coalition of North Florida made a surprise visit to Traci Green's classroom on Jan. 10 after selecting her as the Preschool Teacher of the Year.

The prize patrol came to Advent Lutheran Church with Pete the Cat, flowers, balloons and a certificate.

"The award is given to two teachers every year, one is an infant toddler teacher, and the other one is preschool," said Martha Morrow, the Preschool Director at the preschool. ELC affiliates were encouraged to send applications, honoring teachers across the counties of Baker, Bradford, Clay, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns.

"I nominated Traci. We did a big write-up on her, and then it came to the central office and the council there," Morrow said. "They read all the nominations and picked one teacher for the year. And Traci won out of all of those counties. It's a huge honor."

Green agreed.

"It was very special," she said. "Before I could even get through the door, two of my kids were saying, 'Mrs. Traci, congratulations! You're the best teacher ever. We love you! Everyone was very emotional.'"

Although Green has only taught at Advent for three years and is fairly new to teaching, she has made a long-lasting impression on her students.

"To teach preschool, it really needs to be your passion. Little minds, little brains. That's what I love about it. I love working on new ideas, new manipulatives. My mind is constantly thinking and creating new ideas for the class and for the school," she said.

"The great thing about having such a small class is being able to meet their individual needs, whether socially, academically, or developmentally. I'm in tune with all my children. I can challenge the students to their best capabilities and help them reach their potential before going to grade school," Green said.

The school provides students with safe and nurturing classrooms, kindergarten readiness and academic enrichment. Students learn various subjects, from music, science, cooking, bible studies, reading, and outdoor play.

"We have a standard theme each week. For this week, our theme is sports. All of my lesson plans are focused on sports and the letter 'P.' We incorporate the letter of the week into the theme," Green said.

However, plans don't always go accordingly. Depending on the day, you have to be flexible. You just have to go with the flow and use every moment as a learning experience for them."

Besides preparing her class for kindergarten, Green's goal is to set the basics for making good decisions and teach students how to care for others.

"Whether it's coloring or playing a game together on the floor with their friends, it's about taking turns and being an encouragement to their friends and telling them good job, providing those life skills they will continue to use into adulthood," she said.

In and outside the classroom, Green enriches little minds. She also helps keep parents informed by writing monthly newsletters and calendars. "We're an Advent family," she said, noting the importance of school-to-home connection. Green also organizes school packets for new students. In



The Prize Patrol with Pete the Cat made a surprise stop at Advent Lutheran Church to honor Traci Green, middle, as the Early Learning Coalition of Northeast Florida's Preschool Teacher of the Year. They were joined by Preschool Director Martha Morrow.

2021 Green started VPK training emphasizing early literacy and now helps run and develop the program for new teachers.

"That's what makes a teacher of the year, not just teaching the kids and caring for them 100% of the time, but being a team player- there's never any doubt. She covers everything," Morrow said.

Green is honored to be selected as its teacher of the year. However, she is more excited about the school. "I was thoroughly honored, thrilled, shocked, surprised. But I'm more excited about people learning about our school. I'm much more excited about the spotlight that our school is getting," she said. "Something like this is program-changing for us."

And not only for Advent Lutheran Church Preschool but for all preschools.

"There are other quality small preschools in the community that don't get the recognition they deserve," Green said.

Teachers in preschools and child care centers have often been overlooked and underappreciated, not treated on the same

level as professional teachers. However, Green hopes to represent what's best about education and all of the incredible, hard-working people that are educators in our country.

"We are setting the groundwork for the rest of their lives," she said.

Green will be recognized and awarded at the ELC Annual Conference at the Thrasher-Horne Center On Saturday, Feb. 11, alongside the winner of the Infant/Toddler teacher, Takila Anderson from St. Johns County. The winners will receive a \$500 cash prize from Kaplan Early Learning and the Clay Electric Foundation.

"Then they will call up the two winners onto the stage and award them with more prizes, a trophy, and Traci will be recognized by all of her peers," Morrow said.

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# Fire Rescue urges everyone to save lives by learning CPR

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

CLAY COUNTY – In November 2019, a local father sustained cardiac arrest at his daughter's soccer game at the Clay County Soccer Complex. It was the last thing Chad Eason, 39, expected to happen.

Luckily, help was nearby. Thanks to the quick-thinking nurse and off-duty firefighter in the crowd watching their child play, they kept Eason's blood pumping until paramedics arrived on the scene. Clay County Fire Rescue Training Captain Billy Futch remembers the day vividly.

"I was working an overtime day on Rescue 22 out on Fleming Island. We had a cardiac arrest call at the Clay County Soccer Complex out on Lakeshore Drive. It was a 39-year-old male who had no prior medical problems to that," he said.

Upon arrival, the couple was already on the field, initiating chest compressions and an AED provided by the soccer complex. According to witnesses, they worked to revive him for 11 minutes.

"When a person suffers sudden cardiac arrest, you have a window or time frame starting from that moment, typically 10 minutes. Those 10 minutes are significant because that's how much-oxygenated blood you have in your body," Futch said.

Eason had little chance of survival, yet



PHOTO BY KYLIE CORDELL

Clay County Fire Rescue supports teaching CPR, including this class at Middleburg High's Early Childhood Program.

he beat the odds.

"We ended up using two monitors for a total of 700 joules to shock the patient. He had already been shocked multiple times upon our arrival," Futch said. "We shocked him with both monitors. In our world, the threshold diminishes after multiple shocks, but it was just amazing. Within ten seconds, he was talking. He was alive and grabbing the forearms of the firefighter doing CPR. And he's alive and well today."

The initiative of the two bystanders and the fast-acting fire rescue department saved

this man's life.

"He was there to watch his daughter play soccer, and he's still alive to watch his kids grow up and be a part of their life. It's an amazing, easy thing to do," Futch said.

Futch is now a training safety officer for Clay County Fire Rescue. He's also trained Clay County Sheriff's Office and Clay County Emergency Management officials, as well as many first responders from across Northeast Florida. They learn the basics of cardiac life support, including CPR, how to administer drugs such as Epinephrine, and an AED to correct heart rhythm.

"Specifically in Clay County, a lot of people in the northeast region are referred to as a dual role fire department. We are EMTs as a minimum. We also have paramedics and quite a few nurses. To become a firefighter in the state of Florida, you must have a medical emergency technician and basic life support training."

"Most of our firefighters do CPR every day they are on duty if it is from trauma or a cardiac arrest," he said. "In this profession, we do CPR quite often."

Not only does Futch train medical personnel, he also emphasizes the importance of training the community.

"We definitely urge people to become CPR trained. Even if they don't have someone who is at risk, it is a valuable skill to learn. Anyone can have a sudden cardiac arrest – no matter their age," he said.

In 2021, Clay County Fire Rescue partnered with PulsePoint to empower residents to save a life from sudden cardiac arrest. According to the American Heart Association, more than 356,500 cardiac arrests occur each year away from hospitals, making it the third-leading cause of death in the United States. In Clay County, more than 300 people experience sudden cardiac arrest annually and need immediate assistance.

For extremely time-sensitive emergencies, PulsePoint notifies nearby individuals willing to take quick life-saving action.

"Clay County is blessed to have PulsePoint. You can download that app, and basically, it alerts you if there is someone having an emergency in an area. If you are in a half-mile radius of someone who is in need of CPR, it will actually alert you and map you to their location," Futch said, adding that it alerts bystanders of nearby AEDs.

"I can't emphasize enough, get in touch with us, whether it is a small or large group. We want to be able to prevent emergencies, not only respond to them. Between the app and people being CPR trained, even Hands-Only, we're going to increase the odds of survivability of our county and residents," he said.

## CPR from page 9

the right speed, Tucker suggested doing chest compressions to the tempo of the Bee Gee's song, "Stayin' Alive."

"You want to do 30 compressions," Tucker said.

There's no specific way to place your hands, but you want to ensure you are going down at least two inches on an adult," she said.

If you are in a situation where you have to use an AED, there are pictures on both pads. A child or infant pad goes front and center, both on the front and back. That's the only time you do not follow the pictures. Otherwise, put one AED pad on the right side of the chest (just below the collarbone) and the other on the lower left side of the chest.

Turn on the AED and then follow the prompts. A voice will tell you exactly what to do. You keep administering CPR until it says, "analyzing heart rhythm." When the voice says clear, ensure that no one is

touching the patient.

CPR saves lives, and it is relatively easy to administer. Even someone without formal training can do CPR and follow the prompts to operate an AED. And yet, not everyone receives the life-saving care they need right away.

"People always think that someone else is going to step up, but we may be the difference between saving a person's life, so calling 911 is not enough. For every minute you delay starting CPR, a person loses 10% of their brain function. That's why I really push that all adults learn CPR," said Eunice Mathis, a CPR instructor at the Florida Training Academy in Jacksonville.

To find CPR training near you, call Florida Training Center at (904) 551-0918, or contact Acuity CPR and Safety Training at (904) 469-6741.

"Bring the whole family. Even if a child can't do chest compressions, can they recognize that papa isn't responding, and can they call 911? We're offering it. We just need people who actually want to come learn," Mathis said.

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# All you need is Love

## Donut shop in Middleburg enjoys sweet grand opening

By Lee Wardlaw  
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MIDDLEBURG – Love Donuts & Smoothies opened last week, serving fresh-to-order donuts, smoothies coffee, and other cravings to hungry customers.

Manager Alex Ly said business slowly started to pick up right after sunrise on opening day. After that, the flow of customers remained steady until lunchtime.

“The first day of business was good,” he said.

Love features a luminous display of blue and pink colors ordained on the walls, along with a beautiful display of donuts, breakfast sandwiches, croissants and kolaches behind the counter.

Sitting proudly in a large glass display, the warm, sweet treats seemingly greeted every new customer with the tempering aurora of smell as they entered.

Many were so impressed with the new local business, some customers were quick to pull out their phones to snap a quick video.

Those who were in a hurry used the drive-thru.

Ly and his girlfriend, owner Ngeecasis Teng, moved from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, five months ago after



There are plenty of sweet treats to choose from at Love Donuts & Smoothies, but the shop also serves breakfast sandwiches, croissants and kolaches.



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

Love Donuts & Smoothie owner Ngeecasis Teng and manager Alex Ly, manager relocated from Baton Rouge, Louisiana five months ago to open up their dream business in Middleburg: a donut shop. They completed their goal last week, hosting a successful grand opening.

owning another doughnut shop there.

When moving to their new home, the couple wanted to reimagine their former business with a new, Floridian twist.

One major difference between new and old is that Love’s offers a much wider variety of menu item options. Ly recommends the kolaches, which he said are very popular in Texas. The branding, menu display and color scheme on the walls are different from their previous location. Ly described their former location as just a regular donut shop, but Love’s new location offers so much more.

Ly said that he and Teng decided to

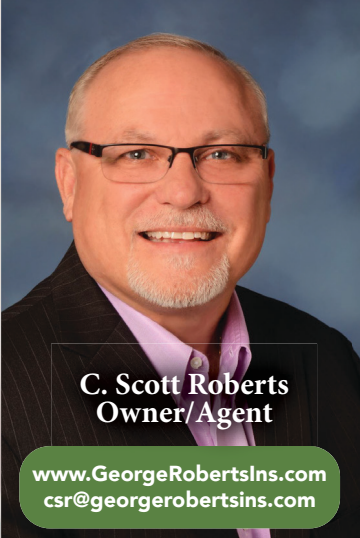
shy away from word-of-mouth marketing before opening Love’s, which is located at 2475-7 Blanding Blvd.

“We just decided to open up and see what happens, other than putting a sign outside,” he said.

Nevertheless, their decision to set the businesses’ roots down at the busy city retail center was no mistake, especially since there aren’t any locally-owned doughnut shops in the area.

“That’s why we decided to put it there when it came up for rent,” Ly said.

The restaurant is open from 4 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days a week.



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# The Patriot's Rebellion

By Archives Supervisor Vishi Garig  
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CLAY COUNTY – The year 1812 brought a tidal wave of unrest to Northeast Florida. A group of “Patriots” mounted a rebellion against Spain in hopes of making East Florida a territory of the United States.

Their leader was John Houston McIntosh, not to be confused with his first cousin, Gen. John Houston McIntosh, the Revolutionary War hero. McIntosh had a close link to Clay County having bought Laurel Grove from Zephaniah Kingsley. Kingsley bought McIntosh’s plantation on Ft. George Island, and today it is the Kingsley Plantation National Park. McIntosh Avenue in Orange Park bears his name.

McIntosh was loyal to the United States, and he and his fellow Patriots gave Spain a headache for a few years. The rebels also had the backing of the country’s fourth president, James Madison. Word spread that McIntosh was elected the “president of

the new territory” of East Florida. However, this was complete fiction – a concept mostly entertained in the rebels’ minds.

The raid on Fernandina, however, was not fiction. Backed by a U.S. gunboat and troops, the “Patriots” took the Spanish fort located there. The plan was to march to St. Augustine, take over the capital of Spanish East Florida and offer it up to the United States. This plot was foiled, though, when the Creek Indians and the Free Black Militia, who were allied with Spain, routed the rebels on their way there. The rebels were forced to retreat.

This maneuver created an international scandal. President Madison got cold feet and quickly distanced himself from the affair, which ultimately resulted in the Patriots losing the support of the United States. This started an earnest letter-writing campaign by McIntosh to the President and Secretary of State. McIntosh basically called them out and continued to ask for help and support. He pointed out the slaves

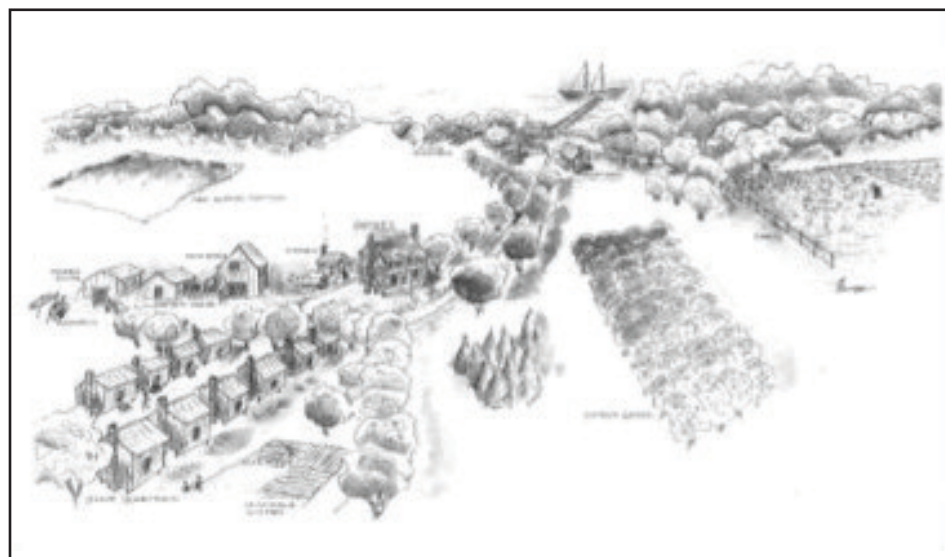
would revolt, that East Florida would become a refuge for runaway slaves and that the Creek Indians would continue to raid with impunity. He emphasized the value of East Florida and what an asset it would be to the United States.

He reminded the president that he and the other Patriots had stuck their necks out. It was a 19th Century version of the Cuban Bay of Pigs incident. He even signed his letters, “President John Houston McIntosh.” His efforts were futile.

Spain was eager to squelch the rebellion and offered the rebels amnesty and pardons. McIntosh was leery of



Mr. and Mrs. John Houston McIntosh



Laurel Grove Plantation

the offer and continued to believe that his assets would be seized. Spain did grant him amnesty, but his actions left him a marked man. He was repudiated by the United States, a country to whom he had lent his patriotism, and was now a traitor in Spain’s eye. The Spanish governor of East Florida, realizing McIntosh was a person of importance, let him leave Florida unscathed. McIntosh retired to his Georgia plantation. He later served in the First Seminole War.

The rebellion caused a crime wave in the area. Some of the Patriots were not truly loyal to Spain or to the United States, only to themselves. These folks were bandits bent on raiding and marauding plantations and homes along the St. Johns and St. Mary’s rivers. Zephaniah Kingsley decided to fortify his plantation, Laurel Grove (now the Town of Orange Park). In particular, he fortified the main house, which was a combination of a store on the first floor and a residence on the second floor. He built a stockade around the building and placed cannons facing out towards the river.

Inevitably, Laurel Grove was raided by the bandits, who set up the main house as headquarters. Anna Kingsley, who was married to Zephaniah and had her plantation directly across the river, was worried about her children and slaves at Laurel Grove. She feared everyone would be kidnapped and sold into slavery.

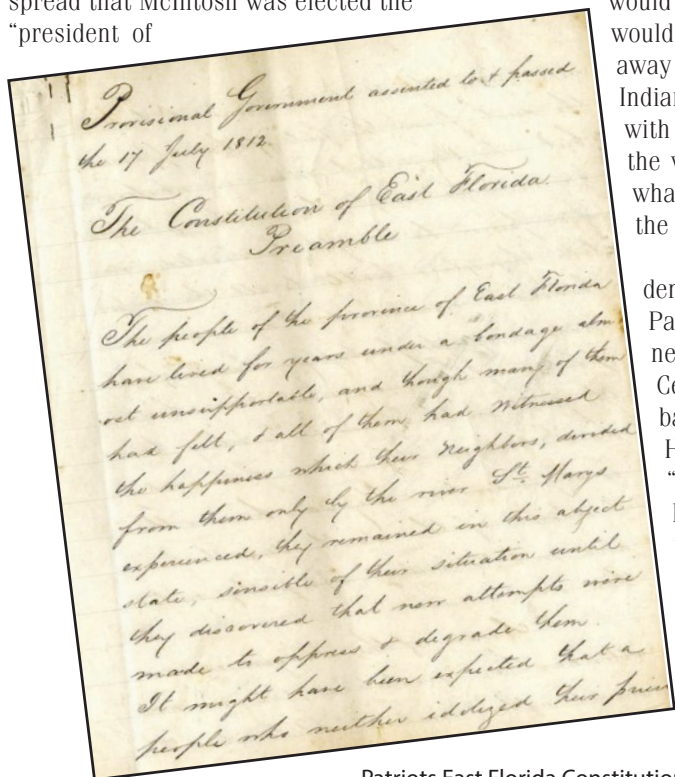
It was Nov. 22, 1813, when Anna decided to do something about it. Spanish commander Jose Antonio Moreno’s orders took him to Doctors Lake in search of bandits to take back Laurel Grove.

He saw a canoe with Anna Kingsley aboard rowing his way. The canoe was coming from Laurel Grove’s dock. Once aboard Moreno’s gunboat, Anna ascertained it would be a safe place for her children and slaves, so she transported those people to the ship. To show her fealty to Spain, a county that recognized her, a former slave, as a free and whole person.

Anna proposed to burn down the main house and deny the bandits shelter. And, once given approval, she did just that. She snuck over to the house, set off incendiary materials inside and burned it to the ground.

In his report, Moreno wrote of Anna, “I cannot help but recommend this woman, who has demonstrated a great enthusiasm concerning the Spaniards and extreme aversion to the rebels, being worthy of being looked after, since she has worked like a heroine, destroying the strong house with the fire she set so that the artillery could not be obtained, and later doing the same with her own property.”

At the time of the burning, Anna Kingsley was only 20. Spain rewarded her loyalty with a 350-acre land grant.



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## Why CPR?

# Cardiovascular disease No. 1 killer among women

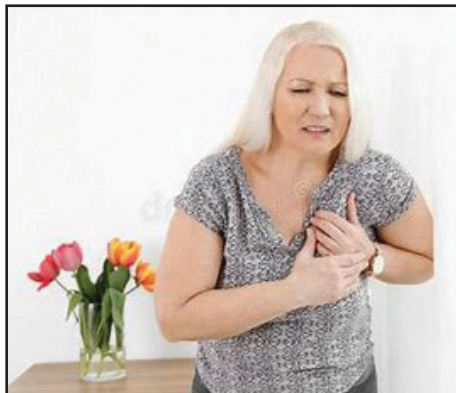
By Kylie Cordell  
For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Imagine this: you are walking across the Winn-Dixie parking lot when a middle-aged woman collapses at the crosswalk. Her body goes limp; she is motionless; her skin turns blue from the lack of blood pumping through her heart.

Cars stop. Pedestrians run inside, shouting for help. Someone calls 911 while everyone else stands there, not moving, stunned into silence. By the time EMS arrives, the woman's heart has stopped for nearly four minutes.

According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of women, more than all forms of cancer combined. And yet, it's a common misconception that men are at greater risk for heart problems than women.

"We need people to understand that women die at the same rates from cardiac arrest as men do. We have the same stressors. We have the same underlying heart conditions," said Eunice Mathis, a Florida Training CPR Instructor in Jacksonville. "But the public doesn't know this because



whenever you're watching TV and someone sustains a heart attack, it's always a male clutching his chest."

"On TV, the main symptom of cardiac arrest is sudden, crushing chest pain, but women are more likely than men to have non-chest pain-related symptoms," she added.

Symptoms can be vague and many women brush them off because they're not widely known as signs of a Cardiac Arrest. Furthermore, many people believe that women are more likely to overdramatize incidents.

"It's not until they are on the ground,

unconscious, that they realize it's not anxiety. And then they're like, oh no, what do I do now?" Mathis said.

Many hesitate to perform CPR despite being protected by the Good Samaritan Act.

According to a study by the American Heart Association, 45% of men received bystander CPR compared with only 39% of women. Men had 23% higher odds of survival than women.

"The assessments are the same for men and women," Mathis said. "Tap and shout, check the carotid pulse, but the bystander's response is different. If you are a woman who sustains a cardiac arrest in front of a male, the male is less likely to provide CPR because they don't want to touch your chest."

Rescuers often fear accusations of inappropriate touching, sexual assault or injuring the victim. Furthermore, male bystanders are also less likely to use an AED while waiting for emergency medical services, severely decreasing the female victim's odds of survival.

"Don't be worried about her being ex-

posed. It's better to be exposed than dead," Tucker said. "If we delay exposing the chest, which means removing the shirt and bra, then we're going to delay placing the AED pads. If the AED is delayed, it's harder to get an adult victim of sudden cardiac arrest back into a normal rhythm," she said.

However, to see these changes on a global scale, we must first start in the classroom. "For example, CPR has been something that has been taught for about forty years, and we just now have CPR mannequins, as of 2022, that have women-like breasts," Tucker said. Mathis added that it is equally imperative for images and manikins used in CPR training to reflect a diversity of racial groups.

These educational tools must represent the population receiving CPR in real life because how we learn CPR plays into our perception of who is affected by sudden cardiac arrest and how to treat them. Changing people's perspectives of Cardiac Arrest victims starts by acknowledging that everybody- no matter what you look like- is susceptible to cardiac arrest and deserves to be saved.

## School

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rushed out onto the field and "frantically" started CPR. The stadium fell silent. Completely silent. Some were visibly crying, others praying. One thing was on their mind was Hamlin.

Now, imagine Damar Hamlin's mother, among the more than 65,000 fans in Cincinnati, watching her 24-year-old son collapse, laying motionless, from the sidelines. Imagine the panic rising in her throat as she raced down the stadium bleachers taking three steps at a time.

For Hamlin, the fast-acting medical team and the quick initiation of chest compressions and electrical shocks saved his life, but is every mother so lucky?

Though it's not a common occurrence, two in 50 U.S. high schools can expect a sudden cardiac arrest event each year, according to the American College of Cardiology, and an estimated 2,000 student-athletes will die from cardiac arrest a year. Athletes are the most susceptible to sudden cardiac arrest.

How can we assure concerned parents that the football field is safe for their child?

In light of Hamlin's collapse, Clay County School's Athletics Director John Sgromolo stressed the importance of reviewing emergency procedures and practicing protocols.

"If you look at the Damar Hamlin case, that was a big reason his life was saved. They enacted the Emergency Plan immediately," Sgromolo said.



Under the Zachary Martin Act, all Florida High School Athletic Association member schools must train at least one school employee or volunteer with current training in CPR, AED and first aid. They must be present at each athletic event during and outside of the school year, Sgromolo said.

"The law states that only one employee or volunteer be certified, but went beyond the call of duty, and we made every single coach in Clay County go through training free of charge to them," Sgromolo said.

The Clay County School District successfully trained more than 300 coaches in 2022, he said.

Named after the Riverdale High football player from Lee County who died 11 days after collapsing during a summer football workout in 2017 due to heat-related illness, the bill also requires that each school provide training and resources for effectively monitoring heat stress.

"The old adage is, when in doubt, sit them out. If there is doubt, a player will be pulled onto the field for further evaluation," he said.

The law also requires each school's emergency action plan to include a procedure for onsite cooling using cold-water immersion in case of exertional heat stroke.

Furthermore, Sgromolo said Clay County Schools are required to stay up-to-date on the latest safety equipment and protocols.

"In 2020, knowing that this legislation was coming down the pipe and knowing that it was the best thing to keep our students safe, the district purchased 80 ZOLL AEDs, the industry standard for Automatic External Defibrillators," he said.

AEDs are readily available everywhere, whether it's a softball, football or baseball field, tennis court or practice facility.

"We also have transportable AEDs for our off-campus sports such as golf, swimming, and cross country- those coaches have transportable AEDs when they go on the road," he said.

They also EMS onsite at all high school football games and high-impact sports. "We have an outstanding partnership with Clay County Fire Rescue. We work in con-

junction with them regarding coverage for all our Junior High and High School football games," Sgromolo said. "They volunteer their own time to do this."

And with a new law requiring ninth and 11th graders to receive CPR training, the district is now looking at how to incorporate this training within its physical education department.

"We partnered with the American Heart Association. Through their partnership with the PGA Foundation, we were given nine CPR, FA and AED training kits. The kits went to all of our high schools and were utilized in our physical education program with our ninth-grade and 11th-grade students being trained," said the Clay County Schools Media Partners Supervisor, Terri Dennis.

The students learned hands-only CPR with the kits and how to use an AED machine.

"Our P.E. coaches share that this is one of the most memorable lessons taught in our P.E. classes throughout the year. Students reported coming away from the training more confident to help assist a person in a time-sensitive emergency, such as cardiac arrest," she said.

Sgromolo agreed.

"When I am instructing, I tell people all the time, you have this certain responsibility as a coach, but it doesn't mean you are always going to save an athlete. You could be driving down the road, and someone goes down. Ultimately, your courage to act will be what it could take to save someone's life. It is one of the most important skills we can have," he said.



# Growth

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17 you're going to pass Walnut Street you're going to take a second look. What's that it's going to catch your eye is we have a streetscape redesign. For Walnut Street, for instance, from Palmetto across 17 over to Magnolia, you're going to see real brick and then eventually all the way down to the pier and all the way back. You're going to see a whole new redesign of Walnut Street and the focus is going to be to take people to Spring Park to the river. You're going to see a lot of eye-catching things in Green Cove Springs that have not been there before."

"Growth is coming. Now is the time for Green Cove Springs to be a destination place. Again, not just on special events, but I would say on a regular weeknight or a weekend night as well."

Anderson said his town has worked to address flooding issues, removing the final 45 septic tanks and incorporating them to the town's sewage system and buying green spaces.

"Over the past 40 years we've had a lot of issues with flooding," he said. About in 2022, we started purchasing seven wetland properties and that's going to be our key to controlling flooding within a town and focusing on what else we need to do and putting a lot of money towards the stormwater."

Anderson said Orange Park has applied for grants from the St. Johns River Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to help pay for removing the septic tanks.

"We will have 100% coverage for switching these 45 properties over to water and sewer service of the town," he said. "So hopefully by the end of the year or beginning of next year, those 45 residents will be switched over."

Condon, who also lives near Keystone Heights, said growth has become a major project for the county commission. She said she hears from disgruntled residents at every meeting about roadway construction projects that never seem to end, traffic, challenges to the infrastructure and seemingly uncontrolled growth.

"You know when you get a phone call

from your husband, and he wants to know if I can this traffic fixed," Condon said. "With all of the traffic that goes around Clay County, we feel your pain – whether they're state projects or county projects. But with growth comes the need for good services around the county."

All representatives were happy to talk about their municipality's successes.

Lake said the recently-started Black Creek Restoration plan which will funnel water from the south fork of the Black Creek to lakes Geneva and Butler will prove to be a boon for the entire county and surrounding areas. She also said there were major improvements made at the Keystone Beach Pavillion, as well as the addition of pickleball courts.

DeVillie said Penney Farms is continuing to map out infrastructure plans that weren't recorded when the town was established in 1926.

Anderson said Orange Park rebuilt Clarke Park, added a new hardware store and has more than 9,000 cars passing through town every day.

In addition to its downtown comprehensive plan, Green Cove Springs soon will reap the benefits of the First Coast Expressway once it's completed south of the city limits. Major commerce, including a Town Center-like development, is likely to follow.

Condon said the BCC recently passed an impact fee so new residents will help share the financial responsibility for expanding roads and building new schools, fire stations and libraries, hiring new sheriff's office deputies and expanding electrical and water services.

"Maybe my favorite thing about it is that we were able to protect 250 acres of land from ever being developed (in Middleburg) into homes to protect the natural beauty of Clay County," Condon said. "The North Florida Land Trust bought 800 acres, so we have over 1,000 acres where they're going to let us build trails through there. Across the road will be our Regional Sports Park. We're going to have eight multipurpose fields.

"This is huge for Clay County because nowhere in Northeast Florida can any kind of sports complex for soccer, lacrosse, those kinds of things."

# Community Briefs

## Veterans encouraged to attend forum on Friday

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Are you a military veteran, or do you have one in your family?

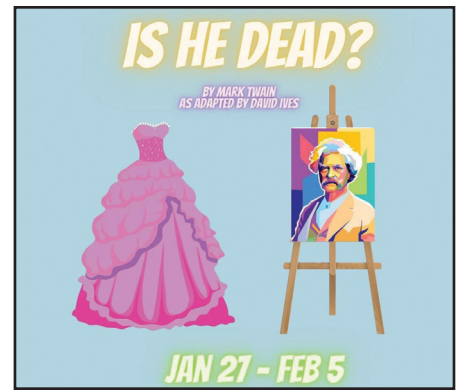
The Clay County Veterans' Services Office is holding a free forum on Jan. 27 from 6-8 p.m. on the fourth floor at the Clay County Administration Building to explain the new healthcare expansion law that could benefit certain local veterans. Military veterans who served in specific areas overseas after 1990 may have been exposed to toxic chemicals during their service. This forum will go over important information about the largest healthcare and benefits expansion in VA history under the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act.

The program is targeted for veterans who served after Aug. 2, 1990, in Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Unit Arab Emirates and those who served after Sept. 11, 2001, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Uzbekistan and the Philippines.

There's a full list of geographical areas and timeframes that were affected on claycountygov.com, and you can register there for the free event.

## Island Theater to present Twain's "Is He Dead?"

FLEMING ISLAND – "Is He Dead?," a play written by Mark Twain and adapted by David Ives, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 27, Jan. 28., Feb. 3 and Feb.



4, and at 2 p.m. on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 at the Island Theater. Tickets, which are available at theislandtheater.com, are \$10 for students and \$18 for adults.

## Middleburg-Clay Library hosting book sale

MIDDLEBURG – The Friends of the Middleburg/Clay Hill Library will be selling books for three days, starting Jan. 26.

The event on Jan. 26 will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., while books will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 27 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 28.

The group only accepts cash and checks. Saturday's sale will include a "Friends Book Bag" promotion where buyers can fill a bag with books for only \$5. Friends of the Library will be allowed to see the selection on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 4-8 p.m. Cost to be a member is \$5 for a single and \$8 for a family. It costs \$25 to become a patron.

The organization also is accepting books and puzzles that are in good shape for the sale. For more information, call (904) 502-2605.



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## Camera

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County to outfit the department with body-worn cameras that are mounted in the middle of their vest.

"Body cams were on everybody's radar back when the George Floyd thing went on," said Chief Gary Goble. "It was really, really big, but we couldn't afford it. They were quite expensive and we worried about the public records request and all the video and storage and all that kind of stuff."

Now it's part of the department-issued gear, just like a gun, handcuffs, Tasers and badges.

"We began testing beginning of 2022 with different companies and looking at what everybody had to offer, the ease of the software and the ease of the officers use day-to-day what applications come with the products," said Lt. Cody Monroe. "We made the choice to go with Axon and then we rolled out most of the department and got started about October or November. All patrol is rolled out and using body cameras. Our school resource officers have body cameras and pretty much the whole department. Everybody's giving us really good feedback and learning how to use the applications that go with it."

OPPD received money from the Town Council's American Rescue Plan funds to offset the \$229,000 a year pricetag.

While most believe body-worn cameras are used to keep law enforcement from



stepping outside the law, Monroe said his department also uses them for evidence gathering and training.

"We've had some good kind of investigative success stories to where one of our officers might check out a suspicious person at nighttime and their body cam captures that person and what they're wearing, who they are and what they're going," he said. "Then that same person later that night or maybe prior to the contact with law enforcement either in our area has committed a crime, and now we have video of what they look like that we can compare.

"Yes, we identify this person, this is what they're wearing and they're on camera wherever breaking into a car or what-

According to a Bureau of Justice Statistics report, the main reasons local police and sheriff's offices acquired body-worn cameras were to improve officer safety, increase evidence quality, reduce civilian complaints and reduce agency liability.

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According to a Bureau of Justice Statistics report, the main reasons local police and sheriff's offices acquired body-worn cameras were to improve officer safety, increase evidence quality, reduce civilian complaints and reduce agency liability.

Three officers with the Green Cove Springs Police Department were outfitted with body-worn cameras a week ago as part of a test program. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is pouring through camera proposals. The cost of putting a camera on deputies could be as much as \$4 million-to-\$6 million a year, Sheriff Michelle Cook said.

Cameras certainly create transparency. Monroe said his officers generally keep their cameras on during their shifts, and the only exceptions are when they make a personal telephone call or use the restroom.

OPPD cameras also come with automatic triggers that are built into an officer's holster and Taser. A magnet inside the holster makes sure the camera is operational when the current is broken after the gun is pulled. Tasers come with the

same safeguards.

"The Orange Park Police Department is committed to ensuring its citizens receive the best possible law enforcement service and protections. Body-worn cameras have been demonstrated to be of value in the prosecution of traffic and criminal offenses, gathering of evidence, protecting officers from false allegations, training and to ensure transparency of law enforcement activity," OPPD said.

"We'll get a complaint come in that an officer was rude or this officer did this or did that," Goble said. "We look at the video and that usually shuts that down. The body camera makes a lot of those go away."

Video taken by body-worn cameras is stored by a third party.

"It has made a big difference in the number of things in our evidence room," Goble said.

Video also can be a helpful tool in solving – and prosecuting – a case. Officers then link their report to the video.

"The officers can make a more accurate report of the crime scene or the crime that occurred because they have their body cam footage to go back on a review before they even write the report," Monroe said. "So I think, in that sense, it's helped just make our job a little bit easier."

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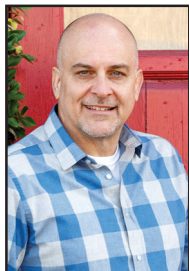
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# Orange Park, Green Cove Springs celebrate Arbor Day

CLAY COUNTY – Officials from Orange Park and Green Cove Springs planted trees on Friday, Jan. 20, to celebrate Arbor Day. In Orange Park, Mayor Randy delivered official opening remarks Rob Bradley Conservation Park at Nelson Point, with Doctor's Lake serving as a beautiful, picturesque backdrop setting. Town officials then planted a cedar tree. At Vera Francis Hall Park in Green Cove Springs, Development Services Director Mike Daniels spoke before a holly tree was planted at the front entrance. The tree was dedicated to Elaine Townsend and Anita Newport, Garden Club of Green Cove Springs members who recently died. Arbor Day is celebrated on different days around the county, Florida traditionally sets aside a day to plant trees and expand environmental education on the third Friday of January.





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Proverbs 19:8 says, "*Grow a wise heart—you'll do yourself a favor; keep a clear head—you'll find a good life*" (Message). God's wisdom is within your grasp. All you need do is saturate your life in His Word and follow what it says. If you want to live your best life, obedience is key!

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Guests jazzed it up by dancing and raising money for several Clay County organizations. The party also included dinner and prizes.

## Orange Park Woman's Club raises \$7,500 for many community projects

By Kylie Cordell  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK—The Orange Park Woman's club was decked out in glittering purple, green and gold on Friday, Jan. 20th during its first major fundraiser, "Jazz it Up," a New Orleans-style event including a silent auction to raise money to help fund various nonprofit projects.

Guests were transported into a world of glitzy chandeliers, table settings decorated with plastic beads, elaborate flower bouquets and feathered masks. A colorful balloon arch overlooked a copious buffet table of slow-roasted prime rib with au jus and horseradish sauce, dauphinoise potatoes, chicken florentine and a grilled vegetable medley provided by Club Continental and the Hilltop Restaurant.

More than 120 attendees took to the dinner table, then the evening dance floor to let the "good times roll." Couples danced to ragtime, swing, and jazz provided by the 14-piece Clay County Community Jazz band, a subgroup of the 70-plus member Clay County Community Band featuring music from 1920 through the 1950s, as well as classics such as Rolling on the River, Footloose, and Old Time Rock & Roll.

The night ended with a spectacular giveaway from its silent auction. Items for the silent auction were gifted by sponsors and community members.

"We raised more than \$7,500 in total," said the communications liaison for the club, Sandy Keller. "Thanks to all of our sponsors, we kept our expenses really low, so we will be giving away more than \$6,400 of that."

Funds raised by the event will go to-

wards a variety of community service programs throughout the year, such as Quigley House, Orange Park Title 1 elementary schools, Clothes Closet and Food Pantry of Orange Park, Youth Scholarships, Miriam's Basket, Mercy Support Services, Clarke Park, Wreaths Across America, Orange Park Outfitters, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Orange Park Community Theater and many more.

The event will also help fund Mercy Support Services and its groundwork initiative to provide low-income housing for the underserved.

The woman's club received significant community support for the charity event with more than 20 sponsors and counting, the largest event they have done to date.

"It was amazing how many sponsors supported the event. This is the first time something like this has been offered to us — to have this kind of community connection at an event here at the Orange Park Women's Club," she said.

Sponsors included the Art Guild of Orange Park, BASCA, Inc., Big City Car Wash, BJ's Wholesale Club, Dr. Donna Richardson, Gordon Chevrolet, Grumpy's- Orange Park, Karen Mackley, LaMora Phillips, Linda Fonferik, Lowe's of Orange Park, Mackey's Munchies, Metro Diner, Miller's Ale House, Molly Maids, Norma Layton, Palermo Puerto Rican Kitchen, Resellers Reef, Sandy Keller, Shana Wise, The Club Continental, The Island Theatre, Urban Bean, Vicki McComb and Wine for Humanity.

"We can't thank those sponsors enough. Organizations supporting each other are so important. We all need that- businesses

supporting one another. Having that kind of partnership in the community is important for the longevity of us all," Keller said.

So can we expect another event in the future?

"I would like to think so," Keller said. With nonprofits, it's a 100% volunteer-led organization, so the next board year, we will decide which events will take place over the next year."

So rest assured, "Jazz it Up" will likely return next year, so keep your dance shoes spiffy and practice your triple-step turn.

For more information about the Orange Park Woman's Club contact the membership chair, Vicki McComb at (904) 264-8269 or email them at [opwomansclub130@gmail.com](mailto:opwomansclub130@gmail.com).



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to play another song. It proved to be one of the most-satisfying encores of his career.

His reason to be at the school was twofold: he announced he and Jay Murphy of Murphy Custom Guitars were donating a music studio to the school. The gift included guitars, bass, drums, keyboards, mixing boards and lights. He also told them he and some of his friends would be back to give lessons. What started as a hope to have Wane speak to the boys at the school quickly turned into the most-ambitious donation from Wane's Guitars for Kids Rising Star Foundation. "I saw the story of him playing before the Jaguars game and when I saw he said the power of music can bridge generations and bring people together, that resonated with me," said AMIkids Director of Education Joshua Grant. "I knew I wanted to talk to him."

He searched the internet at school and he found a telephone number to book gigs with Wane's Duval County Line Band. He called four times at lunch; never putting the phone down – or giving up. Then Grant's phone rang. It was Wane.

"From the start, I knew we were on the same frequency," Grant said. "We talked



Paul Wane performed two songs for the boys at AMIkids of Clay County after donating a music studio to the school. Since then nearly 30 students have asked to learn the guitar.

several times about how we can partner up for the betterment of the boys."

Wane agreed to stop at the school last week. Nobody expected him to bring his guitar – or the promise to create a studio.

Some of the boys recognized him, but all were curious about why he was there. So was Grant. "I knew he had something up his sleeve, but I didn't know he was going to give us a music room," he said.

Grant said more than 25 of his students now want to play the guitar.

"I'm elated to have the feedback from the boys," Grant said. The music studio was donated in the honor of one of Wane's friends, guitarist Duane Johnson of the band Sam Hill who died last week.

DCL will play a celebration of life show in Johnson's honor on Feb. 11 at American Legion Post 250 in Middleburg on Jan. 11 and the music room will be named after Johnson. AMIkids is located at the Augusta Savage Mentoring Center. According to the organization, it's dedicated to helping boys discover the potential within them, transform their lives and strengthen the community. The organization empowers boys through care and guidance to reach that potential to break the cycle of failure and poverty. "This program will create a pyridine shift for these boys, and it will spill over to other core classes," Grant said.

## 'Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two Woman Show'

### Iconic comedienne to showcase her characters at Thrasher-Horne Center

By Kylie Cordell  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Emmy Award-winning comedienne Vicki Lawrence, best known for her roles on CBS's "The Carol Burnett Show" and her comedy series, "Mama's Family," will be performing her Two Woman Act at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

The multi-talented entertainer reached national stardom for her colorful characters, but she did not reach that success alone. Despite her decades-long television career, Lawrence was not always passionate about the stage.

"I would say that show biz kidnapped me. It wasn't at all what I thought I was going to do. To tell you the truth, I was going to be a dental hygienist, but Carol sidetracked me from that one," she said.

Burnett "discovered" Lawrence in 1967 in Inglewood, California. Lawrence was 17 years old.

Burnett was expecting her second child, yet focusing on putting together an ensemble for her upcoming variety show. Two weeks overdue from her baby's scheduled arrival, Burnett was going through fan mail from her prior series, "The Gary Moore Show," when she stumbled upon a photograph of Lawrence and a handwritten note from her. The letter included details of the upcoming Miss Fireball Competition being held near Burnett's home.

"She answered my fan letter and ar-

ranged to see me at the Miss Fireball competition," Lawrence said. "She crowned me when I won."

The two women kept in touch and Burnett decided to give Lawrence a screen test along with another candidate for the show.

"She asked me if I wanted to audition to play Carol's sister," Lawrence said. "It was all just serendipitous timing."

Despite having no formal training, Lawrence was given the role.

"I had not studied acting growing up, so I think I was just very, very raw. They had to train me. At some point, all the suits went up to Carol and said, 'Don't you think we should replace her and get a real actress because she's kind of rough? And she, 'She's a diamond in the rough. We're keeping her.'"

Vicki went on to become part of the now-legendary cast, developing into one of the most well-known comediennes of all time.

"I started on the Carol Burnette Show when I was 18," she said. "I like to say that I went to the Harvard School of Comedy in front of America. I had the best teachers in the world."

One such teacher was Harvey Korman, Carol's leading man on the Carol Burnett Show.

"Harvey really took me under my wing and taught me everything I know about comedy," she said.

Soon after, Lawrence started taking a



plethora of characters.

In the seventh season and hundreds of hilarious sketches later, Vicki created her most endearing character to date, the sassy midwestern Thelma Harper, or "Mama" as she is better known to her fans.

"I was playing Carol's mother. Betty White was on the show, and I played her mother," she said. "I played a lot of old la-

dies on Carol's show."

After the Burnett Show, Vicki went on to star in "Mama's Family," which consistently topped the ratings for its entire six-year run of original shows.

"Mama is in everyone's family. That's why she's been so popular," she said. "Everyone can relate to her, and she's fun. She's just been, thankfully, an old lady, so I can really grow into her character. We're getting old together."

More than 20 years after the show's finale, Mama is taking the stage again.

"I think people will get a kick out of the things Mama has an opinion about. We're creating new material with a more modern and cutting edge. Where Mama is concerned, expect the unexpected. There's really nothing she can't do," she said. "I hope people will be pleasantly surprised by the side of Vicki they may never have seen... I know they will be looking forward to Mama, and for her part, that crazy old gal will be up to the challenge."

Ticket prices start at \$29 and can be reserved by calling (904) 276-6815, at [boxoffice@sjrstate.edu](mailto:boxoffice@sjrstate.edu) or at the box office.

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# Police Briefs

## Wanted man caught with array of drugs, illegal guns

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – An alert Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy who recognized a man with an outstanding warrant for violation of probation wound up catching him with a cache of drugs and firearms.



Edwin Gustafson

Edwin Sherwood Gustafson, 30, of Green Cove Springs, now faces additional charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, marijuana and hydrocodone, buprenorphine, Xanax, trafficking in cocaine, methamphetamine or amphetamine and morphine, three counts of possession of a firearm or ammo by convicted felon, use or display of firearm during a felony, resisting law enforcement, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence and violation of

probation after he was pulled over on Jan. 21 on U.S. Highway 17.

According to the arrest report, Gustafson was stopped by a deputy who recognized him for an outstanding warrant. Since there was a warrant, and because the deputy smelled marijuana, Gustafson's car was searched.

Three handguns were recovered as well as a duffle bag strapped to the engine bay area containing the drugs.

Gustafson's bond was set at \$786,036.

## Keystone man arrested for shooting, punching woman

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A 38-year-old man was in the Clay County Jail with a \$250,003 bond after the Clay County Sheriff's Office said he shot a woman in the foot and beat her with brass knuckles during a family disturbance on Jan. 18.

Steven Thomas Pentheny, of Keystone Heights, was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, battery and

possession of a handgun and ammo by a convicted felon after deputies responded to a person being shot.

When they arrived, they saw Pentheny walking in the wooded area behind the home. He surrendered without incident, and during a search, deputies found the gun and brass knuckles. They also found a used syringe, a portion of a plastic straw and a metal spoon.

The woman was transported to UF Health in Gainesville.

## Man busted for selling methamphetamine to confidential informant

MIDDLEBURG – A man was arrested on several drug-related charges after a con-

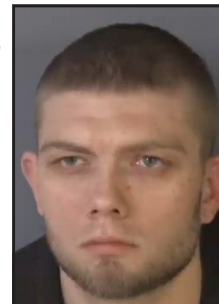


Steven Pentheny

fidential informant working with the Clay County Sheriff's Office made controlled purchases.

Raymond Leon Calley, 36, of Middleburg, was charged with trafficking in amphetamine or methamphetamine, selling methamphetamine and another controlled substance after CCSI said he sold \$300 of methamphetamine on Oct. 24.

Calley's bond was set at \$250,003.



Raymond Calley

## Man sentenced for trying to entice 9-year-old to make sex videos

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. District Judge Marcia Morales Howard sentenced Garrett Eric Weber, 32, of Green Cove Springs, to 20 years and five months in federal prison

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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. 24

Hollie R. Snyder, 49, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana

Beau D. Cook, 40, Fleming Island, violation of injunction for protection

Victoria D. Swenson, 20, Green Cove Springs, FTA-driving with expired registration

Michael T. Kauffmann, 41, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery

Joseph C. Sweet, 37, Green Cove Springs, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia

Autumn E. Vega, 27, Orange Park, criminal mischief

## Monday, Jan. 23

Larry L. Richardson, 46, Orange Park, domestic battery

Phillip E. Flores, 47, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia

Stephen J. Daniell, 38, Orange Park, vandalism

Lee DeBritto, 42, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DUI

Blair T. Hampton, 32, Orange Park, petit theft

William M. Comalander, 38, Green Cove Springs, selling methamphetamine, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony

William T. White, 30, Middleburg, petit theft, criminal mischief

Keith B. Ehlert, 61, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-failure to register vehicle

Landon A. Hood, 23, Middleburg, violation of injunction

Kentrell D. Cox, 28, Jacksonville, two counts custodial sexual battery of child, distribution/show/transmit obscene material

Roger O. Dunster, 82, Middleburg, VOP-community control

## Sunday, Jan. 22

Abigail A. Thacker, 24, Fleming Island, domestic battery

Brian K. Kennedy, 37, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT

Dionna A. Williams, 19, Orange Park, domestic battery

Keneal H. Hill, 24, Orange Park, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Quinton M. McRae, 28, Middleburg, tampering in proceeding

Connor J. Halulko, 20, Middleburg, loitering

Asleine L. Davis, 31, Middleburg, DUI

## Saturday, Jan. 21

Edwin S. Gustafson, 29, Green Cove Springs, three counts possession-ammo/firearm by convicted felon, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence with firearm, possession/manufacture-drug paraphernalia, possession-marijuana, possession-hydrocodone, possession-buprenorphine, possession-Xanax, trafficking-cocaine, trafficking-morphine, trafficking-amphetamine/methamphetamine, display/use of firearm during felony, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, VOP-community control

Anthony A. Burch, 42, Middleburg,

domestic battery

Monroe D. Smith, 53, Oakleaf, harassing

Jeremy J. Fiddler, 42, Middleburg, FTA

Amber N. Milligan, 28 Middleburg,

VOP-community control

Mindy A. Haake, 26, Middleburg, DUI

James E. Watson, 45, Keystone Heights, possession-controlled substance

## Friday, Jan. 20

Jacob M. Sands, 27, Orange Park, fugitive from justice-sale of fentanyl

Marat Khadikov, 31, Orange Park,

shoplifting

Matthew V. Baron, 20, Green Cove

Springs, VOP-battery of person 65 or older

Jeremy A. Warner, 45, Green Cove

Springs, VOP-DUI

Bryan G. Morris, 33, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Lawrence J. Lynch, 41, Green Cove Springs, VOP grand theft

Michael J. Gasper, 43, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Katie A. Haley, 25, Orange Park, shoplifting

Michael C. Dyne, 33, Orange Park, VOP-carrying concealed/unlicensed firearm,

two counts VOP-making/attempting to make destructive device, VOP-felony bat-

ttery

Justin A. Carter, 34, Middleburg, larceny

Raymond L. Calley, 35, selling-methamphetamine, selling-fentanyl

Jennifer D. Hall, 30, Middleburg, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Trenton A. Edsall, 20, Keystone Heights, loitering

Angela C. Ochuida, 54, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia

## Thursday, Jan. 19

Jason L. Taylor, 37, Middleburg, possession-ammo by convicted felon, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Derrick L. Turner, 42, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Jason S. Dow, 29, Green Cove Springs, grand theft auto

Daron G. Zapata, 58, Middleburg, DUI

A'Zarre S. Mauson, 21, Orange Park,

FTA-possession-marijuana

Cierra E. Christensen, 21, Middleburg, shoplifting

Ana L. Mazzullo, 55, Fleming Island, breach of peace

Raymond W. Lackey, 32, Green Cove Springs, possession-controlled substance

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Raymond L. Calley, 36, Middleburg, trafficking-amphetamine/methamphetamine

Alek M. Powell, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Nicole M. Dombroski, 39, Orange Park, consumption of alcohol within 300 feet of package store

Steven T. Pentheny, 38, Keystone Heights, aggravated battery with deadly weapon, battery, possession-ammo/firearm by felon

Felipe D.C. Vega, 38, Orange Park, domestic battery

Charles R. Bogle, 58, Middleburg, burglary, petit theft

Brianna A. Badillo, 26, Orange Park, battery

Harry L. Pearson, 52, Orange Park, aggravated battery of pregnant woman

Adam H. Carlson, 34, Middleburg, assault/battery during burglary

# Orange Park Council keeps green light on red light cameras

By Lee Wardlaw

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ORANGE PARK – Video-taped red light cameras in Orange Park have led to fines for many residents of the town, but the videos also have provided an additional level of safety for the town.

The topic was longly debated by the council during the new business portion of Tuesday night's meeting.

The issue was first raised by Councilman Doug Benefield, who was commended for his effort to address the concern. The official said that he ran a red light within town limits while driving a vehicle to safeguard himself and his passengers, which included children and a dog, rather than braking.

The councilman said he follows the law, but he and other members expressed support for the cameras since they increase the level of safety in the town as well as fund other programs for the town.

"If we're talking about removing them and removing the revenue, we should be talking about budget cuts and revenue replacement with a real conversation that we're willing to have," Benefield said.

"Yes, it's a revenue generator, it's no absolute secret," said councilman John Hau-



ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

Orange Park Town Council discussed a myriad of issues at their meeting on Tuesday, including the hotly-debated red light cameras.

ber. Without the cameras, an additional layer of law enforcement presence would be needed for Orange Park since more officers would be needed to safeguard the town's roads.

The town council said it understands residents' reasons for opposition to the red light cameras.

One potential alternative route to the cameras would be increased patrols, which could provide feedback on what would be a

good alternative.

The issue is a double-edged sword, though, Benefield said.

"If it saves one life, even though it may not show the data a lot of people want to see, again, we're not counting for certain numbers, but the more important part is if this saves one life, that red light camera did its part," Hauber said.

Mayor Randy Anderson reinstated that no resident would be charged for crossing

the white line, but only if they run a red light. The camera issue is part of a larger issue that involves speeding on U.S. Highway 17 and other town roads, Anderson said. However, many who are speeding are going as fast as 60-to-90 mph and are from Duval County and other areas. The speed limit on U.S. 17 in town is between 40-45 mph.

In other news, the final reading amending the town budget for the fiscal year 2022-23 passed unanimously, 5-0.

The council also discussed potentially reopening of Rob Bradley Conservation Park at Nelson Point. The park on the shores of Doctors Lake has been a hot topic with residents, especially after a highly successful rendition of Arbor Day, an event that was attended by 47 residents.

Parts of the park would be opened, with makeshift construction fencing surrounding uncompleted portions of the project.

A potential plan for a partial opening of the picturesque park would be handed over to Sarah Campbell, Town Manager, which would then be reviewed again by the town council.

"As long as it's safe, it would come back to us," an official from the town council said.

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for attempting to entice a 9-year-old child to produce videos of the child being sexually abused. Weber was also ordered to serve a 12-year term of supervised release, register as a sex offender and pay \$45,500 in restitution to several child victims. Weber was arrested on a federal warrant by the Green Cove Springs Police Department during a traffic stop on July 2, 2021, and he has been detained since that time. Weber had pleaded guilty on July 27.

According to court documents, in 2020, Weber, using the name "BUBBLESXD\_90," uploaded a video depicting the sexual abuse of a child to a public chat room on a popular social media application (app). This upload was subsequently detected by law enforcement officers in Wisconsin.

Further investigation by the FBI ultimately resulted in the identification of Weber. In March 2021, an undercover FBI agent, posing as the parent of a young child, engaged in an online conversation with Weber using the same app. After some discussion and being told that the "child" was only 9, Weber offered to serve as the "child's" trainer by engaging in sexual activity with the "child." Weber requested that the "parent" take a pornographic photo of the "child" for him, and provided specific instructions on how to accomplish this. Weber advised that he wanted the "parent" to film him as he sexually abused the "child," and commented that the resulting video recording "would be the best

[child pornography] vid ever."

Weber sent the "parent" several videos over the internet that depicted the sexual abuse of young children to demonstrate exactly how he planned to molest the "child" in person. After his arrest on July 2, 2021, Weber admitted that he was in fact "BUBBLESXD\_90," that he had engaged in "horrible" online conversations with the "child's" parent, and that he had distributed videos of very young children being sexually abused using the internet. Weber acknowledged that the "[e]vidence is staggeringly harsh against [him]" and that what he did was "criminal."

The case was investigated by the Green Cove Springs Police Department, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Winnebago County (Wisconsin) Sheriff's Office, the Clay County Sheriff's Office, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Milwaukee and Jacksonville. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Rodney Brown.

This is another case brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse.

Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims.

For more information about Project

Safe Childhood, please visit [www.justice.gov/psc](http://www.justice.gov/psc).

### K-9 Ory helps CCSO end brief standoff with Middleburg man

MIDDLEBURG – The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Nathan Luke Taylor, 37, of Middleburg, on Thursday, Jan. 19, following a brief standoff with deputies.

Deputies were called to Taylor's home after his family said they said Taylor left the home following a disturbance and shortly afterward, they heard a gunshot outside, according to a press release from the agency.

When deputies arrived, Taylor got out of a parked car in front of the house, but he quickly barricaded himself when he saw CCSO approach.

According to the release, Taylor threatened to hurt himself while they were trying to talk with him on his cellphone and through the loudspeaker on one of the patrol cars.

When Taylor got out of the car, he refused commands to stop, so K-9 Ory was deployed to take Taylor down. After being treated for bite wounds at HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, Taylor was booked into the Clay County Jail after being charged with resisting law enforcement and possession of ammunition by a convicted felon. While deputies found a gun in a barn where his family said he stores guns, they didn't find a firearm inside the car. They did, however, find several rounds of .22 caliber bullets on the passenger-side floorboard.

Taylor's bond was set at \$105,005, and the investigation is ongoing.

### CCSO use robot to find man dead of self-inflicted gunshot wound

MIDDLEBURG – The Clay County Sheriff's Office responded to a 911 call about a domestic disturbance inside a home on Sesame Street on Thursday, Jan. 19. When deputies arrived, they heard a single gunshot from inside the house and immediately set up a perimeter. Deputies attempted to contact a male subject within the home but were unsuccessful.

The Sheriff's Office Fugitive Task Force deployed the ICOR robot, which then entered the home and found a male subject deceased with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The incident began when the man's wife called 911 shortly after 6 a.m. to report that her husband had made suicidal threats after an argument yesterday. The wife reported seeing her husband retrieving his shotgun on their home surveillance camera. Becoming concerned, she called 911 to report the incident, and then soon after, she hung up with 911 to call her daughter.

The daughter was able to get out of the house unharmed and make contact with arriving deputies. The Clay County Sheriff's Office asks that if anyone is in emotional distress or feeling suicidal to seek help. You can dial (800) 273-8255 or send a text message to 838255.

# Black Creek Vacations provides relaxing getaways

By Lee Wardlaw  
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MIDDLEBURG – For seven years, Justin Koch made his living as a full-time truck driver, crisscrossing the lower 48.

With a strong passion for travel and an even stronger desire to get off the road, Koch kickstarted Black Creek Vacations in November.

“I enjoy vacations. I think we all do. I’m trying to get out of my other career choice as a truck driver. I just want to help my family out and help our local Clay County community plan their excursions as well,” he said.

Koch’s agency specializes in booking cruises and excursions to Europe, but if you’re just looking to do something as simple as traveling down the St. Johns River, Justin can line that up, too.

Black Creek Vacations can book clients on a cruise line large or small, whether that be Carnival Cruise Lines, American Cruise Lines or anything in between.

Clients can book as few as three days out or as long as three months to three years out.

“I can do as little as three days out of Miami or book a month-long or year-long cruise. There’s an option for first-timers and travel enthusiasts,” Koch said.

The most popular destination of choice for clients has been the Bahamas and Eastern Caribbean islands like the Turks and Caicos.

You can leave from either the JAXPORT



Koch said the two most popular destinations for Black Creek Vacations are tied between the Bahamas, the Turks and Caicos Islands.

or from other major hubs in Fort Lauderdale, Miami or Tampa. If that doesn’t work, try Amelia Island or Port Canaveral.

If you want to fly, Black Creek can book a ticket from any airport, but Koch typically recommends choosing commutable international flight hubs like Orlando and Miami.

“Basically, you tell me where you want to go, you tell me what your budget is, and then we can go from there,” he said. “That’s what the goal is, to kind of find out what you would enjoy the most. We don’t just want to say ‘Here, this is what you’re doing and I hope you enjoy it.’ The whole goal is to find out what you and your family want to do, and we can take it from there. We can build a package or choose one that

has already been set up.”

When creating the agency, Justin wanted to make sure the iconic image of his community was woven into the fabric of the company’s namesake

Koch has lived in Middleburg for 3½ years.

“I love the history of the area and wanted to pay homage to that and focus on helping our local people,” he said.

In its third month, Black Creek Vacations is finding its footing, with mostly family, friends and locals booking trips. The majority of his clientele are from Middleburg and Orange Park.

Koch estimated that 50% of his business has come from Clay County.

It’s a figure that he hopes to increase as



Justin Koch is the founder and owner of Black Creek Vacations, a Middleburg-based travel agency specializing in cruises and European excursions that was kickstarted in 2022.

soon as possible. The best part of all is that Koch’s service is provided free of charge.

Black Creek’s business model calls for a percentage of each trip booked from cruise companies and all-inclusive companies that offer travel packages.

His sales pitch to the community: “Check us out. The fact of the matter is that vacation is becoming more affordable again, and with wifi on ships and airplanes, working remotely allows you to travel and work at the same time. Take a moment to realize that we need vacation and time for ourselves,” he said.

For more information, email Koch at BlackCreekVacations@Gmail.com or visit blackcreekvacations.com.

## Woodman, Art Guild donates guitar to Guitars For Kids Rising Star Foundation

CLAY COUNTY – Lynette Woodman of the Art Guild donated a Southern Rock guitar to Paul Wane’s Guitars for Kids Rising Star Foundation. The guitar included autographs of the Curt Towne Band and Johnnie and Donnie Van Zant. The Art Guild prepares and paints donated guitars for charity auctions. Wane’s foundation has given away nearly 300 instruments to children in Northeast Florida.





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## Raiderdome aura nearly shocks Knights

By Ray Dimonda  
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - Like watching remote control fighter jets have a dogfight competition inside the Orange Park High Raiderdome, the visiting Oakleaf High Knights boys basketball team, now 18-1 off stifling defensive attack scheme, brought some serious game for the Saturday matinee as the Raiders looked to reverse a 31 point bashing at Oakleaf High a few weeks ago under the aura of the vaunted RaiderDome.

"The defense that carried us all season was tremendous down the stretch. It was like a prize fight. Nothing happened until like the 12th round," said Oakleaf Head Coach Jason Price, who unleashed a suffocating full court press en route to a 32-28 walkaway victory." We were forced to play in the half court. We haven't been forced to do that all season. You could see us learning in real time. You don' want it to be that close, but that is a quality basketball team. We came into their house, after we beat them by 30 and didn't give it up, we could have very easily lost today. We had some troubles, made some mistakes but overall a really good experience."

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CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Ridgeview High's power player has been Nia Blocton under the basket, here with a strong basket to release into the Panther offense in win over Providence.

## Eagles battle 2X champion

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

KISSIMMEE - Fleming Island High wrestling, led by undefeated Jhoel Robinson for a week-end of battle among the state's top ranked teams, put away two of three opponents with a state championship final against defending two time Class 2A champion Lake Gibson the lone downer of the journey; a 37-19 loss.

"We just have to capitalize in the right matches to take out a two time champion," said Fleming Island wrestling coach P.J. Cobbert. "I asked them what they wanted after the match; they knew they had lost, and they were all bought in that the little things cost us. They are definitely hungry to win one of these big ones."

In Kissimmee, Lake Gibson entered as the top ranked team for Duals play in Class 2A with Fleming Island second in the Kabra Wrestling state team rankings. The matchups in the Duals championship match between

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island High wrestlers; Jayce Paridon, left, and Jhoel Robinson are the two ringleaders for the Golden Eagles wrestling team who finished second to two-time state champion Lake Gibson at the Class 2A Duals championship on Saturday in Kissimmee as area wrestlers now trek for individual titles in March.

## Dynamic Duo

St. Johns Country Day School's dynamic duo up front, senior Lauryn Mateo, left, and freshman Sydney Schmidt have the Lady Spartans in ripe position to once again contend for a Class 2A title; which would be an unprecedented 12 titles in a row for Spartan coach Mike Pickett. St. Johns is 14-1-1 as area teams begin their quest for a state title run with district tournaments this week, see schedules inside.



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Ridgeview High's stingy, pesky defense, here with Paetyn Miller and Esperanza Gallegos corraling a Providence guard in Panthers win on Friday.

## Lady Panthers right the ship with a win

By Ray Dimonda  
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - After a pair of losses, Monday to Oakleaf, and Tuesday to St. Johns Country Day, the Ridgeview Lady Panthers knew it was time to right the ship and get back to their winning ways. The visiting Providence School Lady Stallions, riding a 15-4 record, with wins against

some formidable opponents, would be no easy pushover.

Friday's showdown in Orange Park was a defensive showcase topped by drives and layups to build the second half score. The Panther's defense, led by Nia and Nacoya Blocton, closed down the lane on the

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## Oakleaf stymied by Crusaders



Oakleaf High coach Fred Cole chats with two of his team leaders; Kaylah Turner, left, and Fantasia James in tight game moments. Lady Knights lost just second game of season to No. 1 in 4A Bishop Kenny (22-1) on Thursday.

By Mike Zima  
Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE - Oakleaf High's girls basketball team traveled into the den of the probable best team in north Florida (albeit Oakleaf could claim such as well) and came away slowed down and battered as the Bishop Kenny shutdown defense smacked a 57-44 loss on the Knights despite 29 points from Knights point guard Kaylah Turner.

Bishop Kenny, 22-1 and ranked fifth in the state of Florida by www.MaxPreps.com; No. 1 in Class 4A, extended their winning streak to 18 games while Oakleaf, ranked 24th state wide; fourth in Class 6A, fell to 20-2.

From the outset, with Bishop Kenny's defense, their mainstay, bumping up against Oakleaf's high-flying steal and deal offense, Oakleaf fans got treated to a Turner highlight reel while injuries to the second and third of the "Three Amigas;" Kamiya Jones and Fantasia James. Bishop Kenny handled Oakleaf's extended man-to-man defense with a motion offense that spread the floor, relying on screens away from the ball and occasional drives to the basket.

"They are going to make four or five passes and make you play defense for more than 10 seconds," said Oakleaf head coach Fred Cole. "That is hard to do."

With no one from Oakleaf in the lane, cutters had open paths to the goal and there was no one to stop dribble penetration. Fifteen of the Crusaders, 19 field goals were lay-ups.

The Crusaders also enjoyed a height advantage. Their starting line-up features four players who stand at least 5'8", including the 6'1" Clare Coyle and

the 6' Sydney Roundtree, while four of Oakleaf's starters are 5'5" or shorter. Bishop Kenny out rebounded the Knights 29-20. Coyle scored six of her team-high 19 points on put-backs off of offensive rebounds.

Oakleaf, ranked 19th in Florida by MaxPreps and entering the game on an 18-game winning streak, started the game by forcing turnovers on three of the Crusaders, first five possessions, allowing the Knights to take a 4-0 lead. But Bishop Kenny quickly adjusted to the speed of the game, and seized control with a 14-2 run over the final four minutes of the first quarter and the first minute of the second quarter to go ahead 14-6. From that point, the Crusaders were never seriously threatened.

Three-pointers by the Knights Turner, Trista Brown and Fantasia James kept Oakleaf within striking distance, but Coyle's nine second-quarter points sent the hosts to the intermission with a 28-17 lead.

Oakleaf started the second half with full-court man-to-man pressure, forcing four Crusaders turnovers in the first four minutes of the third quarter. But other than Turner, the Knights had difficulty finding open shots, scoring only 11 points in the third quarter that ended with Bishop Kenny maintaining a 38-28 advantage.

"It is hard to contain Turner and James, but our help defenders did a great job of filling the gaps in the lane," said Bishop Kenny head coach Will Mayer. "The other big thing was limiting them [Oakleaf] to one shot."

After Coyle extended the Crusad-

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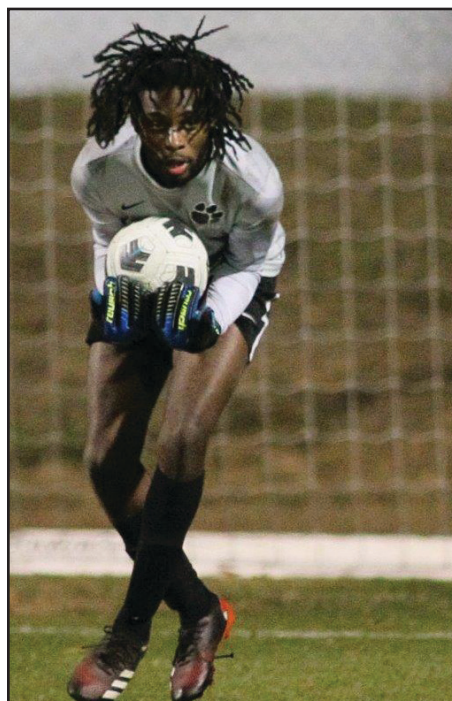
# Panthers poised for surprise district run

By Ray Dimonda  
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - The Ridgeview Panthers brought the Friday night action to the St. Johns Country Day Spartans honing the skills as the post season is about to begin. For the first 40 minutes, it looked more like a 110 meter game of ping-pong as both teams opted to drop in deep passes and try to get into the box for a shot. It wasn't until Ridgeview Head Coach Paul Tomaro opted for a change to get a little more technical and settle down where the Panthers saw their opportunity to score. The Panthers worked the ball into the box and a high pass was headed by Ridgeview's (need name for No. 5) for the icebreaker score at 29:51 of the second half. Panther's (No. 22) followed up at 8:10 to add the insurance goal to blank the Spartans 2-0.

"It was kind of sloppy in the first half with both teams trying to win the game with one direct ball," said Panther Head Coach Paul Tomaro. "Both teams just needed to settle and figure each other out. It took us a while to get our grip on the game and find those areas where we wanted to penetrate balls into the box and I think we found it. That first goal was a good set up. We found good crosses, good situations where we had players in the box to score goals."

It wasn't an easy task for Ridgeview as Tomaro tipped his hat to the Spartans and Head Coach Brad Schmidt. "They (the Spartans) are always so organized," said Tomaro. "Defensively, I know they are younger, but they are hard to breakdown, always so hard to breakdown. So once you get that first one, you get that bit of confidence. In fairness, they were throwing guys up forward to try and score. It's always like that between us and St. Johns." The Spartans too tried the drop and shoot attack in the first half with no success. Any time they tried to handle the ball in, it was faced with a stiff



Ridgeview High goalie Kalib Blackall gathers in shot on goal in Panthers win over St. Johns Country Day School. Ridgeview is scheduled to host district playoff game on Saturday.

Panther defense who had a noticeable size advantage on the young and building Spartan team.

"We pushed with everything we had, but we just couldn't find that goal," said Spartan's Head Coach Brad Schmidt. "We have a very young team who are in sort of a rebuilding phase right now. The goal for us this season is for the group to come together because we are trying to build to something obviously two to three years down the road from now." Schmidt emphasized the districts next week, and they are by no means throwing in the towel. He is a realist and knows he just needs to grow the young team. "Outside of my three seniors, I have eighth and ninth graders out here playing as well. These guys will play together the next two to three years."



St. Johns Country Day School forward Bodie Brafford gets upended in Spartans' clash with Ridgeview.

## Boys Soccer

### District 3-6A 2023 (Higher seed hosts, Finals Feb. 1 FIHS)

1. Fleming Island (BYE), 4. Oakleaf vs. 5. Fletcher (Jan. 26), 2. Ponte Vedra (BYE), 3. Nease vs. 6. First Coast (Jan. 26). Semifinals, Mon., Jan. 30

### District 1-7A 2022

Oakleaf (No. 3) beat Sandalwood 4-0, beat Creekside 1-1 OT, beat Bartram Trail 3-0 in final

### District 3-6A 2022

Fleming Island (No. 2) beat Atlantic Coast 1-0, Nease 4-0, lost to Ponte Vedra 3-0 in final

### District 2-5A 2023

Final Jan. 31 (Higher seed hosts)

1. Columbia (BYE), 4. Rickards vs. 5. Lincoln (Jan. 26, 7 p.m.), 2. Ridgeview (BYE), 3. Clay vs. 6. Middleburg (Jan. 26, 7 p.m.). Semifinal Sat., Jan. 28 (at RHS 7 p.m.)



In the upcoming district soccer lineups, Clay High, above left, is strong contender in district 2-5A with opening match against Middleburg and possible semifinal match on Saturday against Ridgeview. Fleming Island has had big games against big opponents and will wait until Monday for their semifinal match. Oakleaf, also in district 3-6A, will play Fletcher on Thurs., Jan. 26. In girls action, both Orange Park and Clay were on fire for the season with unbeaten records until late in season and could face off in region playoffs after districts. Both teams open districts with semifinals on Friday. Oakleaf girls open with Nease on Wed., Jan. 25 with possible match against Fleming Island in championship game on Tues., Jan. 31 in district 3-6A.



## Girls Soccer

### District 3-2A at SJCDs

Thurs., Jan. 26

1. SJCDs (BYE), 4. St. Joseph Academy (BYE), 2. University Christian (BYE), 3. Christ's Church Academy (BYE)

Tues., Jan. 31 Semifinals

Thurs., Feb. 1 Final 5:30 p.m.

### District 3-6A (Higher seed hosts)

1. Ponte Vedra (BYE), 4. Nease vs. 5. Oakleaf (Wed., Jan. 25 7pm), 2. Fletcher (BYE), 3. Fleming Island (BYE).

2. Fletcher vs. 3. Fleming Island, Fri., Jan. 27 7 p.m. at Fletcher

Final Tues., Jan. 31

### District 3-5A 2023

1. Menendez (BYE), 4. Orange Park vs. 5. Parker (Jan. 26, 6pm OPHS), 2. Englewood (BYE), 3. St. Augustine vs. 6. Riverside (Higher seed hosts)

### District 4-3A 2023

1. Williston (BYE), 4. Keystone Heights vs. 5. Fort White (Thurs., Jan. 26 4 p.m.), 2. Trinity Catholic vs. 7. Interlachen, 3. P.K. Yonge vs. 6. Newberry. Semifinals Mon., Jan. 30. Final at Fort White Wed., Feb. 1, 7 p.m.

### District 3-2A 2-23

Harvest Community 6-2-2, St. Joseph Academy 7-2-5, Christ's Church Academy 9-6-0, University Christian 2-15-1, Seacoast Christian Academy, St. Johns Country Day School 3-5-4



### District 2-5A (Higher Seed Hosts)

1. Lincoln (BYE), 4. Rickards vs. 5. Ridgeview Wed., Jan. 25 7pm, 2. Clay (BYE), 3. Columbia vs. 6. Middleburg

Semifinals Fri., Jan. 27 at Clay 7pm, at Lincoln 7 p.m.

Final Wed., Feb. 1 at higher host

### District 3-5A (Higher Seed Hosts)

1. Orange Park (BYE), 4. Riverside vs. 5. Englewood Wed., Jan. 25 6pm, 2. St. Augustine (BYE), 3. Menendez vs. 6. Parker Wed., Jan. 25 6pm

Semifinals Fri., Jan. 27

Final: Mon., Jan. 30 6pm

### District 4-3A at P.K. Yonge

1. P.K. Yonge (BYE), 4. Newberry vs. 5. Trinity Catholic Wed., Jan. 25 4 pm, 2. Keystone Heights vs. 7. Interlachen Wed., Jan. 25 8 p.m., 3. Williston vs. 6. Fort White Wed., Jan. 25 6pm

Semifinals, Fri., Jan. 27

Final Tues., Jan. 31 7 p.m.

# Reynolds tabbed to lead 2023 Indians football

Little school to big school to medium school

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Keystone Heights High School football has named a familiar face to lead the Indians football program with defensive coordinator Steven Reynolds being named to head the program after long-time coach Chuck Dickinson stepped down after the 2022 season.

"I've gone from a small school to a big school to now a medium school," said Reynolds, who has been on the Keystone Heights High School football sidelines the past three years as well as part of the boys weightlifting teams that have won two consecutive state titles. "It's ironic how life goes full circle for you and you wind up in a place you have always cherished."

Reynolds, a former head coach at Bradford County High, then Oakleaf High School for four years, left Oakleaf after being replaced by another Bradford County former coach, Derek Chipoletti. Chipoletti and Reynolds both teamed together a second time for two years at St. Johns Country Day School.

"I can't stress enough the caliber of not just football here at Keystone Heights, but in all the athletes here," said Reynolds. "What coach Dickinson leaves, as well as Wesley Dicks, who coached before Dickinson, is a core value of working hard, rewarding through toil and hard work, the principles of serving others and being a family type of team. The lasting friendships of Keystone Heights athletes is a big part of all the sports here."

Reynolds came to Keystone Heights as an offensive coordinator at Bradford under the Chipoletti coaching staff; Neil and Der-



ek, father and son, plus another Oakleaf coaching alum, Dana Arthur, now in Georgia, that rebuilt the very intense rivalry between the two schools.

"I played at Bradford County and have been on this field a hundred times and have always seen great players on this field," said Reynolds, with three boys and wife Lauren Elizabeth. "Both schools have had great success in a lot of sports in the last few decades."

Reynolds recalled games against Keystone Heights.

"Kids were always tough here," said Reynolds, who was part of a 23-8 won loss run (2-8 last year with a massive graduation class) for the Indians with an unbeaten season two years ago and a deep region run. "It was a region driven rivalry."

Reynolds has not yet completed his coaching staff if any new faces will join him, but emphasized that the coaching staff at Keystone Heights with him under



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Keystone Heights High football will see a familiar face at the head coach spot in 2023 with defensive coordinator Steve Reynolds taking over after long-time coach Chuck Dickinson stepped down after 2022. Reynolds has had immense coaching success in Bradford County, Oakleaf and Keystone Heights where he was part of unbeaten season and region playoff finish two years ago.

Dickinson was top of the line and he hoped coaches like Lantz Lowery, who has been here as long as coach Dickinson, and young guys like Ken Mudge and Jacob Alvarez.

"Mudge is solid, Alvarez is young and both of those guys are good, young coaches that want to learn the craft," said Reynolds. In the Indians unbeaten region playoff run on two years ago, with a region semi-final loss to The Villages, Reynolds noted that Keystone Heights' region football lineup has always been power packed.

"Keystone Heights has always had the toughest region slate when the playoffs got going," said Reynolds. "Against The Villages, a few plays made a big difference, but the next game would have been Cocoa High. This school has always run into the state's best teams in our class in the playoffs."

Reynolds planned on inviting the alum players of the Keystone Heights for the

upcoming seasons to add a little bit of the history of the program for the new kids.

"There were players like Jimmy Brumbaugh, Matt Teague, Greg Story all have great stories of their playing days that the kids would marvel at," said Reynolds. "Jack Taylor was another great one. I'd like to see them to our pregame meals and tell the kids about the history of this place."

Quarterback Jack Taylor once talked to the Keystone Heights locker room and Reynolds recalled the message.

"He came here and told them that everything he accomplished in his life, everything he has done he owes to the Keystone Heights community," said Reynolds. "He told them that what they learn here is the first building block to do whatever they want to do in life."



Former Ridgeview High track and football standout Stanley Dye, here as a defensive back at Valdosta State University, is still battling for football spots around the country with a recent signing to play in the Indoor Football League for the Tulsa Oilers.

## RHS Dye signs with Indoor Football League's Tulsa Oilers

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Tulsa Oilers Football, proud member of the Indoor Football League based in Tulsa, announced Wednesday the addition of defensive back, Stanley Dye.

Dye is a Ridgeview High graduate that excelled in football as a safety and wide receiver and also was an outstanding track athlete in the 100 and 200 dashes.

"I had a teammate from Texas that played for the Tuscon Sugar Skulls get me a call to try out," said Dye, to be a defensive back or cornerback at Tulsa. "I already had the Tulsa team on the table with an offer and stuck with them. I leave March 3 with our first game March 25 and we play through the whole summer. It's pretty much similar to the Jackson-

ville Sharks."

Dye noted that the Tulsa team and the IFL also signed a partnership with the more exposed Xtreme Football League.

"Step by step, I just stayed focused, ready to play and keep my fire going to play one day in the National Football League," said Dye. "I'm still fast (4.3 40 yards) without a lot of physical ailments from getting banged up on the field. The COVID year was a delay in the process."

Dye, 26, most recently came from Liga de Football Americano de Mexico (FAM). Before his time in Mexico, Dye played one season at Valdosta State, suiting up in eight games with the Blazers and recording 18 tackles, one interception, and seven pass deflections.

Tulsa joins a prolific indoor pro football league; operating for the past 10

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# Oakleaf readies for power run

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - With two successful clashes with two-time state champion Clay High, Oakleaf High's girls weightlifting upped the ante on the upcoming district to state run with a upset of sorts at the Flagler Palm Coast Invitational; a meet that put coach Benjamin White's troops in the lions' den of his region challengers; mainly nine-time state champion Spruce Creek (6th in 3A, Olympic Snatch, 2022), Flagler (5th in 3A, Olympic Snatch) and Bartram Trail (15th in 3A, Olympic Snatch). In traditional, Flagler was fourth, Oakleaf fifth and Spruce Creek was seventh in 2022.

Note: Clay High was state champion in Class 2A in both team disciplines with state championship titles to returners Kyleigh LaFary, Janiyah Stevens and record-setter Emma Heck.

White graduated two-time state champion Tamira Briley last year and has a handful of possible medalists for 2023 as does the rest of Clay County.

One Oakleaf name that keeps at the top of the list is Ivy Gunn at 169 last year and within arms length of gold with a 365 total against the winning 380. Gunn's 365 total was matched by three other lifters with medals designated by body weight.

Spruce Creek has also been the home to 36 state titles, with Flagler and Bartram Trail having three state champions from their room.

"We lift against the best right here in Clay County with the talent we have right here, but the Flagler win was a big confidence boost for the team," said White, looking to finish off his coaching stint at Oakleaf on a high note after taking the head football coaching job at Pedro Menendez High School. "I hope to just leave the program in a better spot than when I got it, something my dad, also a coach, always repeated was his credo for coaching."

With a Clay County title garnered just two weeks ago in head to head battle with Clay High icon Rodney Keller, White, who also bested Clay in a dual match earlier in the season as well, had just a week or so to refuel and retweek his girls for the Flagler Invite which featured teams of historic magnitude.

That being said, Oakleaf took team wins against the power-trio with a 53-47-33-25 strike in Olympic (Snatch and Clean and Jerk); Flagler, Spruce Creek and Bartram Trail in 2-3-4 finishes.

In Traditional (Clean/Jerk and Bench Press), Oakleaf

Fleming Island coach Sean Coultis has turned a young group of athletes that got bruised last year into a group of power



Oakleaf High lifter Emily Trimble has the eyes of her teammates and Clay High team members in recent clash at Clay County championships.



Two power players in upcoming weightlifting district to state run are Oakleaf's Ivy Gunn and Clay High's Janiyah Stevens, left. Right: Clay High coach Rodney Keller needed extra truck space to cart home his hardware from 2022 with two team state titles and three individuals; here Emma Heck and Janiyah Stevens.

players led by Autumn Leviston, a newcomer to Fleming Island High, and lacrosse specialist Jillian LaBelle.

At the Clay County championships, Fleming Island was just six points off second place to Oakleaf's 47 with Clay winning with 49 in Olympics and got Leviston as the top lifter for the meet in Traditional with a 45 pound gap to Ridgeview's Ania Haber at 110.

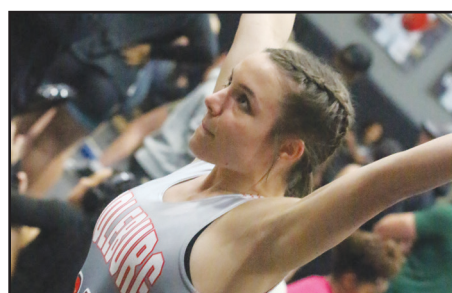
Ridgeview's Adriana Dimeo emerged as the top lifter in Olympics to put her name on the watch-list in 2A.

Fleming Island and Ridgeview shared a handful of top five finishes in the lower weights.

Middleburg kept their old school prowess nearby with a third in Traditional to Oakleaf and Clay and coach Rhiannon Weiskopf could produce a few medalist and steals some spots on the podium with consistency; Hannah Piniero at 101, Isabella Andreoli at 119 and Kendall Bryan and KK Hagan, both at 139.

Weiskopf has two chasing Clay's Stevens at 154; Madison Underwood and Caylee Johnson with double points available with a second or third with Stevens a clear overwhelming favorite.

Keystone Heights, in Class 1A with St. Johns Country Day School, has four-time stater Kaylee Wright to battle after she



## Girls Weightlifting Schedules

**District 2-3A at Oakleaf High School, Fri., Jan. 27:** 10 am start (Oakleaf, Atlantic Coast, First Coast, Fletcher, Mandarin, Sandalwood)

**District 5-2A at Ridgeview High School, Wed., Jan. 25:** 3:30 pm start (Clay, Fleming Island, Middleburg, Orange Park, Ridgeview, Baker County)

**District 6-1A at St. Johns Country Day School, Sat., Jan. 28:** 11 a.m. start (St. Johns Country Day School, Keystone Heights, Baldwin, Bishop Snyder, Bradford, Eastside, Union County, Santa Fe)

**Regionals Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 2-4**

**Region 1-3A at Oakleaf Thurs., Feb. 2:** 9 am start  
Region 1-2A at St. Augustine, Wed., Feb. 1, 2 p.m. start  
Region 2-1A at West Nassau, Sat. Feb. 4, 9 a.m. start

**State Championships, Fri.-Sat., Feb. 17-18 at RP Funding Center - Jenkins Arena, Lakeland, FL Fri., Feb. 17:**

Weighins, 3-7 pm  
Sat., Feb. 18

**Lightweights:** Class 1A 8 a.m., Class 2A 1 pm, Class 3A 6pm

**Heavyweights:** Class 3A 8am, Class 1A 1 pm, Class 2A 6 pm

### 2022 Team Champions

**Class 1A:** Snatch - 1. Suwannee, 8. St. Johns Country Day School. Traditional - 1. Bradford, 27. Keystone Heights, 30. St. Johns

**Class 2A:** Snatch - 1. Clay, 2. Sunlake, 3. Ridgeview, 25. Middleburg. Traditional - 1. Clay, 2. Sunlake, 29. Ridgeview, 30. Middleburg

**Class 3A:** Snatch - 1. Vero Beach, 11. Oakleaf. Traditional - 1. Navarre, 6. Oakleaf

was second to Gunn in the county championships.

St. Johns' favorite is returning state champion Addison Frisbee, a master on Olympic Snatch, and improving on bench Press.

Top Left: Clay High Unlimited champion Kyleigh LaFary is returning with big numbers with Middleburg's Kendall Bryan, bottom, a challenger for the Broncos.

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In one of the more exciting games in Clay County rivalry lore, the Clay High Blue Devils went toe-to-toe with Fleming Island in hoops action, won by Fleming Island 53-48, with Clay guard J'Den Golding flying in the paint and Fleming Island sharpshooter Joey Chenette, here battling with Clay center Merrick Rapoza, keeping the Clay Crazy's in full loud mode.



Left to right, Clay center Kade Dorion battles Fleming Island's Darion Domenick for position, Fleming Island guard George Hamm lets fly with three in front of Clay Crazy's and Fleming Island center Axel Holmquist sets up for free throw.



Left to right; Clay center Merrick Rapoza battles for rebound against Darion Domenick and Ethan Williams; Ethan Williams goes strong for offensive rebound to layup and Xavier Longmire soars to breakaway layup.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Left: Oakleaf High guard Sean Jones breaks away from defense of Orange Park's Bryan Falcone while, right, Oakleaf forward Dylan Lewis goes low to bump Orange Park's Kevin Monterola's defense.

## Raiderdome

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In their first meeting earlier this season, it wasn't pretty as the Knights decimated the Raiders by 31 points.

The morning matinee was a different game as the first quarter had a paltry 6-3 score after eight minutes, and 13-9 at the half, both with Oakleaf leading.

For the entire game, the defensive play from both teams was unrelenting as the Raiders brought a new level of play to the Knights through four quarters.

The Knights never backed down and found a new intensity they did not know they had. After the halftime break, it came down to who would make the one or two mistakes that would tip the game where the final two quarters never saw more than a three point difference.

In the end, the Knights took advantage of two late Orange Park missed shots to get control back with Sean Jones hitting a layup to get ahead 31-28, and the final Orange Park three-point attempt tipped by Aaron Rivers who drove the lane and drained the final points 32-28.

After the entire first quarter of play and only coming away with a single 3-pointer from Bryan Falcon, the Raiders knew holding the Knights to six points was already a huge improvement over the last outing. But Raiders Head Coach Derek Kurnitsky couldn't help but reflect just how close his team was to winning this after the blowout just two weeks ago.

"Oh man did we play hard," said Coach K. "We just made a couple too many mistakes. A couple missed free throws, a couple missed lay-ups, but we'll work at it and get better. We shot six threes in the first quarter (and only hit one). It's not what we want. We got beat by 31 over there so we did good, we kept the pace where we wanted it."

That frantic pace was near insanity, but what more was the defense on both teams. The game was physical and the

fouls showed for it. But the intensity never took a second off.

After the half, most teams need a moment to reengage and bring the tempo back up. This afternoon, it was like both teams took energy drinks in the locker room and came out on fire in the third quarter.

At 6:13, it was noticeable Orange Park went on a run and ratcheted up the tempo. The result was a shrinking of the lead 15-13. With 3:40 to play, the Raiders took the lead 18-17 and the Raiderdome was electric. As the buzzer sounded to end the quarter, the Raiders held a slim lead 23-22.

In the fourth, at 5:41 it was again tied at 25-25. With 3:04 left to play, down by one, 27-26, the Raiders controlled the ball and worked it around for a good minute of play, just looking for an opening to shoot.

Finally, Raiders guard Thomas Faucett backed up a step and launched a 3-pointer that missed.

On the rebound, the Knights slowed things down and answered back with ball handling of their own until 1:50 to play.

Oakleaf forward Dylan Lewis worked under the basket and put it up to drain for a 29-26 lead. The Raiders came back with a Kevin Monterola layup at 1:42, 29-28. The Knights threw in and worked the ball until Sean Jones hit the layup at 24 seconds remaining, 31-28. Thomas Faucett had one last effort for a Raider three-pointer which missed and turned into an Aaron Rivers layup to seal the deal 33-28.

Oakleaf High coach Jason Price has put his defense on the hook for winning games with the Knights' one-loss record promising for possible deep region playoff run.



Orange Park coach Derek Kurnitsky put up much different face in reversing 31 point blowout at Oakleaf to topsy turvy second game in Raiderdome.





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Fleming Island High wrestling coach P.J. Cobbert has never shied from big and his Golden Eagles had the early advantage against two-time champion Lake Gibson before eventually finishing as Class 2A Duals runnerup. Right: Kaden Schaefer, No. 2 ranked at 145, gets twisted up in clash with top-ranked Hayden Whidden in championship match won by Whidden after Schaefer nearly pinned Whidden in second period.



Fleming Island previously unbeaten and second ranked at 126 Jayce Paridon, also the Class 2A runnerup from last year, lost in overtime to number three ranked Colt Brown to set up a strong 126 class for the March state championship bracket. Right: Ethan Hoffstetter, second ranked at 285, makes quick work of his Lake Gibson opponent.

## Wrestling

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the two powerhouses within the Saturday afternoon finale will likely measure up to be part of a medals' chase for both teams when the individual state championship comes along in week one of March.

"These guys were green last year with a lot of young guys wrestling at the top levels of the state," said Cobbert. "This time, they felt it a little closer because they believed they could beat teams like Lake Gibson. There were matches we got what we wanted; like decisions and not pins and a couple of guys waiting until the final seconds to make decisive moves."

As for the Friday and Saturday wrestlesfest undertaking by Cobbert's team, a region championship win over Tallahassee Lincoln (47-12) and a state semifinal thrashing of Merritt Island (51-18) solidified the rankings of Orlando Sentinel wrestling guru Brant Parsons, who creates the weekly rankings of both individual wrestling and team wrestling, plus girls

wrestling.

Among the hammers on the Fleming Island roster are Robinson, ranked No. 1 at 220, and a handful of No. 2-ranked power players; Jayce Paridon, ranked No. 2 at 126 (behind defending champion Maximus Brady of Mariner, who beat Paridon in last year's state championship final), Matthew Newman at 106 (behind Clay's Jacob Bucci), Laird Duhaylungsod at 120, Kaden Schaefer at 145, and Ethan Hoffstetter at 285. Cobbert also houses the rest of a lineup that is on just about every weight class ranking top 10 list statewide.

Against Lake Gibson, after dispatching of Merritt Island with the meat of the Fleming Island roster taking care of business, the Braves came in with an opening win over Walter Poe at 195 but No. 2 ranked Tristan Vann that got reaction from Cobbert with three straight wins; Robinson with a 10-1 over an unranked opponent, Hoffstetter with a pin over an unranked and Newman with a pin over sixth ranked Landon Quiroga to jolt the Lake Gibson sideline a bit.

"Jhoel had his guy stuck (near pin) and

### UPCOMING

**Fri.-Sat., Jan. 27-28:** Flagler Rotary at Flagler Palm Coast (Oakleaf, Ridgeview)

**Big Bend Invitational at Wakulla** (Middleburg)

**Colby Singletary Invitational at Palmetto Ridge (Fleming Island)**

**Gene Gorman Invitational at Charlotte (Clay)**

**Moskowitz IBT at George Jenkins High (SJCDS)**

**Sat., Jan. 28:** Paxon Invitational (Keystone Heights, SJCDS)

**Wed., Feb. 1:** Orange Park at Ridgeview (5 p.m.)

**Fri.-Sat., Feb 3-4:** Clay Rotary Invitational at Clay High School (Clay, Fleming Island, Ridgeview, Oakleaf, SJCDS, Middleburg)

**Thurs., Feb. 9**  
Tussle of Muscle-Clay at Fleming Island

his guy was bridging to sneak out of bounds then time ran out," said Cobbert. "Jayce let his guy get back into the match, then lost in overtime. A couple of guys; Matthew Kotler, for one, had great matches against

great guys and lost off on a final move." From there though with Fleming Island grasping to a precarious 16-3 lead, Lake Gibson took its turn with its hammers taking wins in all but Christopher Chop's 1-0





Fleming Island's Jhoel Robinson maintained his unbeaten season record at 30-0 with Lake Gibson sending out an unranked opponent, Right: A bloodied Christopher Chop survived a rugged 1-0 win at 160 against Lake Gibson's third-ranked Connor Hackett with both wrestlers offering strong defensive posture.



Left: Jayce Paridon couldn't hold on to Colt Brown in overtime match while, right, Matthew Kotler had one of his best matches as a Golden Eagle with strong 8-7 loss to top-ranked Gianni Maldonaldo.

muscle fest at 160 against Lake Gibon's third ranked Connor Hackett as the penultimate match of the night saw Fleming Island behind by just 12 points; two pins.

"All those were tight matches and we get one or two calls and it's all different," said Cobbert. "We can't be the ones not giving up the tight matches."

At 113, 8th-ranked Shane Duhaylungsod lost an 8-2 decision to Lake Gibson's 5th-ranked Elijah Lowe with top ranked Christian Fretwell beating second ranked Laird Duhaylungsod 11-2 to score four team points for Lake Gibson.

In one of the more anticipated matches of the weekend, Paridon was to face off with third ranked Colt Brown to put Paridon's 31-0 record on the line.

Paridon nearly got a locked up cradle on Brown could not hold the clinch to lead 4-2 after the first period.

In the second, Paridon escaped to go to 5-2 into the third.

In the third, Brown Granby-ed out for an escape and a reversal to get to 5-3 before a takedown at 21 seconds to go 5-5 and create overtime.

**"He was wrestling his best stuff both days against the other teams' best guys. I'm proud of him because he stayed tough the whole way!"**

In the overtime, with the mat clocks malfunctioning and leaving both wrestlers idle on the mat, Brown, from neutral, caught Paridon quickly and decisively for the winning two point takedown and just a 16-13 lead for Fleming Island.

Lake Gibson took care of Cooper and Dylan Beck to gain nine points and a 22-16 Braves' lead with a showdown at 145 between Schaefer and Hayden Whidden (Whidden, not Whiddon) clashing Number one vs. Number two.

With both wrestlers handfighting through the first period, Whidden struck first in the second to go up 4-0 with a near-pin Easton to close the period.

In the third, Schaefer got a quick takedown to 4-2, but Whidden answered with his own to win 7-2.

At 152, with Lake Gibson sending Brandon-transfer and 2A 138 runnerup Gianni

Maldonaldo, Fleming Island's Matthew Kotler had one of the strongest matches of his short career with a Maldonaldo quickly establishing a 4-1 first period lead with two takedowns, but Kotler able to fight off Maldonaldo's pin attempts.

Maldonaldo's foot speed got to a 6-1 lead but Kotler kept attacking and answered with his an escape and takedown to close the gap to 7-4 into the final period.

"All of his matches came down to the wire and he lost all of them," said Cobbert. "He was wrestling his best stuff both days against the other teams' best guys. I'm proud of him because he stayed tough the whole way."

Kotler scored three more off an escape and takedown with a single leg swipe, plus a stall point off a frustrated Maldonaldo to tie the match at 7-7 before Maldonaldo scored a gamewinning escape to go ahead

8-7 with Kotler again getting a single leg with eight seconds but unable to score the takedown before the clock ended the match.

Chop, at 160, scored just a point off a second period escape to win a tough 1-0 match against Hackett in an upset; Hackett ranked third, Chop 10th.

At 170, with Fleming Island needing two pins in the final two matches to tie the team scores; Ronan Bozeman got ahead of Lake Gibson's Jace Brownlow early, but eventual got pinned on a reverse throw by Brownlow that put Bozeman on his back.

"I think he was pushing hard for the pin and got caught," said Cobbert. "He knew a pin puts Joshua (Sandoval) in position to tie the match with a pin in his match."

In the final match, had Bozeman won, was to feature, at 182, state number one Frank Solorzano against No. 4 Joshua Sandoval in a match that featured two guys who lost at the 2A 170 championships last year to the same guy, eventual champion Cory Cannan of Barron Collier; now graduated. Sandoval lost 7-3 to score the 37-19 score.

**- P.J. Cobbert.**

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Ridgeview High girls basketball coach Tyler Miller has installed a quick defense to offense transition strategy that gets the Lady Panthers quick points and momentum shifts.

## Panthers

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Stallions to the point that Providence only scored 3 three-pointers from the outside the entire fourth quarter as Ridgeview put the Stallions back in the stable with a 43-32 Friday night win. Ridgeview improves to 15-7 for the season.

“The third quarter we brought back the intensity we had in the first quarter,” said Panther’s Head Tyler Miller. “When we went for a steal, we went full out ready for a steal and we were out of position. We talked about moving with the ball instead of trying to reach in and you’ll just naturally get steals.”

The advice worked as the Panthers continued to gain momentum on defense

as the game went on. Emma Rayes seemed to have the handle on when to pick the Stallions pockets and find herself with the ball. As Rayes drove and drew defenders, her favorite tonight seemed to be Nacoya Blocton who could find an opening, take the pass and drive. Blocton finished with 16 on the night. If Blocton wasn’t open, Paetyn Miller was the other inside shooter who also finished with 16.

“This has been a week,” said Miller. With St. Johns and Oakleaf, followed today by Providence, we had three really, really great teams. I’m just glad to we were able to at least get one this week. We played amazing this week. It’s just it didn’t always come our way, so it was good to see that we were able to hold on to that lead, and still be physical without fouling.”

## Knights

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lead to 44-29 with 4:53 remaining on a drive to the hoop, Turner did her best to lead an Oakleaf comeback. The 5’5” senior, who is committed to play for Alabama A&M next fall, scored 15 points over the next four minutes, cutting the Knights deficit to 51-44 with 51 seconds left.

“She is our little mighty mite,” Cole said of Turner, who displayed her versatility with two drives to the goal, a pull-up jump shot and three baskets from beyond the arc. “She is our heart and soul, and she never stops.”

Bishop Kenny’s Sophia Rueppell, a Kennesaw State commitment, and Riley Talbert combined to convert six of six free throws for the final margin.

Cole was not discouraged by the loss, which drops the Knights record to 19-2.

“Iron sharpens iron,” he said. “They are definitely the best team we have played all year, and I scheduled this game at this time for a reason. I don’t want to go into Districts playing teams that are not very good.”

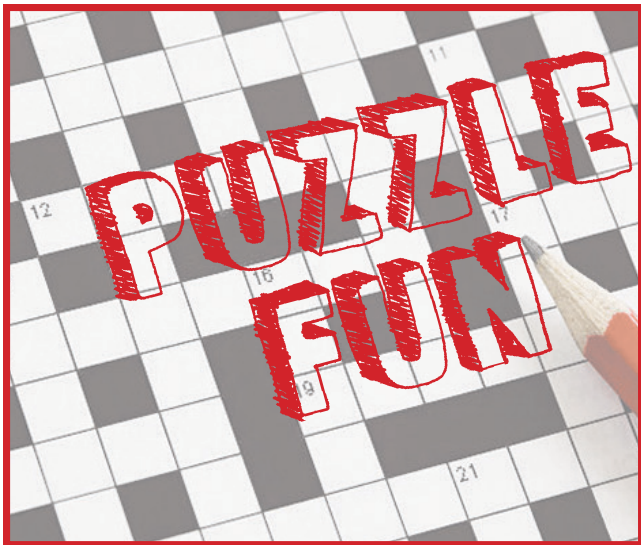
Oakleaf’s James, a Florida International commit who averages more than 20 points per game, hurt her thumb late in the first



Oakleaf High three point ace Kamiyah Jones had injuries from a recent car wreck and should be back for district slate.

half and scored just one of her eight points in the second half. The Knights faced Tallahassee Leon on January 21 and are scheduled to play at Andrew Jackson on Thursday, January 26.

Rueppell finished with 16 points and sophomore Reese Mayer had 10 for Bishop Kenny, which improved to 21-1.



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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to getting organized.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 4 = S)

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Clue: Woven container

B. 4 16 11 25 6 20 24 7

Clue: Stores things vertically

C. 3 25 8 4 11 13

Clue: Holds coats and more

D. 4 8 18 13

Clue: Categorize

Answers: A. basket B. shelving C. closet D. sort

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to organization.

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Answer: Folder

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I am a singer born in Boston on January 1, 1995. I became a star through my Twitter and YouTube social media channels. I post vlogs and music videos, and have been doing so since 2011. My real name is Moriah.

Answer: Poppy

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## Dye

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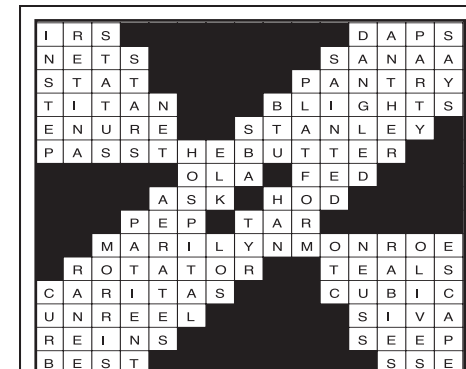
years, that encompasses teams from around the country including the Northern Arizona Wranglers, the Green Bay Blizzard and the San Diego Strike Force, plus the Massachusetts Pirates.

“Stanley has good size,” said Tulsa head coach Marvin Jones. “He can also play some different positions for us which makes him important to our roster.”



Prior to his time at Valdosta State, the former Blazer Stanley Dye was one of fastest football defenders in Florida while at Ridgeview High School. Antonio under legendary coach Larry Coker, a fixture at the University of Miami prior to UTSA. The 5’10, 180 lbs. defensive back totaled 35 tackles, one tackle for loss, one pass deflection, and one fumble recovery in 28 games.

During high school, the Jacksonville, Florida native was a standout dual-athlete as a three-time regional qualifier in track and field, setting school records in the 100-meter dash. The brand-new Oiler played both sides of the ball on the football field as a wide receiver and defensive back. The former Panther caught 19 touchdowns in his final two seasons while earning second-team All-Class 5A, All-First Coast (Florida Times-Union), first-team all-district, and All-North Atlantic Conference selection. As a senior, he caught 25 passes for 574 yards and eight touchdowns and picked up three interceptions. The Ridgeview High School athlete was a leader on and off the field as a captain and a member of the honor roll.



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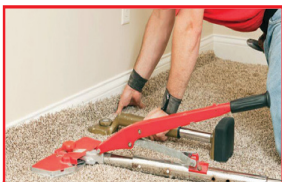
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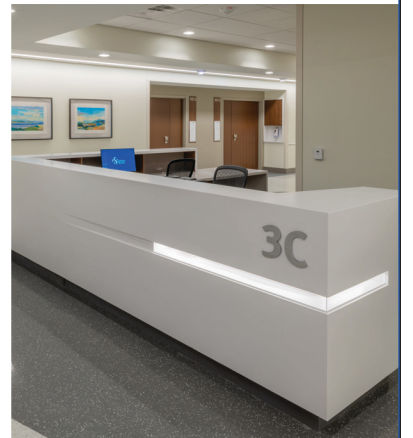
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