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Employees at Challenge Enterprises help BallHawker recycle golf balls to fund the nonprofit and keep golf course waterways clean.

Challenge Enterprises, BallHawker, turn wayward golf shots into a successful endeavor

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Challenge Enterprises of North Florida and BallHawker have partnered together to recover and recycle golf balls to bring a positive impact to the environment and waterways in Florida.

The partnership started when Todd Hutchinson, President of BallHawker, learned about Challenge Enterprises and

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The Apple Awards



Lake Asbury's Miller, Orange Park's Rosario-Castillo win top school awards

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – Not only did Lake Asbury Elementary fourth-grade math and science teacher Heather Miller and Orange Park Elementary librarian Abigail Rosario-Castillo win the support of a committee comprised of school officials, but they also brought two of the loudest

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Fleming Island High AICE students hoist Brady White after he became the county's first to win U.S. Senate Youth program award.

Brady White honored in surprise ceremony at Fleming Island High

Senior first from Clay County to be selected for U.S. Senate Youth Program

By Don Coble
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FLEMING ISLAND – Brady White only expected a one-on-one interview with Clay Today when he was called to the office on Friday, Jan. 27.

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150 Years and counting

Mt. Zion AME Church celebrates with rebuilding plan for next 150 years

Church's CDC creating commemorative historic guide

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Rev. James Pernell stood in the parking lot of the Mt. Zion AME Church shortly after last Sunday's sermon and his mind wandered in several directions.

Behind him was the shell of the old parsonage's house. In front was the church that was in a constant flux of repair, patches and promise.

Nobody remembers the last time the church bell rang. It certainly was long before Pernell took the pulpit five years ago.

"That bell will ring again," he said with conviction.

Pernell also shares the same optimism as his parishioners: Mt. Zion someday will again be the beacon of the community.

"I was happy God assigned me here," Pernell said.

The Mt. Zion Community Development Corporation of Green Cove Springs is working to help the church celebrate its 150th birthday on March 26, and in the process raise money to continue many of the rebuilding projects.

So much has been done; so much still needs attention.

Clay Today has joined the CDC's fundraising mechanism called "Green Cove Springs and Clay County: Forward, Bonding Together." The guide will tell the story of the church's past and the city's historic roots, particularly in the Black community.

"The target includes locals and others with the idea of attracting them to see and hopefully engage in some manner in the community," said CDC Director of Special Initiatives and Programs Dr. Cheryl Gonzalez.

The group will print 1,000 guides. The keepsake is looking for sponsors. In return, money earned will be used to transform the iconic church into a hub that serves all residents.

"We plan to turn the parsonage into a community hall where we can have after-school programs, receptions and activities," Pernell said.

The walls of what soon will be called the Family Life Center/Fellowship Hall have been stripped to the frames. There are plans to remove some of the walls to cre-



ate two open spaces.

"It needs a lot of tender, loving care," Pernell said. "But this will be something that benefits the entire community. That's why it's so important to help this project."

The church has scheduled repairs as they collect money. So far, new restrooms have been built, most holes in the roof have been patched, old paneling has been replaced with drywall and fresh paint and the church now has three working air conditioners.

"Some of the office space in the back used to have plywood floors," Pernell said. "When the roof leaked, the floor got so bad sometimes when women walked back there, their heels poked through."

The University of Phoenix and Baptist Health in Jacksonville have donated office furniture. The sanctuary now has monitors so everyone can see and hear Pernell's sermons, including those who watch on the church's website.

"The church is available to all," Pernell said. "Whites and Blacks started this church. I know we're an African Methodist Episcopal Church, but everyone is welcome."

"If whites and Blacks can worship together, we can build this church ... and we can build this community."

At the same time, Gonzalez said it's important to preserve the church's rich history and culture.

Clay Today has joined the Mt. Zion CDC to help them find sponsors to celebrate the church's legacy of service and faith. To be part of the guide to acknowledge the last 150 years – and the next 150 – contact Clay Today at (904) 264-3200.



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Rev. James Pernell points to a belltower that hasn't been used in years. Money earned from a guide celebrating the church's birthday will help the bell ring again.



The iconic church at 549 Palmetto Ave. will turn 150 next month. With age comes a legacy of community service - and a litany of constant repairs. Many of the church's history has been preserved, including the original stain-glass windows (left).



Dr. Cheryl Gonzalez of the Mt. Zion Community Development Corporation pours through some of the church's artifacts in preparation for the massive 150th birthday gala.

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Rep. Cammack thanks Clay constituents for their support

Bean now represents county after Congressional districts realigned

By **Kat Cammack**

U.S. Representative for District 3

Farewell for now, Clay County.

With the start of the new year came the start of the 118th Congress and several changes for North Central and Northeast Florida's federal representatives. Mandatory redistricting took effect during the 2022 midterms, moving Clay County into the new Fourth District now represented by freshman Congressman Aaron Bean.

It's with a heavy heart that I share I will no longer be representing Clay County. It has been an honor to serve Clay County over the last two years. Many of my favorite and most fond memories from the last year have come from the dozens of trips to Green Cove Springs, Middleburg, Orange Park and Keystone Heights.

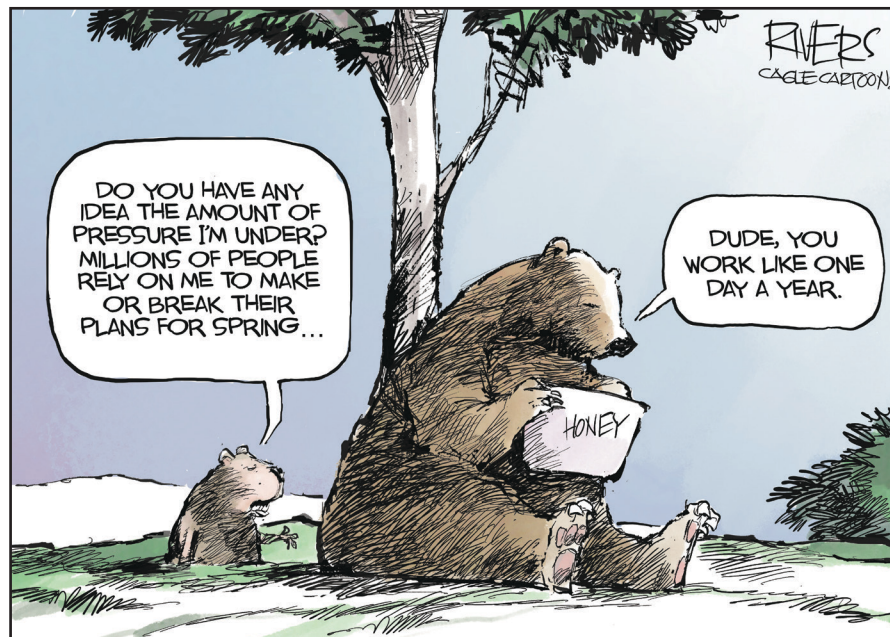
Just this month, we celebrated the opening of the new Andrew K. Baker Veterans Affairs Clinic in Middleburg. This project was years in the making, from identifying the need for the clinic to securing its funding and finally seeing the renaming pass the House of Representatives in December 2022. Clay County's incredible veterans' community deserves the highest quality care and will receive nothing less when they visit the Andrew K. Baker VA Clinic.

Additionally, our team spent a lot of time at Camp Blanding, working with Adjutant Gen. Maj. James Eifert to ensure our Florida National Guard troops are the best in the nation. We've visited dozens of graduation ceremonies for the youth academy there and have even hosted our own interviews there with distinguished alumni from our nation's military academies to appoint the next generation of leaders in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. Camp Blanding will always have my support and I look forward to working with Con. Bean to continue prioritizing its service to our community and our state.

While not in Clay County, JAXPORT employs hundreds of residents in Clay County, and we celebrated big milestones with the team there, including the completion of the harbor deepening project in 2022. JAXPORT is the premier shipping port on the east coast and its importance to the broader North Central Florida economy cannot be understated. We will continue to support JAXPORT's leadership and pursuit of

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OPINIONS



Mind races with memories, magnitude of another 24-hour race at Daytona

By **Don Coble**
Managing Editor

DAYTONA BEACH – The smell of hot grease, tire dust and molten brake pads was invigorating Saturday afternoon. Nothing makes the mind race faster than watching 61 sports cars at top speed make a sharp left turn off the trioval and into the first corner for the first of what turned out to be 783 circuits around the 3.81-mile road course at the Daytona International Speedway.



Don Coble

The sounds of high-pitched, high-powered engines were captivating, but nothing stirred the senses more than sharing the excitement with the largest crowd to see a sports car race in United States history.

Daytona was packed. And crazy. And alive.

Last weekend's race was my 45th in a row, and I've never been part of a more electric atmosphere. Attendance records for the twice-around-the-clock marathon were shattered hours before the command to start engines. Many were still there – most with bloodshot eyes and a fuzzy memory – when an Acura ARX-05 prototype won the race after driving 2983.23 miles – about the distance between Orange Park and Seattle. With five different classes, watching the sleek hybrid prototypes navigate around the pedestrian Ferraris, Aston



The Rolex 24 at Daytona has attracted an array of celebrities, including Sir Richard Branson, who was a guest this year of Chip Ganassi Racing's Cadillac GTP team.

Martins, Corvettes, Mercedes, Porsches and BMWs was remarkable. The GTD PRO class-winning Mercedes-AMG GT3 finished nearly 206 miles behind the overall-winning Acura, so the mix of speeds enhanced the experience.

Like many other sports car races at Daytona, this year's had memorable moments – one to forget; one to never forget.

Less than five minutes into the race, an LMP2 prototype driven by John Farano rolled to a stop in the middle of the high banks of the superspeedway portion of the track. His water bottle sprung a leak and the water shorted out the electric system. A \$510,000 car and a year of development all were erased because a sippy cup had a drip.

One of the memorable moments

SEE DAYTONA, 5

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.

Obtund: (ob-TUHND) a verb that means to dull sensitivity.

"My pharmacists said children's aspirin obtunds the pain from canker sores."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2018

- The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Clay County Sheriff's Office arrest a Middleburg man, Tyler Davis, who was wanted in Virginia in connection with beating a man at the "Unite the Right" rally.

- St. Johns Country Day School freshman Erik Willaims wins the Clay County Spelling Bee after surviving 59 rounds of words.

- The Clay County Charter Review Commission votes against placing a referendum on the November ballot whether members of the County Commission should be elected from single districts or become at-large representatives.

10 years ago, 2013

- Antonio Morales, of Jacksonville, is convicted of attempted murder for shooting Kevelin Holmes in the parking lot of Club Christopher on Wells Road.

- Employees of the Green Cove Marina find the body of a man reported missing at a golf course restaurant.

- Fleming Island Navy wives Allison Lyon, Tracy Vitali, Denise Steffensen, Amy Cook and Sarah Kribs all appear on "Live with Kelly and Michael."

20 years ago, 2003

- A 2-year-old boy drowned in an enclosed retention pond in Middleburg.

- The Ridgeview Drama Club brings the movie "Steel Magnolias" to life with their production at the school.

- The Clay County District Schools agrees to work with the county's Emergency Management Agency to provide hurricane shelters during an emergency.

30 years ago, 1993

- St. Johns River Community College

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Opinions ...

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STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

A GTD sports car races a few feet away from the largest crowd to watch the 24-hour race at the Daytona International Speedway last weekend.

Daytona

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came in the final quarter mile when James Allen erased a 40-yard deficit coming off the fourth turn and he passed Ben Hanley to win the LMP2 class by eight inches.

Those are two new memories that will be added to my list of funny, improbable and bizarre moments I've seen in the last 45 years.

When South Florida flea market owner Preston Henn brought a Porsche 962 to Daytona, he also brought legendary drivers A.J. Foyt, Bob Wollek, Al Unser and Thierry Boutsen – and sponsorship from Barnett Bank. The problem was, the race was sponsored by SunBank in 1985. When Henn's car won, the speedway had one of its employees sit on the Barnett Bank logos on the car in Victory Lane to make sure they kept SunBank happy.

While the winning Acura was only four seconds ahead of a similar Acura, some finishes haven't been as close.

In 1979, the turbocharger on the Porsche 935 for Hurley Haywood, Ted Field and Danny Ongais started to seize, but since they were more than 50 laps ahead of the second-place car, they parked on the track apron, a few feet from the finish line and waited for the final seven minutes to wind down. As soon as the clock struck 24 hours, Ongais managed to get the crippled car to chug across the line.

And in 1992, the Nissan factory used three of its company drivers and it spent

millions on its R91CP. The result was so impressive, the company brought the car onto pit road to get it washed and waxed during the final hour so it would look good for publicity photos. They still won by nine laps, and all three drivers left their \$15,000 Cosmograph Daytona Rolex watches at the track so they could quickly return to Japan.

Also, Porsche Experience in Atlanta lists every Rolex 24 winner – except one.

In 2010, Action Express' Joao Barbosa, Terry Borcheller, Ryan Dalziel and Mike Rockenfeller won in a Porsche-powered Riley MkXI. The problem was, Porsche refused to claim the engine as one of its own since it was built specially by former Brumos Porsche owner Bob Snodgrass.

Rock and racing fans were shocked to see ZZ Top drummer Frank Beard sleeping in a lawn chair on the pit road. He was part of a driving team for a Porsche 911 that finished 15th overall in 1992.

There are stories of Bob Whittington cutting a hole in the chain-linked fence to push his car from the infield and into the garage area; Paul Newman winning the GTS-1 class in 1995; and the year when Tony Stewart and Dale Earnhardt Jr. were 20 minutes away from winning in 2004 when a piece of the rear suspension broke on the backstretch.

Now that my ears aren't ringing anymore and I'm not suffering from sleep deprivation, I've already started my countdown for next year's race. I can't wait to make new memories.

History

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in Orange Park announces its new Library Information Network will make many books available online.

- The Orange Park Town Council said it will need to negotiate the language of the deed transfer before it can approve the creation of a Senior Citizens Center.

- Susan McNarnay, Chris Neal, Marsha Foster, Buddy Ball and Peggy Brock are selected as the finalists for Teacher of the Year.

40 years ago, 1983

- Orange Park was hit with a downburst that included 113 mph winds that resulted in several trees being uprooted, roofs being ripped away and homes being damaged.

- Four people are deposed as the state investigates four claims of sexual harassment against Supervisor of Elections Lanny Lancaster.

- Officials meet at the Clay Chamber to start planning for the Eighth Clay Festival.

Cammack

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industry excellence for the Sunshine State and our nation.

The Clay County Agriculture Fair was always a favorite stop, and we've made several trips over the last two years, admiring the hard work of the fair's numerous committees to put on an event that outdoes them all. From the exhibits and the demonstrations to the hundreds of 4-H and FFA students showing off for the judges, we're excited to see how this event continues to grow each year.

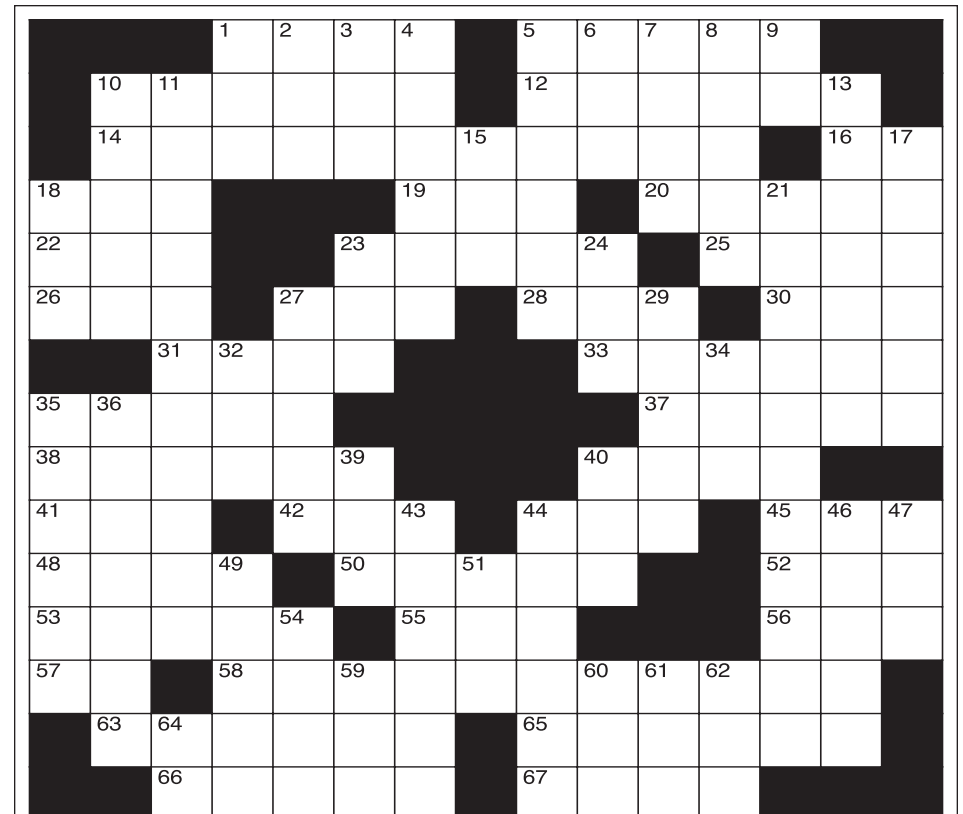
We will miss our visits to Clay County with Sheriff Michelle Cook and her team and thank our law enforcement leaders for their hard work to keep the greater Clay County community safe. We are grateful for your commitment to making our area the best and the safest place to live, work and raise a family in the Sunshine State.

A frequent stop in our travels across Clay County has been Green Cove Springs, especially with our friends from Green

Cove Springs Police Department. The officers and K-9 Grit have been a big part of our family for many years and we are excited to watch their continued excellence and growth.

We will certainly miss our office in Orange Park, the entirety of Clay County, its leaders and the constituents who make it great, but we leave Clay in the talented and capable hands of Con. Aaron Bean and his team. If our office is actively working on a case for you with the IRS, Social Security Administration, Small Business Administration, VA or another federal agency, please contact our Gainesville office so we know how you'd like our advocacy on your behalf to proceed. You may continue your case with our office until completion or transfer it to Con. Bean and his team.

Clay County: thank you from all of us at Team Kat! It has been an honor working alongside you and serving you the last two years. If you ever need anything, we are only a phone call away. Please keep in touch!



CLUES ACROSS

1. Shed tears
5. Luxury jewelry designer
10. Goddess of wisdom
12. Convert into a particular form
14. Working-class people
16. It borders Canada (abbr.)
18. A princess can detect its presence
19. Red-brown sea bream
20. Defunct retail empire
22. Vase
23. Demeter's equivalent
25. Monetary unit of the Maldives
26. French and Belgian river
27. Small amount
28. High schoolers' test
30. Animal's foot
31. Some is red
33. Per ___: each
35. Swedish jazz pop duo
37. Plate for Eucharist
38. Train line
40. Russian pop duo
41. Stake
42. Plant by scattering
44. Female sibling

CLUES DOWN

1. Global public health agency
2. Snake-like fish
3. Midway between northeast and east
4. Dabbed
5. TV show
6. Folk singer DiFranco
7. Canadian flyers
8. Of the dowry
9. Commercial
10. The act of imitating
11. Equipment used to broadcast

15. Swiss river
17. Island
18. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
21. One who surrenders under agreed conditions
23. Garfield is one
24. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Small boats used in the Black Sea
29. Small savory Spanish dishes
32. Body part
34. Touch lightly
35. Popular grilled foods on a stick
36. ___ Hess: oil company
39. Antelope with a reddish coat
40. Pharaoh of Lower Egypt
43. Pink Floyd's Roger
44. Short and thick
46. Small, sac-like cavities
47. Performer ___-Lo
49. Entrails of animal used as food
51. ___ King Cole, musician
54. Where construction is done
59. Chap
60. Investment vehicle
61. Often mixed with tonic

'L'dor v'dor:' Second generation Holocaust survivor shares story of father's resilience

'By Kylie Cordell
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Friday, Jan. 27, was International Holocaust Remembrance Day, marking the 78th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi German concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz by Soviet troops in 1945. Of the estimated 1.3 million people sent to Auschwitz, 1.1 million died at the camp and 6 million died during the Holocaust.

Although Second World War and Holocaust Survivors are now few and the events that shook the world will soon fade from living memory, a new generation has stepped up to tell their parents' remarkable accounts of surviving history's darkest evils.

"Traces, Voices of the Second Generation" gave voice to the children of Holocaust survivors on Jan. 28 at the Wilson Center of the Arts in Jacksonville. The documentary urged everyone to join the resilient "second generation survivors" and ensure their parent's survival stories and their influence on the next generation are remembered.

Here is an account of Orange Park Resident Ethel Holzmann's second-generation survival story:

Holzmann grew up in the Bronx, New

York City, raised by her parents, Morris and Anna (Weber) Scholder.

"I wasn't always aware that I was a second-generation survivor," said Holzmann, 75. "My mother was here in the Bronx during the Holocaust. She immigrated to America before the war and worked at a wig factory," she said. Holzmann's father left Europe at the end of the war and spoke little to nothing about his past or his first wife and their four children in Vienna, Austria.

"We don't know exactly what happened, but we think he may have been arrested and taken into slave labor before the Holocaust. The atrocities were already in motion, but the authorities had not been given a label," she said.

In 1938, some 170,000 Jews lived in the city. By 1940, only 8,000 remained. Hundreds of Jewish-owned businesses were closed or confiscated. Mobs torched most of the city's synagogues while law enforcement turned a blind eye. Men in uniform barged into people's homes, taking their loved ones away without explanation.

"My father survived the Holocaust. His wife and four children did not," she said. "So much of my family on both sides were destroyed by Hitler. We knew destruction,



Orange Park's Ethel Holzmann, pictured with her parents, vows to never forget the Holocaust. While his father survived Hitler's plan to exterminate Jews, his wife and four children did not.



death, and loss, but there was no way that we could totally, completely understand what he went through because it was so horrific."

When Holzmann's father moved to America, part of his life had come to a close. The war was over. He remarried, had a daughter, and worked hard and long hours to support his family despite chronic health problems. "He wasn't about to let the poison of what happened to him destroy the future for him. Of course, you can never forget the past. He couldn't just forget scars like that, but he started over. He was surviving."

Holzmann's father had a survivor's spirit, a spirit that she inherited.

Despite a legacy tainted and traumatized by war, death and deprivation, Holzmann embraced her identity as a second-generation survivor.

"Although I didn't fully understand it as a young child, I didn't let the Holocaust stop me from exploring my Jewish Heritage," she said, recalling when she asked her father for a Jewish Star.

"I wanted to show him and everyone I was proud of being a Jew. I didn't necessarily do it to make him feel better- it was how I felt. I took pride in my father accomplishing what he had accomplished," she said. Now,

she is a voice for her brothers and sisters. She is a voice for her father- his bravery and courage.

She is a voice for the next generation of survivors.

"I didn't realize that I was a second-generation Holocaust survivor, or it didn't become clear to me until I started searching for my own identity. Things that had gone dormant in my mind came out in my heart. All of these memories surfaced. That's when the full reality of my role as a second-generation survivor came to fruition," she said.

"At this point, we have to build hope towards the future rather than dwelling in the past- not forgetting the past or diminishing its importance- but approaching it in a new light," she said.

We must all find ways to share the true stories of the Holocaust with every generation so we can stand up and stand firm against hatred, confront conspiracy with facts, ignorance with education and indifference with involvement.

We must not only remember the past but dream of a better future. "Moving forward and being optimistic is our only option. If we are not optimistic about the future, we are handing a victory to the enemy," Holzmann said.

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White

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He didn't know he was walking into what proved to be one of the best-kept secrets on the Fleming Island High campus.

As he entered the Hall of Champions lobby, he saw Florida Rep. Sam Garrison. And his parents. Then Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley. He also noticed his parents, who were supposed to be out of town.

His shock turned into excitement when he saw his classmates in his AICE class. That's when he knew something big was about to happen.

White learned on Jan. 10 he was selected to receive the rare U.S. Senate Youth Program scholarship. What surprised him was how everyone else reacted to the accomplishment.

Federal, state, county and school officials planned to commemorate White's accomplishment for two weeks. The difficult part was keeping it a secret.

"When it actually happened, I was like, wow, because I'm very involved politically," the senior said. "I've never seen that many of the officials in one place at one time. It just meant the world to me."

Garrison and Bradley were joined by Superintendent David Broskie, members of the school board, county commission, Fleming Island High administration and a representative from U.S. Rep. Alan Bean's office.

"I cannot believe, honestly, that that happened," White said. "I was told it was just going to be a one-on-one interview."

The Senate Youth Program will allow White to join 103 other high school juniors and seniors for a weeklong, behind the



Fleming Island High senior Brady White is shocked when he was greeted by Florida Rep. Sam Garrison, left, at a ceremony commemorating his U.S. Senate Youth Program selection. White then got to celebrate with his AICE classmates before heading to Washington, D.C. for a week.



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

scene, look at how Congress works. White and another student from Miami will represent Florida, and they will shadow Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott. White is the only student from Clay County to win the

"I entered this world, I have always been told politics is so dysfunctional," White said. "I found the best people in politics really want to be better for the community."

White had to write an essay, provide details of his community service, and show recommendations from school, civic and elected officials. White is the Chairman of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and the only student with the Clay Education Foundation.

Fleming Island Principal Thomas Pittman told Broskie White's work with the Student Advisory Council has helped bridge

the gap between educators and students.

"This is a group of students that give a voice for the district's leadership to hear what students are thinking, what issues are important to students," Pittman said. "He's advocated on your behalf. And has done an admirable job of leading a very diverse group. I would say some are strong-willed people. There's no doubt Brady has the drive to be successful in life and is a real example."

Pittman also suggested White's political ambition may go all the way to the White House. "Someday he might be in charge of all of us," he said.

White will attend the University of Florida next year and study Political Science with hopes of someday being a Judge Advocate General lawyer in the U.S. Navy. A portion of his college expenses will be offset by a \$10,000 scholarship that came

with the Senate Youth Program selection.

"I worked for Senator Rubio on his campaign, so that's kind of like why I'm so excited because I'll be able to see him now in his official capacity rather than just his campaign capacity," White said. "That'll be very interesting."

"I've never met Rick Scott, so that'll be cool as well. I should have met the President (Joe Biden) actually in July because I was one of the two to represent the state at Voice Nation. We were supposed to meet the President, but that was the week he had COVID, so he had to quarantine. We couldn't meet him, but we got to meet his dog."

This time, White will join Rubio and Scott at a reception for all Senate Youth Program winners. That gathering usually attracts as many as 80 from the House of Representatives.

Letter to the editor

The Way Free Medical Clinic needs everyone's support to address lack of much-needed dental insurance

Dear Editor:

More than 100 clinics affiliated through the Florida Association of Free and Charitable clinics have served hundreds of thousands uninsured, low-income Floridians, caring for those who simply can't afford insurance coverage or care.

We thank Reps. Bobby Payne and Sam Garrison and Sen. Bradley who have supported this effort through a cost-effective funding appropriation with a more than 20-to-1 return on investment.

While the need for free medical care remains high, the need for dental care is

even greater due the high number of Clay County residents without dental insurance. Dental care access is one of the top health priorities identified by Clay's health needs assessments and plans, and The Way Free Medical Clinic is building a new free medical/dental clinic this year to address this need. Additional state funds would help immensely to fill the dental care gap.

Don Fann
Executive Director,
The Way Free Medical Clinic

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Ronald Franklin Puffenbarger

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Frederick C. Shively

Frederick C. Shively, 84, of Middleburg, FL, passed away Jan. 29, 2023

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Karl B. Shinn

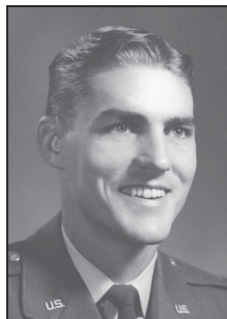
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Colonel Marvin Albert Mollnow

Colonel Marvin Albert Mollnow peacefully passed away, January 13, 2023 at his home in Green Cove Springs, Florida, surrounded by his loving family. He was born, September 23, 1928, in Silver Creek, New York. The following year, his mother died unexpectedly and he, and his sister Trudy, moved to Jacksonville,

Florida, to live with their Aunt Helen and Uncle Frank Merrill. Marvin attended Fletcher High School, where he was captain of the football team and excelled on the track team, as a hurdler and sprinter. On an ROTC scholarship, he attended Georgia Military College, where he was the Guidon Bearer for his unit. He also played football, ran track, played baseball and tennis. Following graduation,



Marvin Albert Mollnow

he continued with his ROTC scholarship at the University of Florida, where he played center for the Gators and pledged ATO. He continued his education at Florida State University, where he remained an ATO and embraced fraternity life. ROTC kept him busy with classes, drills and marching. He continued football, playing center and linebacker, as well as track, earning several AAU medals. At his graduation in 1954, he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in The United States Air Force and reported for duty at Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas. Three months later, he married his college sweetheart, Dorothy Sheftall, in Atlanta, Georgia. They settled in Houston for 1 year, then on to Topeka, Kansas, where he was stationed at Forbes AFB. Soon, they would add two sons to their family, Marvin Jr. and Kurt.

Marvin's natural leadership skills helped move him, rapidly, through many levels of duty and responsibility. Within 6 years, he was assigned to the prestigious Strategic Air Command, as a navigator. The escalating tensions, of the Cold War, placed him on many hazardous missions, some very near the coast of Russia. In 1965, one such mission involved a hailstorm of artillery fire, from the Soviets. For this, he was awarded The Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight." TDYs took him to many places in Europe, the Middle East and Western Asia. For three years, he and his family lived in Okinawa, Japan while he was stationed at Kadena AFB. Dorothy managed the Military Wives Travel Club, and the family enjoyed many trips around the Asian continent. From Japan, Marvin

and his family made their final military move to Omaha, Nebraska where he would be stationed at Offutt AFB, home of the Strategic Air Command. In 1974, Marvin retired from the Air Force with the rank of Bird Colonel after 20 years of service, logging over 10,000 hours flying time, as well as numerous medals, awards, and commendations. In August 1974, Marvin began another 20-year career as educator and coach, at Orange Park High School. He taught Driver Education and coached football, wrestling, cross-country and track. With 2 sons on the wrestling team, the family's spare time revolved around practices and meets. During this time, he established Boy Scout Troop #20 in Orange Park. Being Scoutmaster, coach and teacher kept him very busy. He loved playing golf, as well as watching all the big tournaments, on television. For about 15 years, he volunteered at The Player's Championship at Sawgrass. He began running and became active in the Florida Striders and the Jacksonville Track Club, serving on the board of both. He also served as Race Director of several large runs in Orange Park and Jacksonville. In 1987, Marvin married Cindy Kline. Running, travel, history, Jacksonville Symphony, Florida State football, whitewater rafting and, eventually, Jacksonville Jaguars, filled their time, when not working. Marvin ran 27 marathons and hundreds of road races, after the age of 56. He ran The Boston Marathon 5 times, The New York City Marathon, and The Marine Corp Marathon 4 times each, as well as many others. He enjoyed meeting up with Air Force friends at all the 55th Wing and Combat Apple reunions. In 1998, son Spencer was born and life became very busy. He cherished his time with his mini-me. Getting an RV made trips much easier. They traveled extensively visiting many National Parks, National Battlefield Parks, historical places and much of Canada. As with his older sons, he was actively involved with Spencer's sports and his scouting, from cub scouts, through Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow.

Marvin lived a very long life, blessed with many layers. He strived to be his best in all aspects of his life: family, friends, career, sports, adventures, challenges, as well as setbacks. He lived life to the fullest, always with a positive attitude. He was our Warrior and we will miss him dearly.

Marvin is survived by his wife Cindy, of 35 years; three sons: Marvin Jr, Kurt

and Spencer; grandchildren: Luke, Blake, Taylor, Addison and Grant; great-grandson Drake and, arriving in April 2023, a great-granddaughter; sister, Gertrude (Trudy) Bjorling; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dwight and Leslie Sheftall. Marvin was predeceased by his 2 older brothers, Chester (Chet) and Richard Mollnow and brother-in-law Carl Bjorling.

Marvin's Celebration of Life will be March 26, 1- 4pm, at Club Continental, 2143 Astor Street, Orange Park, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following:

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Clay County Fire Rescue #20, 303 South Oakridge Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

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Our family would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to the following for their tremendous support and care for Marvin, and our family: CNAs Tammy Guertin, Tony Ngondi, Claudette Abaze and Dora Anderson, your kind and loving care is much appreciated; rescue personnel of Clay County Fire Rescue Station #20, we are grateful for your help and attentiveness; VA Home Based Primary Care, thank you for all you do for ALL Disabled Veterans; Community Hospice, thank you for your constant support and comfort.



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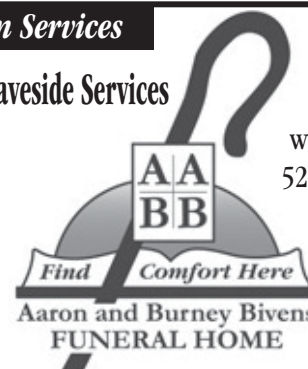
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'She's a little miracle baby'

Lake Asbury girl survives rare form of brain, spinal cord cancer

By Lee Wardlaw
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LAKE ASBURY – Katie Rose Hayes is a bright, active and extremely happy four-year-old girl. She's a student at Pinewood Christian Academy and she excels in her two favorite activities – soccer and music. A bright young little girl, Katie is surrounded by loving family members and has plenty of little friends, too.

Hayes has been enjoying life in Clay County since April 2020 with her mother and father. Before she moved here, her life was marred by a long, bumpy battle with cancer.

Shortly after her birth in 2018, doctors informed her parents, Tom and Mary Hayes, they weren't sure if their little girl would survive after she was diagnosed with cancer with she was four weeks old,

The date was Oct. 25, 2018.

This was when Katie was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme, a rare and aggressive tumor that's found in the brain and spinal cord.

Hayes was considered a healthy baby

when she was born in September, but her parents were in for a grim surprise when they took her to the hospital in Volusia County. Katie was admitted with symptoms including a swollen head and continuous projectile vomiting. Hayes left the hospital with one simple recommendation for her parents: to switch from her previous formula to a new one.

However, after Hayes first-run in with health issues, her grandmother, Rosemary Wells, was onto something.

Katie's mother, Mary Wells, can still recall Rosemary's exact words like it was yesterday.

"Something's not right. You need to call your pediatrician," she said.

The pediatrician advised Katie to return to the hospital, where the infant was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a buildup of fluid within the cavities of the brain.

The next step, the doctor said, was a visit to the Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. There, she received a shunt, a hollow tube that is surgically placed in the brain to help drain cerebrospinal fluid and redirect it to her stomach.

In the flash, Katie's mother and father packed her up in the car and headed straight to Orlando. Mary thought her daughter was asleep in the backseat during the ride, but she would later find out that wasn't the case when the Hayes family arrived at the children's hospital.

Katie's heart rate was dangerously low.

As soon as she arrived, she received a CT scan. That's when Hayes received her grim cancerous diagnosis. The news of the scan results was confirmed in less than a half hour.

After evaluating her prognosis, a team of pediatric intensive care specialists came to the decision that Katie would be taken to surgery the next day – if she survived the night.

While it was a long road to recovery Hayes' prognosis has drastically shifted course since.

Dr. Samer Elbabaa, a world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon at Arnold Palmer, began the operation at 2 p.m on Oct. 26. The majority of a tennis ball-sized tumor that took up 60% of Katie's brain was removed. That's when the little girl started to



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MARY HAYES

Katie Rose Hayes, photographed the night before she was admitted for surgery at the Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children on Oct. 25, 2018.

fight back.

Cancer didn't easily go away after that, the process requiring 10 rounds of chemotherapy.

However, on May 31, the nine-month-old child had the opportunity to ring the cancer-free bell at the hospital, signifying her final round of treatment.

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Katie Rose

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The road to recovery wouldn't have been possible without Elbabaa, who was responsible for conducting the risky, high-stakes surgery.

"She's a little miracle baby. We firmly believe that God has big plans for her life," her mother said.

After leaving the hospital, Hayes was given a new drug called Vitrakvi, which is prescribed for patients that test positive for particular genes that help cancerous tumors grow. The child took the medication from 2019 to 2020.

Miraculously, the child is now back to full health.

Katie will undergo another series of MRIs in February, but any suspected images are believed to be scar tissue. Past

scans in 2021 and 2022 have also come to the same conclusion.

Along with her life being saved, several other miracles were included in Hayes' prognosis during her fight with cancer.

"When (Katie) was going through chemo, they thought she was going to be very, very sick, but she wasn't. She was just thriving and hitting her milestones," the mother said.

Internal organ damage, complete blindness and hearing loss were to be expected, but instead, the child only has some deficiencies with her left-side peripheral vision.

Soon after her recovery, Hayes was hailed as a miracle baby by Elbabaa, his team, and the entire staff.

The story was especially intriguing due to the rarity of the disease in children and the long odds of her survival, her mother said.

Researchers found that only five children in the U.S. had previously been diagnosed with the disease 10 years before Hayes. Katie is the only GBM patient in Arnold Palmer's history.

Hayes' little fingerprints can still be felt in Florida and across the world.

Katie's story is now written about in medical books as a case study for other brain tumors, and doctors at Arnold Palmer still mimic the protocol used during her procedure when performing operations on other children to this very day.

Katie's mother said that people have reached out from as far as Australia, Canada and Germany to inform her of how Hayes' story has impacted their outlook on life.

"People are saying 'If Katie can do this, I can do this', even if it's just something in everyday life. She has a ton of prayer warriors," she said.



From left, Mary Hayes, Katie Rose and Tom are a happy family following Katie's successful treatment and their relocation to Clay County.



Garden Club of Orange Park encourages feeding birds

By Carolyn Warren
Birds, Bees and Butterflies Chairman

ORANGE PARK – In 1994, Congressman John Porter established February as National Bird Feeding Month due to the harsh conditions endured during one of the coldest months of the year. Thankfully, the weather in our Florida area is mild.


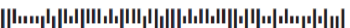
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Local boat sales continue to hit high-water marks since COVID shutdowns

By Lee Wardlaw
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JACKSONVILLE – Following the national lockdown due to COVID-19, boat sales skyrocketed in Clay County in 2021, remained steady in 2022, and could be in store for another rise this year, multiple industry dealers within the county suggested.

Darren Owen oversees sales at Adamec Marine in Orange Park that only sells top-line boat brands like Blackfin, Crownline, Finseeker, Starcraft Marine and K2 Powersports, along with Mercury outboard motors.

Owen was at the 75th annual Jacksonville Boat Show from Jan. 27-29, where he showcased the company's high-dollar watercrafts.

The salesman said boats were in big demand during the pandemic.

"It was hard enough for us to get enough boats," Owen said.

And while some dealers said that their boat sales aren't quite as high as they were during the pandemic, Owen said that Adamec is surpassing the already high mark that they set during COVID.

"I would say that we were up during (the pandemic) with everybody wanting to get out. But I think that we will probably come close to double this year from what we did in 2022. We beat our goal last year



Tim Turbeville and his wife have been co-owners of Salter Marine for 44 years. His Green Cove Springs-based shop sells used boats and does consignments and repairs. To Turbeville, boating is certainly "a no-brainer."

by over 100%, and clearly, we want to beat that goal again this year," he said.

And while Florida's warm weather does offer itself several advantages, such as year-round usage, this trend isn't only taking place in just Clay or the state, Owen said.

"I don't think it's just Clay customers. I think people nationwide are sick and tired of being sick and tired. They just want to go out there and have fun. They just want to live. I have a friend in the Ozarks. He can't keep boats on the ground," Owen said.

Not all boating manufacturers in Clay have quite managed to return to their pandemic-era peak, but that doesn't mean that sales aren't booming across a county that harbors several beautiful waterways like the Black Creek, St. Johns River and others.

This rings especially for Frontrunner Boatworks, a manufacturer based in Green Cove Springs.

Walk into the large warehouse building, and you will see the intricate pieces of the puzzle that it takes to run the operation, with sounds of machines, smells of paint, and sights of a large, dedicated and hard-working group of employees working together on creating the massive boats.

Frontrunner builds 26-, 33-, 36-, 39- and 47-foot center console models.

"Sales are good. We are continuing to sell at the same rate that we're manufacturing. So, we're keeping a consistent backlog. It's not quite like it was during the height of the last couple of years when everyone in the world went out and bought a boat because there was nothing else to do, but after COVID hit, our brand has caught on pretty well, and sales are pretty robust," said Frontrunner co-founder, Mark Lacovara.

Sales are popular to the point that Lacovara and company have been able to take advantage of emerging markets in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. To create a further-reaching impact on customers, Frontrunner was on hand at the Charleston Boat Show during the weekend.

"(Those) areas have become kind of popular with our boats. Most of those people make long runs when they're offshore fishing 60-70 miles off the coast. Our boats do very well in a heavy sea and tend to do it faster than most other boats," he said.

Another advantage in play for Front-



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The Blackfin Model 272 CC, left, and Model 302 CC are two bestsellers at Adamec Marine in Orange Park. Daren Owen, who oversees sales, said Blackfin is the top brand of boats at the dealership today, and it's easy to see why.

runner and other Clay boat dealers and manufacturers? The county is based in an area that is a manageable distance from some of the sought-out destinations in the United States, like Miami and the Florida Keys, and in countries like the Bahamas.

Regardless of what waterway boaters choose, boaters are bound to have a good time.

"It's a family bonding experience. There are so many different things that you can do on a boat. You can cruise, beach at the sand bar. You see things out on the water that you would never see anywhere else. It's not the cheapest recreational opportunity out there, but it's a bang for your buck. You can take the whole family and load up the boat. Just about everybody enjoys a wonderful day out on the water," said Don Passell, owner of Yamaha Marine Center of Jacksonville, which is located in Orange Park.

"It's almost like a no-brainer if you live here. If you're not interested in boating, you probably should be," said Tim Turbeville, co-owner of Salter Marine in Green Cove Springs.



Darren Owen, head of sales for Adamec Marine, is happy to educate customers on the virtues of boating. "I think that boating has the aspect of a little freedom to it. I think air in the face and wind is always a good thing. Going out with people and watching your friends laugh, it's just a feel-good, fun sport. Anyone can own a boat, whether you're Joe Lunchbucket down the street or a multi-millionaire," he said.



Work at Frontrunner Boatworks stays busy at its large, state-of-the-art, warehouse-style facility in Green Cove Springs. Company co-Founder Mark Lacovara stands beside one of his company's creations.

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Volunteers spruce up Daystar Center at Dye-Clay YMCA

By Jo Knott

Founder Daystar Center at Dye-Clay YMCA

ORANGE PARK – When the community is full of bad news about teenagers, there is good news.

Twenty teenagers and adults from Hibernia Baptist Church volunteered recently at the Dye-Clay YMCA's Daystar Center. The center for severely disabled adults got a much-needed exterior makeover. These young people showed they are truly Christ followers by helping their community and serving others.

The pressure washed the 22-year-old building, cleaned up yard debris and landscaped the grounds with plants and mulch.

Local businesses also showed their community pride, by donating labor and materials for the project, including Kenny

at Genesis Services, Bill Hagen of Hagen Ace Hardware, Tim Worthy of Gutter Solutions and Bobby Squires of Bobby's Services.

The Daystar Center is a program developed by Jo and Tony Knott for disabled adults because of their daughter, Rhonda, who was born with Cerebral Palsy. The YMCA maintains the program, staff and more than 35 participants at both Daystar sites – one at Dye Clay Y and one at Barco-Newton YMCA.

"Many thanks to all the volunteers and businesses who helped on this project," Jo Knott said. "The Y and the Daystar families appreciate your time and sacrifice to keep our facility looking so good for years to come."



Volunteers spent the day pressure washing the Daystar Center, as well as cleaning up the yard and adding fresh plants and mulch.

VyStar donates \$31,000 with high school debit card give back program

Third-place Fleming Island High winds up with \$3,571

FLEMING ISLAND – VyStar Credit Union held a ceremony Wednesday, Jan. 25, to celebrate the first year of its High School Debit Card Give Back Program and announce an overall donation of \$31,061.15 to the 18 area high schools that participated in the VyStar Academy of Business High School Branch Program.

Fleming Island High was ranked third among schools from the Northeast Region and received \$3,570.85.

The give back program was launched last year as a way to bring the community together in support of local education. Each school in VyStar's High School Branch Program has a unique debit card that is branded with its school logo. VyStar donated five cents to the corresponding school for every purchase made with that school's debit card, up to \$10,000 a school each year.

"We are incredibly grateful for everyone

who shares in our commitment to support students and educators in our communities and helped make the first year of this program such a success," said VyStar EVP/Chief Operations Officer Chad Meadows. "This program is meant to be an opportunity for students, teachers, alumni and anyone with pride in their neighborhood school to make a difference through their everyday purchases. We encourage anyone who is interested in participating to get involved."

The five schools that were the top earners were Bartram Trail High, West Nassau, Fleming Island, Palatka and Pedro Menendez.

Middleburg, Orange Park and Clay highs also participated in the program.

Any VyStar member with a personal checking account can visit a branch to request a school-branded debit card. Additionally, opening a personal checking account can be done online, at a branch or by calling VyStar's Contact Center at (904) 777-6000 or (800) 445-6289. VyStar's Contact Cen-



ter representatives are available every day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., excluding holidays. For information about a specific branch, please visit VyStar's Locations page.

"We are so proud of the schools in our High School Branch Program, and we know these funds will be put to great use," said Michael Rathjen, VyStar's Vice President of School Programs. "It's exciting to know how popular these debit cards have become. This is only the first year of our Give Back Program, and we look forward to donating even more money to our school partners in

the future."

VyStar launched the High School Branch Program in 2006 to provide work-site experience and paid internship opportunities to students across the communities it serves. The program enables students to experience the inner workings of key financial services, as the day-to-day operations of the high school branches are managed by a team of students under the co-supervision of the school's career and technical education teacher and VyStar personnel.

SJR State College to hold financial aid, FAFSA event at Orange Park campus

ORANGE PARK – St. Johns River State College will present "FAFSA 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. 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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Employees with different abilities get meaningful work with Challenge Enterprises’ joint venture with BallHawker, which collects about 8,000 balls a day from golf courses. Challenge Enterprises at their Green Cove Springs warehouse then package the used balls for sale.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2040 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MAP OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearing will be held in the BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The ordinance to be transmitted is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE 2040 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MAP OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT TO ADD A FUTURE MULTIUSE TRAIL ALONG SR 21; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners

recovered golf balls are delivered several times a week and employees with different abilities are employed to process the balls for reuse. Recovered golf balls deemed reusable are scrubbed, air-dried and sorted according to quality.

Balls are then sorted into premium brands such as Callaway, Bridgestone, Snell, Srixon, TaylorMade, Titleist and Vice. These brands are then boxed, labeled and sold by BallHawker or in Golf Pro Shops throughout the state. Any remaining useable golf balls are packed, shipped and sold in bulk to other retailers.

Challenge Enterprises looks forward to the continuous success and opportunities this partnership will bring in the future. The golf balls purchased from BallHawker

will help the waterways stay clean and bring support to small businesses. In addition, it will allow Challenge Enterprises to increase their job opportunities for those living with disabilities.

“In the past nine months, the BallHawker enterprise has grown from 14 golf courses yielding 20,000 golf balls per week to 40 golf courses yielding 50,000-plus golf balls per week,” Young said.

“This growth translates into more job opportunities and a greater number of individuals becoming independent members of our community.”

To learn more about Challenge Enterprises visit www.challengeenterprises.org. To learn more about BallHawker visit ballhawker.com.

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Love of water, Jesus leads to creation of Saltwater Gospel in Orange Park

By Lee Wardlaw

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ORANGE PARK – Shawn Moss is an agent at Florida Farm Bureau Insurance in Middleburg, but when he's not in the office, you'll likely either find him doing one of two things: reading his Bible or fishing on St. Johns River, Black Creek or another beautiful waterway.

That's why the Orange Park resident combined his strong passion for fishing and unfailing love for Jesus when creating his small business in 2020: Saltwater Gospel.

The brand sells performance fishing apparel, lifestyle apparel, performance hats, Dri-Fit headwear and Solar UPF wear.

Also available are two versions of Jesus-themed bumper stickers – one of the Christian religious figure holding a freshly-caught red drum and the other of the Savior posing with a sea trout.

Moss said his love for fishing and how the thrilling, fun outdoor activity helps him further connect with the awesome higher power that he so strongly believes in.

"Fishing is just really special to me. I consider it my church. You won't see me in church every Sunday. I believe that my church is on the water. A lot of hunters and fishermen will tell you the same thing, that they're closer to God out on the water or in the tree stand," he said.

Moss said that he wants to further express faith through his products, but that the items are for everybody regardless of religious beliefs.

"I didn't want to make a cliché Christian brand. I actually want to make dope products that people will wear. I couldn't

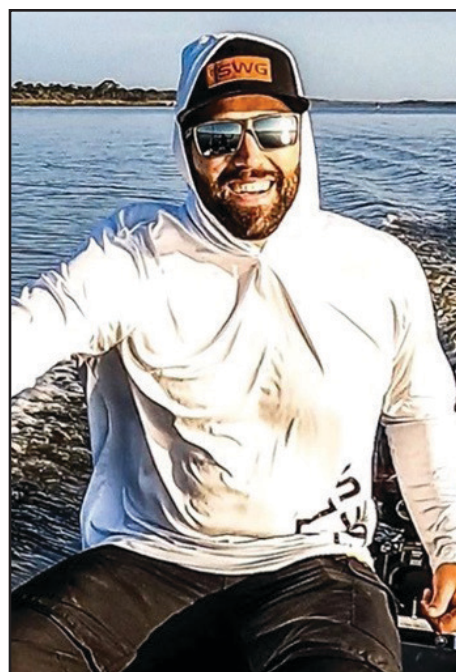


Available in both the red drum and trout editions, religious-themed stickers have been a hot seller for Saltwater Gospel, an Orange Park-based performance fishing and lifestyle apparel brand that has been in business for nearly three years.

tell you how many times people walked by my booth and said 'Oh man, that's a cool hat.' I really wanted to make lifestyle apparel that people can go fishing with or go out for a happy hour in," he said.

The entrepreneur envisions Saltwater Gospel as a casual, open-door avenue for those who may be interested in learning more about Christ, Moss said.

"It's just a creative invitation to open discussion. I think fishing is a great platform for that. Some people that buy my



Shawn Moss is the founder and CEO of Saltwater Gospel, a faith-based fishing brand that was founded in 2020. The company sells fan-favorite performance fishing and lifestyle apparel such as performance hats, Dri-Fit headwear and Solar UPF wear.

products do share my beliefs, and some don't," he said.

In the meantime, Moss has enjoyed impressive sales and attending several events to promote his products.

"Sales were really good in the fourth quarter of 2022 and we hope to continue that in 2023," Moss said.

Saltwater Gospel was on hand at the 75th annual Jacksonville Boat Show at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center last weekend and toured several other events across the state a year ago, including the Orange Park Town Festival.

"I'm just trying to get out in the community and love people. My goal is to do this full-time," he said.

The venture took a major self-commitment from Shawn to get everything going in the beginning and didn't come without scary moments.

"It was a little scary, you know. 'Where am I going to get the money for this, and what if I go all in and go into debt?' I had a fear of failure," Moss said.

The community's positive reactions to his products, however, allowed Moss to harbor a renewed sense of hope in his endeavor.

"Once I got that positive feedback from the community and when it was so well received by Clay County, it gave me the confidence to step out and move forward," he said.

To find out more about Saltwater Gospel, call or text (904) 282-0497 or visit www.saltwatergospel.com.

121 Financial Credit Union opens Orange Park branch

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Anyone looking for an auto loan won't have to go far since 121 Financial Credit Union opened on 6801 Blanding Blvd. The new branch incorporates more technology and improves member access with a more efficient and safer traffic flow.

Grand opening activities will continue through Feb. 4, and it will include a tailgate-style breakfast or lunch to celebrate the Jacksonville Jaguars' season success, raffles and prizes and gift cards for anyone who opens new checking and savings accounts.

The new branch also serves as 121 Financial Credit Union's "Blanding Auto Mile" loan center, providing a hyperlocal auto loan resource for consumers purchasing new or used vehicles along the Blanding corridor populated by multiple auto dealerships.

"We know many people are experiencing challenges and high costs with new and used vehicle purchases in our current economic climate," said David Marovich, chief executive officer for 121 Financial Credit Union. "We are here to help alleviate those challenges and make the car-buying experi-

ence as convenient and inexpensive as possible to help our neighbors get back on the road without sacrificing their future financial success."

The Orange Park branch features a 24-hour ATM and a Live Teller Machine, which virtually connects members to live teller representatives during business hours. The new location also includes a fee-free coin machine, safe deposit boxes and enhanced parking security for added protection for members accessing the ATM 24 hours a day.

"Our team takes great pride in serving our neighbors in the greater Orange Park area," said Shannon Hopkins, Orange Park branch manager for 121 Financial Credit Union. "We are a part of this community and active in numerous local causes and initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for all of our neighbors, no matter their current financial position or outlook. We are thrilled with our new location and the opportunities ahead for all of us to grow together and offer loan opportunities for car shoppers on Blanding Boulevard."

For more information on the new Orange Park branch, visit www.121fcu.org.



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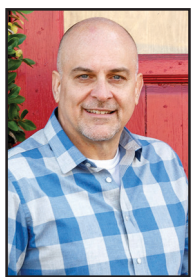
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Serenity Prayer

Proverbs 23:26 says, "O my son, give me your heart. May your eyes take delight in following my ways."

Many know the Serenity prayer; or think they do! The prayer is attributed to American Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. Most know this part: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference." Pretty cool stuff!

But did you know there's more? It continues to say, "Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen." WOW!

Here's the challenge. Recite each day this prayer and focus on the SECOND part. If you want peace, calm, comfort, and an escape from the chaos, here's the prescription. Surrender. Luke 9:23 says, Luke 9:23 says, "Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."

Being a believer and experiencing true, lasting peace means living by Jesus' way and not our own.

That means we will have to practice sacrifice and surrender. While it may seem like we are simply giving things up, I assure you that what we receive on the other side is so much better. The things of this world are fleeting, but the peace, love, and joy you'll experience in the Lord are eternal!

Let the truth found in this beautiful and famous prayer come to shape your heart toward God and give you the inspiration to surrender to the Lord. As you recite it each day, the Lord will renew you from the inside out and grant you a new and more powerful identity in Him!

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

SJR State library named after Rep. Cliff Stearns

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – The Honorable Clifford B. Stearns' profound love for reading, knowledge and progress led him to gift to St. Johns River State College Foundation \$300,000, "the largest donation received from a single donor," said Foundation's executive director Brian Bergen.

In honor of his generosity, SJR State recently dedicated its Orange Park Campus Library as the Clifford B. Stearns Learning Resources Center. Rep. Stearns allocated \$250,000 to aid students through scholarships and \$50,000 was given to create an endowed scholarship in engineering.

Stearns served in Congress for Florida's 6th district (1989-2013) and is an executive director of APCO Worldwide's Washington, D.C. office, where he serves as a member of APCO's International Advisory Council.

Stearns' commitment to Northeast Florida and to education continues to be at the forefront.

"St. Johns River State College is educating and training the heart of this community. It uniquely adapts the delivery of its programs to the needs and goals of its students, changing the path of their lives forever," Stearns said. "Meeting the needs of our communities has always been my top priority, and to be able to continue that work here at St. Johns River State College is both an honor and a blessing. Educating our citizens strengthens our democracy. An educated citizenship makes for informed voters, who are actively participating in our future as a nation. This is the key to our democracy."

Stearns' passion for growth, thought and purpose became evident to the College community when he served as the SJR State's Spring 2022 Commencement speaker.

Stearns gifted a copy of the book "As a Man Thinketh," by James Allen, to each of the attending graduates as an inspirational



token. SJR State President Joe Pickens said the donation will make a positive impact on many students' lives and will leave a substantial mark in the history of the College.

Stearns' extensive career includes broad experience as a business owner, legislator, issues advocate and policy leader. As chair of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, he helped increase transparency in the federal government. Stearns served as the Republican leader on the Communications, Technology and Internet Subcommittee and was chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, where he enacted consumer privacy and data security legislation.

Congressman Stearns was a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, where he advocated for increased funding for the VA and improved long-term care for veterans. As chairman of the Transatlantic Dialogue for the European Union, he was appointed primary liaison between the U.S. House of Representatives and elected members of the European Parliament.

Prior to his election to the United States Congress, Congressman Stearns worked for CBS, Inc. and Kotula advertising company in Greenwich, Connecticut. He then

started his own company as president and chief operating officer of Stearns House, Inc., which managed, operated and owned motels and restaurants in Florida.

Earlier, he was a captain in the United States Air Force and served four years as an aerospace project engineer providing satellite reconnaissance of Vietnam. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for distinguished service and meritorious achievement and later received the Air Force Association W. Stuart Symington Award, the highest honor presented to a civilian in the field of national security. He was also honored with the St. Gabriel Possenti Medallion Award and the Charles Dick Medal of Merit.

Congressman Stearns served on numerous congressional caucuses including the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Caucus, the Cystic Fibrosis Caucus and the Congressional Air Force Caucus. Among his accomplishments as a Member of Congress, he had several prominent bills signed into law, including establishing a program of extended care services for veterans, modernizing the accelerated approval pathway for rare disease drugs, and setting a noise level to alert blind and other pedestrians to the presence of motor vehicles. In addition, he proposed several pieces of legislation concerning data privacy, spectrum transmission, and consumer product safety.

Congressman Stearns earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He took courses with Harbridge House Inc. Los Angeles on Advanced Problems in Defense Contracting and with the University of California Engineering Extension at UCLA on space communications. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society (formerly Sigma Tau) and Theta Tau professional engineering fraternity. Congressman Stearns is a member of the Metropolitan Club of Washington, D.C. and the Capitol Hill Club.

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Police Briefs

Jacksonville man arrested for impregnating 16-year-old girl

JACKSONVILLE – A 28-year-old Jacksonville man was arrested after the Clay County Sheriff’s Office determined he impregnated a 16-year-old girl.

Kentrell Damond Cox was charged with sexual battery, lewd and lascivious behavior and transmitting obscene material after a Clay County girl told investigators with the Special Victims Unit learned the girl was six months pregnant after having “other sexual encounters” with Cox. According to the affidavit for an arrest warrant, the encounters happened between June 1, 2021 and Aug. 1, 2022.

Cox was being held in the Clay County Jail with at \$200,006 bond.



Kentrell Cox

GCSPD use knees, batons to wrestle control of enraged man

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – An enraged man who was accused of violating an injunction by chasing his victim was arrested on Jan. 25 after he ran into a Green Cove Springs Police Department patrol car and wrestling with officers after he was handcuffed.

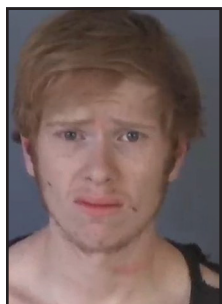
Joseph Nicholas Hudson, 25, of Calahan, was charged with aggravated assault of a police officer, resisting a police officer with violence, violation of injunction against domestic violence, battery, tampering a witness to withhold testimony and vandalism after a woman called GCSPD after Hudson refused to leave her home.

According to the injunction, Hudson wasn’t allowed to be at the victim’s home, job, school and other property or to make any communication with her until Jan. 4, 2024.

Hudson fled the woman’s house at officers arrived, but he returned. Two officers with Green Cove Springs attempted to stop him, but he hit one of the patrol cars and a tree on Haven Avenue.

Once we was detained, Hudson continued to fight with officers and a deputy with the Clay County Sheriff’s Office, and they were forced to use their knees and baton strikes to get him to comply.

Hudson is schedule to be in court on Feb. 26. His bond was set at \$45,015.



Joseph Hudson

Jacksonville man busted for threatening to kill woman

ORANGE PARK – No matter how many times a woman moved and attempted to hide her identity, the Clay County Sheriff’s Office said Dontae Cameron Reid tracked her down and continued to threaten her.

Reid, 31, of Jacksonville, was arrested on Jan. 26 and charged with aggravated stalking, written threats to kill or do bodily harm after sending the woman threatening text messages.

The ordeal started in October 2020, according to the affidavit for arrest warrant. On May 4, 2020, she started getting as many as 50 calls a day and that lasted for nearly seven months.

Reid’s bond was set at \$100,006. His next court appearance is scheduled for Feb. 21.

Four tracked down by air pod GPS following car break-ins

CLAY COUNTY – The Sheriff’s Office arrested four people following a rash of car break-ins.

Dartrell Thybault Jones, 18, of Orange Park, Kevious Jatrell Stillwell, 18, Stevon Aurthello Parker, 18, and Antonia Angel Cobb, 20, all of Jacksonville, were each charged with three counts of burglary after they were accused of breaking into cars in Orange Park and Oakleaf on Jan. 25.

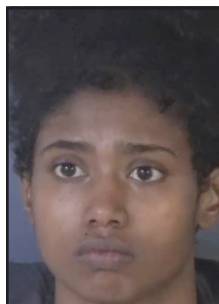
They were arrested after a man on Arbor Mill Circle in Orange Park saw home surveillance video of the four breaking into his son’s car. A second victim said a wallet with credit and debit cards was taken, as well as a set of air pods. The victim from was able to track down the air pods with GPS, which led deputies to the Oakleaf area. Another break-in was discovered there, but CCSO had enough information from GPS to make a “high risk traffic stop,” which led to the arrest of all four.



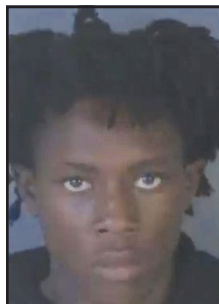
Dartrell Jones



Kevious Stillwell



Antonia Cobb



Stevon Parker

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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.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

- Maryellen Boardl, 57, Orange Park, shoplifting
- Christina R. McClure, 48, Middleburg, fugitive from justice
- Edwin S. Gustafson, 30, Green Cove Springs, VOP-resisting law enforcement with lights/siren active, VOP-possession-controlled substance, VOP-possession-marijuana
- Selena M. Jenkins, 26, Orange Park, grand theft
- Claribel Diaz, 30, Orange Park, grand theft
- Marissa S. Kirkland, 25, Orange Park, VOP-possession-drug paraphernalia
- Sharon L. Browning, 68, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR
- Michael J.D. Bragg, 33, Green Cove Springs, illegally obtaining property
- Michael W. Castor, 62, Keystone Heights, petit theft
- Chaheim A. Prezzy, 22, Green Cove Springs, shoplifting
- Michael P. Dazey, 41, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR
- Brenton T. Rhoden, 48, Green Cove Springs, grand theft auto
- Mark E. Orbe, 52, Green Cove Springs, three counts FTA
- Vincent M. Myers, 40, Orange Park, violation of injunction from protection against domestic violence

- Devin L. Bradley, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA
- Cassandra L. Mills, 28, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia
- William H. Thornton, 31, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions for domestic violence
- Marcus J. Waters, 46, Middleburg, written/electronic threat to kill/do bodily harm
- Jonathan B. Sampson, 35, Orange Park, trespassing

Tuesday, Jan. 30

- Timothy M. Hughes, 37, Middleburg, six counts VOP-community control
- Michael R. Williams, 35, Keystone Heights, trespassing
- Christopher J. Layfield, 37, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-community control
- Alyssa B. Avery, 31, Green Cove Springs, trafficking-amphetamine/methamphetamine, trafficking-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, trafficking-cocaine, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia, DWLSR
- Jamielee Woods, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-battery, VOP-disorderly conduct
- Kimberly L. Williams, 36, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control
- Joshua K. Cuevas, 35, Orange Park, possession-marijuana with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver
- William T. White, 30, Orange Park, petit theft
- Joshua A. Swann, 33, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail
- Robert M. Serrano, 31, Green Cove

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Apple

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sections to Thursday night's Apple Awards at the Thrasher-Horne Center.

Both received rousing cheers as Superintendent David Broskie announced their names from a group of five finalists for both categories.

Rosario-Castillo also received a \$1,500 check from Garber Automall, while Miller drove away in a 2023 Chevrolet Malibu – also provided by Garber.

Each school in the Clay County District Schools had a teacher and school-related who moved into the countywide competition. From there, the list was narrowed to five women in each group.

Miller has been teaching for 25 years. She serves as a Teacher Model Classroom for her school, Math Field Day Coach and is a Professional Learning Community leader where she spends time modeling lessons for other teachers, creating assessments, and supporting new teachers. She also is the coordinator for Lake Asbury Elementary's Robotics Team and Club.



Superintendent David Broskie joins Teacher of the Year Heather Miller (left) of Lake Asbury Elementary and Student-Related Employee of the Year Abigal Rosario-Castillo of Orange Park Elementary.

"Students deserve an advocate to facilitate new learning experiences. My hope is to spark an interest, passion, and deep love for a future career in STEM," Miller said.

The rest of the top-five finalists for Teacher of the Year included Middleburg Elementary's Ashleigh Haug, Ridgeview Elementary's Kristin Makar, Patterson Elementary's Jennifer Roach and Clay High's



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Christine Wirt.

Rosario-Castillo has been part of Orange Park Elementary since 2007 when she began as a parent volunteer where she served more than 100 hours a year. In 2016, Rosario-Castillo became the Media Technical Assistant. As the Media Technical Assistant, Rosario-Castillo made a personal commitment to promoting diverse authors or books with characters who are

female or people of color. Rosario-Castillo strives to know the reading habits and preferences of the students and is often asked for recommendations from students, teachers and parents. "She is an advocate for our students and works diligently to instill a love of reading in our children," school Assistant Principal Dr. Suzanne Herndon said. The other finalists for School-Related Employees of the Year were Michelle De La Cruz Colon of Ridgeview High, Windy Hane of Grove Park Elementary, Jessica Thomas of Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High and Joanne Wager of S. Bryan Jennings Elementary.

Teachers Tiarra Coffee of Lakeside Junior High, Nena Wooley of Fleming Island High and Shane Skapetis of Bannerman Learning Center and school-related employees Beth Davis of Montclair Elementary Alexis Hendry of Clay Hill Elementary were singled out as winners of Apple Spotlight Awards.

Former Sen. Rob Bradley (Clay High), volleyball player Amanda Youell (Fleming Island) and baseball relief pitcher Skylar Arias (Oakleaf) all were selected to the Clay County Alumni Hall of Fame.

Arrests

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Springs, lewd/lascivious behavior to child, carnal intercourse with unmarried child, use of computer to solicit/lure/seduce child, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony

Monday, Jan. 29

Erin M. Fitzgerald, 30, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Christopher J. Joplin, 34, Middleburg, DUI, refusal to submit to BAL test, DWLSR

Michael S. Hall, 24, Middleburg, battery

Kenneth S. Smith, 46, Middleburg, DWLSR

Drake S. Thompson, 23, Orange Park, domestic battery

Charles J. Bailey, 36, Keystone Heights, DWLSR

Christopher S. Miles, 45, Orange Park, shoplifting

Jarred M. Lawson, 37, Oakleaf, domestic battery

Arrests: Irah C. Marshall, 48, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Delisha R. Ricks, 40, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Esther Williams 37, Orange Park, vandalism

Jose A. Lozano, 42, Keystone Heights, driving without valid license

Marquess L. Sutton, 22, Middleburg, trespassing

Charlotte M. McNeil, 68, Fleming Island, DUI

Jeremiah L. Riggs, 42, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana

Kevin J. Stillwell, 18, Orange Park, burglary

Dartrell T. Jones, 18, Orange Park, burglary

Stevon A. Parker, 18, Orange Park, burglary

Antonia A. Cobb, 20, Orange Park, burglary

Sherard E. Brown, 46, Oakleaf, DWLSR

Kathleen s. Rosborough, 58, Fleming Island, DUI

Scott G. Ballou, 34, Keystone Heights, trespassing

Angela L. Stewart, 50, Keystone Heights, fugitive from justice

Mark A. Stevens, 19, Middleburg, violation of conditions for release/possession-controlled substance, violation of conditions for release/possession-drug paraphernalia, possession-controlled substance

Kevin C. Barrows, 22, Orange Park, aggravated domestic violence battery with deadly weapon, aggravated battery with deadly weapon

Cody A. Carpenter, 30, Keystone Heights, possession-drug paraphernalia, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Dyllan B Page, 19, Keystone Heights, DWLSR

Dominique T. Williams, 23, Green Cove Springs, FTA-driving without valid license

Mark A. Martinez, 63, Orange Park, VOP-violation of sex offender registration

Joshua A. Swann, 33, Orange Park, battery

Jackie R.J. Nash, 25, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-armed burglary

Donald W. Messer, 38, Middleburg, FTA

Dontae C. Reid, 31, Orange Park, aggravated stalking, written threats to kill/do bodily harm

Timothy J. Wiley, 19, Green Cove

William T. White, 30, Green Cove Springs, petit theft

Pablo Davila, 51, Middleburg, battery

Daniel G. Gessell, 31, Middleburg, VOP-battery

Kevin J. Stillwell, 18, Orange Park, burglary

Dartrell T. Jones, 18, Orange Park, burglary

Stevon A. Parker, 18, Orange Park, burglary

Antonia A. Cobb, 20, Orange Park, burglary

Joseph N. Hudson, 25, Green Cove Springs, aggravated assault on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, resisting law enforcement with violence, violation of pretrial release conditions for dating violation, battery, vandalism, tampering with misdemeanor proceeding

Nash also violated the terms of his probation by falling behind by \$768 in payments to the probation office.

Nash originally was convicted of armed burglary of several cars in the Oakleaf area in 2019. He was sentenced to two years in prison and four years of probation.

Arrests: Irah C. Marshall, 48, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Delisha R. Ricks, 40, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Esther Williams 37, Orange Park, vandalism

Jose A. Lozano, 42, Keystone Heights, driving without valid license

Marquess L. Sutton, 22, Middleburg, trespassing

Charlotte M. McNeil, 68, Fleming Island, DUI

Jeremiah L. Riggs, 42, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana

Kevin J. Stillwell, 18, Orange Park, burglary

Dartrell T. Jones, 18, Oakleaf, burglary

Stevon A. Parker, 18, Oakleaf, burglary

Antonia A. Cobb, 20, Oakleaf, burglary

Johnathan D. Ervin, 38, Middleburg, possession-marijuana

William T. White, 30, Green Cove Springs, petit theft

Pablo Davila, 51, Middleburg, battery

Daniel G. Gessell, 31, Middleburg, VOP-battery

Kevin J. Stillwell, 18, Orange Park, burglary

Dartrell T. Jones, 18, Orange Park, burglary

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Police

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CCSO: Man arrested for attacking couple with crowbar

ORANGE PARK – A man was arrested after a couple was attacked with a crowbar in the parking lot of a fast food restaurant on Jan. 27.

Kevin Charles Barrows, 22, of Orange Park, was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and aggravated domestic violence battery with a deadly weapon after the Clay County Sheriff's Of-

ice said the couple left the restaurant and were met by Barrows, who attacked a woman sitting in the passenger seat. A man ran around the truck and struck Barrows with a level to protect the woman, CCSO said.

The woman told deputies she had "been harassed" by Barrows for years.

Barrows' bond was set at \$35,006.

Man on probation back in jail after being caught with handgun

ORANGE PARK – A Jacksonville man

was arrested for violating the terms of his probation after the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office caught him with a handgun during a traffic stop.

Jackie Rashad Jacque Nash, 21, was back in the Clay County Jail after being charged with possessing a handgun as a convicted felon.

According to the Florida Department of Corrections, Nash's probation was revoked after he was arrested on Aug. 13, 2021, for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Corrections said Nash was stopped for

nontransparent window tint. He got out of the passenger side of the front seat and he refused orders by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to return to the car. He tried to run, but he slipped and fell. Deputies then found a .45-caliber handgun under the car where he fell.

Nash also violated the terms of his probation by falling behind by \$768 in payments to the probation office.

Nash originally was convicted of armed burglary of several cars in the Oakleaf area in 2019. He was sentenced to two years in prison and four years of probation.

Oakleaf's Deuschle to join 38 others at Eagle Scout induction ceremony

Annual event happening Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

By Don Coble
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OAKLEAF – Ean Deuschle's first idea for his Eagle Scout project was to create a display to commemorate Orange Park Elementary's 100th anniversary. But when the school didn't show much interest in the project, he had to develop a new idea.

After meeting with the Sons of the American Revolution, he had another good idea. This time, it worked.

Deuschle built an American flag retirement box for Hagan Ace Hardware on Blanding Boulevard. It helped him achieve his goal of earning his Eagle Scout status and gave the county a proper way to retire old flags.

"I had an amazing interaction with the Sons of the American Revolution," Deuschle said. "I asked what I could possibly do

that might be able to benefit them. They offered suggestions like doing a flag ceremony and building a flag retirement box since a lot of people around town have no clue what to do with their flag, so it ends up just they get thrown away. That's tough. There's a better way to do it. That's honestly disrespectful to the American flag."

Along with 38 other Eagle Scouts, Deuschle's work will be recognized Saturday night when they will be inducted into the highest rank in scouting. The Bartram Trail District ceremony will be at Sullivan Hall at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Fleming Island.

Deuschle's Eagle Project consisted of designing and building a large free-standing collection box for American flags needing to be retired. He also hosted an educational community American flag retirement ceremony where he retired more than 200 flags that he had collected.

Deuschle graduated from Oakleaf High, and he's now studying Astrophysics



Ean Deuschle's flag retirement box helped him earn the rank of Eagle Scout. He will join 38 other scouts at their induction ceremony on Saturday night.



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at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne.

All 39 Eagles, including six girls, will receive proclamations and certificates of accomplishment from several public and community organizations. They also will get their white neckerchiefs and a five-year membership in the National Eagle

Scout Association.

To reach the rank of Eagle Scout, members must earn at least 21 merit badges.

The Bartram Trail District consists of scouts from Clay, Bradford and Putnam counties.

Dinner and induction will start at 7 p.m.



Ean Deuschle gets help while constructing a box where residents can properly discard their old American Flags at Hagan Ace Hardware at 1022 Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park.



DINA ELIZABETH WASKEVICH
January 13, 2022

Dina began her scouting adventure when she joined Troop 9394 in February 2019 and earned her First Class Rank in November 2019.

Dina has served her Troop as Scribe, Den Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Patrol Leader.

Dina is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 27 Merit Badges. She has attended summer camp at Camp Rainey Mountain.

For her Eagle Project, Dina built three insect pollinator motels at the Interlachen Lions Club. This will attract insects to the garden beds which will help the plants grow and reproduce. It will also provide the opportunity for the community to learn about pollination.

Dina is a junior at Interlachen High School and is a member of the Marching Band. After graduation, Dina would like to study Cosmetology and pursue a related career.

WYATT MATTHEW PARKER
February 15, 2022

Wyatt began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 235 in September 2009 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 235 in February 2014 and earned his First Class Rank in April 2016. Wyatt has served his

Troop as Scribe, Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

Wyatt is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 38 Merit Badges and the Snorkeling BSA Award. He has attended summer camp at Camps Shands, Skymont, Rainey Mountain, Daniel Boone, and Florida National High Adventure Sea Base.

For his Eagle Project, Wyatt pressure washed and painted the exterior of the church hall at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Welaka.

Wyatt is a graduate of Q.I. Roberts High School. Wyatt plans to attend Santa Fe State College to pursue an associate degree in Marine Biology and then transfer to University of Florida to continue his education. In the future, Wyatt would like to establish a career as a laboratory tech



with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to explore oceans and discover more about the world and how to help it. Wyatt also plans to become an adult leader in Scouting to help teach youth what he learned in Scouting.

BRANSON MATTHEW BAILEY
March 2, 2022

Branson began his scouting adventure when he joined East Carolina Council, Southern District, Cub Pack 58 in October 2013 and earned his Bobcat and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 58 in February 2015, earned his First Class Rank in August 2015, and transferred to Troop 130 in December 2017. He transferred to North Florida Council, Bartram Trail District, Troop 482 in February 2020. Branson has served his Troops as Quartermaster, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Order of the Arrow Representative.

Branson is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 35 Merit Badges. He has attended summer camp at Camps Boddie, Raven Knob, and Sam Hatcher.

For his Eagle Project, Branson designed and coordinated the building of a fire pit out of a 55-gallon oil drum to be used by the VFW of Orange Park for the purpose of flag retirement ceremonies. He also built a donation bin to store flags between each retirement ceremony.

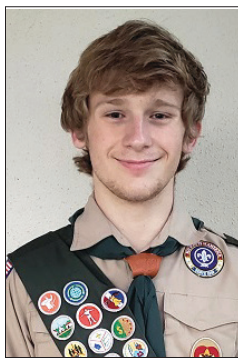
Branson is a graduate of Fleming Island High School. He received academic achievement awards throughout all four years of high school and earned a perfect score on the U.S. History End-of-Course (EOC) assessment. Branson also served as the Percussion Ensemble Section Leader at West Carteret High School. He has applied to intern in the FL-03 House of Representatives District office under the direction of Kat Cammack. Branson is attending Florida State University and is pursuing a degree in Cyber Security. He plans to establish a career in politics or public service in the future.

JONATHAN DONALD MOORE
March 2, 2022

Jonathan began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 483 in September 2010 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 482 in February 2015 and earned his First Class Rank in August 2016. Jonathan has served his Troop as Librarian, Troop Guide, Den Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Patrol Leader.

Jonathan has earned 24 Merit Badges and has attended summer camp at Camps Powhatan and Claytor Lake Aquatics Base.

For his Eagle Project, Jonathan built additional seating for the organization Hope Therapy which provides horseback riding and hippotherapy for children with



special needs. The additional seating allows parents a place to safely watch their child ride the horses.

Jonathan is a graduate of St. Johns Country Day School where he was a member of the National Honor Society, a three-time Varsity Letterman for Soccer, a 2020 Class 2A State Finalist in Soccer, a Varsity Letterman for Crew as well as Best Coxswain in 2019. He was also the Founder and Captain of the St. Johns E-Sports team. Jonathan is attending Florida Institute of Technology to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

LANCE ROBERT AMBROSIO
March 9, 2022

Lance began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 232 in September 2011 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award and Religious Award. He crossed over to Troop 424 in March 2015 and earned his First Class Rank in June 2017. Lance has served his Troop as Librarian, Scribe, Quartermaster, Troop Guide, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

Lance is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 31 Merit Badges. He has attended summer camp at Camps Woodruff, Bert Adams, and St. Johns River Base at Echockotee.

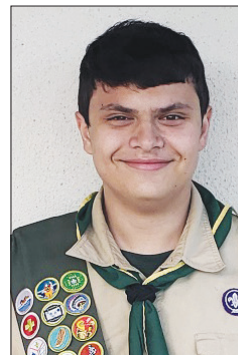
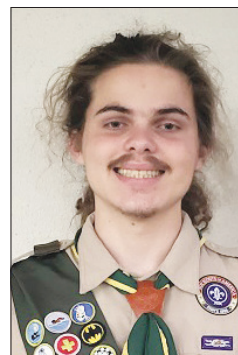
Lance's Eagle Project consisted of planting a butterfly garden, including an irrigation watering system, at the Ortega Methodist Church.

Lance is a graduate of Oakleaf High School where he earned an Adobe and BioTech Certification. He was also a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) club. Lance is attending Rollins College where he's pursuing a degree in Biology or Environmental Science. In the future, he plans to secure a job where he can work with animals and nature, possibly a Wildlife Biologist or something similar. Later in life, Lance may consider becoming a college professor while teaching in a nature-related field.

NICHOLAS JOSEPH PAGLIOCCA
March 9, 2022

Nicholas began his scouting adventure when he joined Baden Powell District, Cub Pack 272 in September 2011 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 269 in March 2016, earned his First Class Rank in August 2017, and transferred to Bartram Trail District, Troop 424 in September 2018. Nicholas has served his Troops as Chaplain Aide, Instructor, Quartermaster, Troop Guide, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

Nicholas is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as Chapter Chief and Lodge Historian. He



has earned 33 Merit Badges and the 2019 Bruce Seldon Catholic Scout of the Year Award. Nicholas has attended summer camp at Camps Raven Knob, Davy Crockett, Rainey Mountain, and Bert Adams.

For his Eagle Project, Nicholas built a Rosary Garden for St. Edwards Catholic Church. This included laying out a path with four alcoves, each containing a bench and signpost about five of the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Nicholas is a senior at Sancta Familia Academy and attends St. Johns River State College. He has received recognitions for serving on the altar during Mass at his church. After completing his associate degree, Nicholas plans to either transfer to Florida State University to pursue a degree in Political Science or attend Seminary of the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy in Philadelphia to discern a vocation to the priesthood.

MOLLY STRAUB
March 21, 2022

Molly began her scouting adventure when she joined Troop 9892 in April 2019 and earned her First Class Rank in November 2019. She has served her Troop as Chaplain Aide, Instructor, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. In July 2020, Molly joined Venturing Crew 892 and has served as Secretary and President.

Molly is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as Ceremonies Chairman and Kitchen Chairman. She has earned 35 Merit Badges, the Whitewater Rafting BSA Award, and the 50-Miler Afoot Award. Molly has attended summer camp at Camps Davy Crockett, Shands, and Philmont Scout Ranch.

For her Eagle Project, Molly built an outdoor rest area for the adult section of Henderson Haven.

Molly is a graduate of Middleburg High School where she was part of the Culinary CTE program. She was also a member of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) where she served as Group Leader and Vice President. Molly is attending St. Johns River State College and pursuing an associate degree in Business Administration. She works at Henderson Haven where she completed her Eagle Scout Project. Molly has assisted in starting a Venturing Crew and continues to work with the Crew.

ANTHONY DAVID WHITE
March 22, 2022

Anthony began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 483 in September 2012 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 482 in February 2015 and earned his First Class Rank in May 2016. He transferred to Troop 892 in September 2016 and then transferred to Troop 25 in March 2018. Anthony has served his Troops as Historian and Order of the Arrow Representative.

Anthony is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as Chapter Historian. He has earned 41 Merit Badges and has attended summer



camp at Camps Powhatan, Rainey Mountain, and Daniel Boone.

Anthony's Eagle Project consisted of building a circular tree bench for the meet and greet yard at the SAFE Animal Shelter in Middleburg.

Anthony is a graduate of Fleming Island High School where he was a member of the ROTC, obtaining the rank of First Lieutenant. He is also a Certified Shooting Instructor Apprentice. Anthony is attending St. Johns River State College and plans to transfer to the University of Central Florida where he wants to focus on studies in Computer Science.

KEVAN DINESHKUMAR DABHI
March 29, 2022

Kevan began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 412 in 2013 and earned his Bobcat, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 412 in February 2015 and earned his First Class Rank in December 2016. Kevan has served his Troop as Historian, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

Kevan is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 42 Merit Badges and the Interpreter Strip. He has attended summer camp at Camps Powhatan, Raven Knob, and Bud Schiele as well as the World Jamboree in 2019.

For his Eagle Project, Kevan set up two rows of misting systems for the SAFE Animal Shelter. These systems were placed on top of the cages so that animals may enjoy the mist all around the cages. He also planted shrubbery along the fence surrounding the dog park.

Kevan is a graduate of Ridgeview High School where he was a member of the Varsity Track and Golf teams, President of the Multicultural Club, an officer on the Senior Board, and a member of the Yearbook Club, Anime Club, and the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Kevan is a Black Belt in Karate and completed the Northeast Florida Area Health Career Exploration Program. Kevan attends St. Johns River State College and is working as a Pharmaceutical Tech at a local pharmacy. He plans to become a Pharmacist in the future.

WILLIAM MACMILLAN
March 30, 2022

William began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 482 in September 2010 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 482 in March 2015 and earned his First Class Rank in August 2018. William has served his Troop as Den Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

William has earned 36 Merit Badges, the Historic Trails Award, and the National Outdoor Award. He has attended summer camp at Camps Skymont, Shands, and

Summit Bechtel Reserve.

For his Eagle Project, William built a combination of a storage and display case for the Camp Chowenwaw Pawpaw Nature Center.

William is a graduate of Fleming Island High School where he was National Merit Scholar Finalist and a Principal Scholar for four years. He was also a member of the All-County Academic Team, the National Ocean Sciences Bowl Team, and the National Honor Society. William plans to pursue a degree in Biochemistry at the University of Florida and later attend Medical School to become a Neurosurgeon, following in his grandfather's footsteps. He intends to stay active in Scouting, assisting Eagle Candidates and serving as a Merit Badge Counselor.

JERAMY DYLAN LEWIS
May 2, 2022

Jeramy began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 310 in September 2010 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 482 in November 2015, transferred to Troop 892 in March 2017, and earned his First Class Rank in March 2018. Jeramy has served his Troops as Instructor, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

Jeramy is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 28 Merit Badges and the Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award. He has attended summer camp at Camp Shands.

For his Eagle Project, Jeramy built three benches, a balance beam, and also removed a sandbox at the Grace Anglican Church playground for Grace Kids.

Jeramy is a graduate of St. Johns Country Day School. He is attending Auburn University and pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. Jeramy also plans to remain active in Scouting by helping a Troop in Auburn and perhaps returning to his Troop after graduating college. He would like to help get more youth into Scouting.

KARL DAVID BOLT
May 2, 2022

Karl began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 802 in August 2011 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 892 in March 2015 and earned his First Class Rank in May 2016. Karl has served his Troop as Historian, Librarian, and Scribe.

Karl is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 34 Merit Badges and the 50-Miler Afoot Award. He has attended summer camp at Camps Woodruff, Daniel Boone, Northern Tier High Adventure, and Philmont Scout Ranch.

Karl's Eagle Project consisted of



building two small community libraries for the Eagle Harbor Neighborhood Association. They are located at the front of two nearby pools.

Karl is a graduate of Orange Park High School. He is employed by Entech and deciding between pursuing a degree at a university, possibly in Computer Science or Computer Engineering, or pursuing technical training.

AMELIA BOCCIERI HART
May 17, 2022

Amelia began her scouting adventure when she joined Troop 9892 in April 2019 and earned her First Class Rank in May 2020. She has served her Troop as Instructor, Scribe, Patrol Leader, and Outdoor Ethics Guide.

Amelia has earned 31 Merit Badges and the Mile Swim BSA Award. She has attended summer camp at Camp Woodruff.

For her Eagle Project, Amelia helped to improve a playground at Fleming Island Elementary School by building two benches, picnic tables, and adding umbrellas. This will improve the overall comfort for those who use or supervise the playground area. She also stained six weathered benches in the school's outdoor classroom.

Amelia is a freshman at Orange Park High School and is enrolled in the Collegiate Early College Program. She is a member of the Clay County Soccer Club, plays OPHS Varsity soccer, and is an Honor Roll student. Amelia has received several awards for her entries in the Clay County Science Fair and Clay County National History Day, advancing to the State level, as well as the President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. After graduation, Amelia is considering attending a university in North Carolina. While still undecided, she may pursue a career with the Secret Service or possibly in Meteorology.

JENNA MARJORIE BISHOP
May 23, 2022

Jenna began her scouting adventure when she joined Troop 9577 in February 2019, earned her First Class Rank in December 2019, and transferred to Troop 9653 in September 2020. She has served her Troops as Historian, Quartermaster, and Senior Patrol Leader.

Jenna is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 30 Merit Badges. She has attended summer camp at Camps Bowers and Shands.

Jenna's Eagle Project consisted of building five benches and two picnic tables, and placing mulch underneath them, at the Five Oaks Community in Green Cove



Springs. Jenna is a junior at Clay High School where she is part of the NJROTC program. She is enrolled in Advanced Placement and Honors classes and plans to enroll in dual enrollment classes. Her future career plans include becoming either a Teacher or a Game Warden. She would like to travel to Italy in the future.

BENJAMIN HOLLINGER
June 14, 2022

Benjamin began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 483 in September 2011 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 482 in February 2016 and earned his First Class Rank in September 2019. Benjamin has served his Troop as Historian, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Order of the Arrow Representative.

Benjamin is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 40 Merit Badges and the Mile Swim BSA Award. He has attended summer camp at Camps Ottari and Summit Bechtel High Adventure.

Benjamin's Eagle Project consisted of constructing a canopy in the back of the SAFE Animal Shelter adoption area where pet supplies are washed. This will provide shade for the staff in an area that is fully exposed to the sun. He also purchased two wash basins to aid in the washing of pet supplies and constructed an elevated washing area, reducing the need for bending over while washing.

Benjamin is a senior at Fleming Island High School where he's a member of the National Honor Society and the Football team. He is also a Red Cross Lifeguard. After graduation, Benjamin plans to attend either Florida State University or the University of Central Florida to major in Engineering and to also play on the university's football team. He hopes to one day play football in the NFL or become an Engineer.

KODI ZACKARYAH HOFFMAN-ROCHA
June 22, 2022

Kodi began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 236 in September 2014, transferred to Cub Pack 45 in June 2018, and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award and Religious Award. He crossed over to Troop 109 in February 2020 and earned his First Class Rank in October 2020. He is also dual-registered and a founding member of Michigan Crossroads Council, Troop 780. Kodi has served his Troops as Quartermaster and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Kodi is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 110 Merit Badges, the World Conservation Award, and the Recruiter Strip. Kodi has attended summer camp at his Troop's own summer camp.

Kodi's Eagle Project consisted of helping to restore the historic Trinity Episcopal Church,



built in 1885, by designing and installing a barrier surrounding the foundation. This barrier will keep out wildlife and pests to help protect the historic church.

Kodi is an eighth-grade homeschooled student. He volunteers monthly with two churches to help provide food to the community, and he also helps other organizations serving the community. He has plans to join a Venturing Crew. Kodi's goal for the future is to become a Life Flight Pilot so that he can help people while also flying. He would also like to move to Michigan or Alaska and would like to begin selling some of his artwork.

**FRANCESCA CONSIDINE
July 7, 2022**

Francesca began her scouting adventure when she joined Troop 9892 in September 2019 and earned her First Class Rank in October 2020. She has served her Troop as Chaplain Aide, Instructor, Quartermaster, Troop Guide, Outdoor Ethics Guide, Den Chief, Bugler, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Order of the Arrow Troop Representative.

Francesca is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as the OA Unit Representative for Echockotee Lodge. She has earned 26 Merit Badges, BSA Lifeguard, National Honor Patrol in 2021, and Honor Camper. She has attended summer camp at Camps Shands and St. Johns River Base at Echockotee.



Francesca's Eagle Project consisted of creating the stable and manger for a live Nativity at Crossroad's Lutheran Church in Fleming Island. This project was created to be the centerpiece of Christmas festivities and will be used in the church's annual Nativity play.

Francesca is a junior at Oakleaf High School where she is enrolled in the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program. She's a member of the National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, the Future Farmers of America (FFA), and a Theater troupe. She has worked as a Counselor in Training at St. Johns River Base at Echockotee and was awarded CIT of the Week. While still undecided on a college, Francesca plans to major in Business and minor in Foreign Linguistics while also taking travel and tourism classes and chef training. In the future, Francesca would like to open her own café.

**SPENCER BULLARD
July 7, 2022**

Spencer began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 802 in September 2015 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 892 in February 2019 and earned his First Class Rank in October 2019. Spencer has served his Troop as Instructor, Troop Guide, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Patrol Leader.

Spencer has earned 36 Merit Badges and the Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award. He has attended summer camp at Camps Davy Crockett and Shands.

Spencer's Eagle Project consisted of constructing a kick fence to replace an old deteriorating kick fence at Somer's Garden, a garden in Orange Park

dedicated to the memory of Somer Thompson. The fence provides an accent to make the garden more beautiful as well as establishes a border.

Spencer is a freshman at Fleming Island High School where he's enrolled in the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program and is an Honor Roll student. After graduation, Spencer would like to attend the University of Florida to pursue a degree in Business. In the future, Spencer intends to introduce his own children to Scouting so that they may learn the same values and skills that he has learned while in Scouting.



**PAUL JAMES HEFFNER
July 8, 2022**

Paul began his scouting adventure when he joined Muskogee District, Cub Pack 360 in September 2012, transferred to Muskogee District, Cub Pack 832 in November 2015, and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Bartram Trail District, Troop 653 in March 2017 and earned his First Class Rank in April 2019. Paul has served his Troop as Historian, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Leave No Trace Coordinator, and Order of the Arrow Troop Representative.

Paul is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as the Chapter Fundraising Chairman. He has earned 34 Merit Badges, the Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award, and the Snorkeling BSA Award. He has attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and summer camp at Camps Davy Crockett, Woodruff, Skymont, Shands, and Echockotee.

Paul's Eagle Project consisted of restoring the history at the Town of Orange Park's Clark Park Pecan House by planting flowers and azaleas, building a handrail, and removing lattice and nails from the porch.

Paul is a junior at Oakleaf High School where he's enrolled in the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program and has earned his AICE Diploma. He has also earned a Seal of Biliteracy and is on the Academic Team's round three team. After graduation, Paul plans to attend college in Florida and pursue a STEM-based major.

**GEORGE ANTHONY SHEARER III
July 8, 2022**

George began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 25 in May 2013, transferred to Cub Pack 653 in October 2014, and earned his Bobcat, Bear, and Webelos Ranks, the Arrow of Light Award, and the World Conservation Award. He crossed over to Troop 653 in February 2015 and earned his First Class Rank in April 2016. George has served his Troop as Quartermaster, Troop Guide, Den



Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Leave No Trace Coordinator.

George is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 39 Merit Badges, the Snorkeling BSA Award, and the Den Chief Award. He has attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and summer camp at Camps Davy Crockett, Woodruff, Bowers, and Rainey Mountain.

For his Eagle Project, George replaced the damaged ramp behind the Learning Tree of the Good Samaritan Anglican Church.

George is a graduate of Oakleaf High School where he was enrolled in the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program and earned his AICE Diploma as well as an Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Diploma. He was a member of the Science National Honor Society, the National Honor Society, and the Surf and Skate Club. George is attending the University of Florida and pursuing a degree in Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering. He wants to become a successful Engineer and, later in life, possibly a professor.

**EAN KADE DEUSCHLE
July 11, 2022**

Ean began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 25 in September 2011 and earned his Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks, the Arrow of Light Award, Religious Award, and the World Conservation Award. He crossed over to Troop 25 in February 2015 and earned his First Class Rank in April 2016. Ean has served his Troop as Chaplain Aide, Librarian, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

Ean is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 70 Merit Badges, the Religious Award, World Conservation Award, and the National Outdoor Award for Camping and Hiking. He has attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and summer camp at Camps Bob Hardin, Old Indian, Skymont, Powhatan, Rainey Mountain, and Philmont.

Ean's Eagle Project for the Sons of the American Revolution consisted of designing and building a large free-standing collection box for American flags needing to be retired. This was placed at Ace Hardware in Orange Park. He also hosted an educational community American flag retirement ceremony where he retired over 200 flags that he had collected for his project.

Ean is a graduate of Oakleaf High School where he was enrolled in the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) and earned his AICE Diploma. He was a member of the National Honor Society and the Robotics Team, including Team Captain for two years. He has served on NYLT staff for six courses and is a member of Sons of the American Revolution. Ean is attending



Florida Institute of Technology where he is pursuing a degree in Astrophysics.

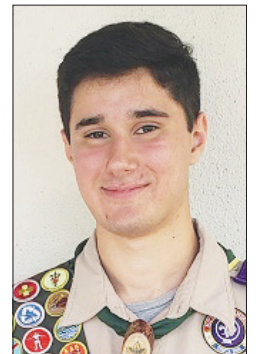
**BAYAN MICHAEL MAHMOODI
July 19, 2022**

Bayan began his scouting adventure when he joined Troop 309 in September 2017 and earned his First Class Rank in December 2018. He has served his Troop as Instructor, Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

Bayan is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as the Chapter Vice Chief of Membership and Potano Chapter Chief. He has earned 35 Merit Badges, the Mile Swim BSA Award, the National Outdoor Award for Camping and Aquatics, and Scout of the Year 2021-2022. He has attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and summer camp at Camps Woodruff, Sequoyah, and Shands.

Bayan's Eagle Project consisted of building and staining three picnic tables, three benches, and adding flowers, mulch, and a border to the school gardens of Paterson Elementary.

Bayan is a senior at Fleming Island High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society, National Latin Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), including officer positions at each. He is also a member of the Varsity Academic and Swim Teams and has received other academic recognitions. After graduation, Bayan plans to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Computer Science at either the University of Florida, University of Central Florida, Embry-Riddle, West Point, or the Airforce or Naval Academies.



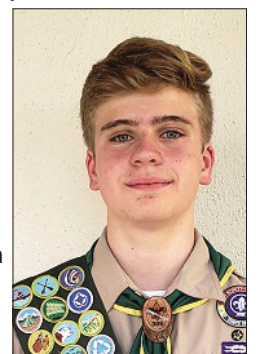
**SHANE THOMAS SIGMAN
July 19, 2022**

Shane began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 812 in September 2015 and earned his Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 309 in January 2019 and earned his First Class Rank in August 2020. He has served his Troop as Instructor, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Patrol Leader.

Shane is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 68 Merit Badges, the Religious Award, Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award, Mile Swim BSA, World Conservation Award, Lord Baden Founder Award, and the National Outdoor Award for Camping and Aquatics. He has attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and summer camp at Camps La-No-Che, Shands, and St. Johns River Base at Echockotee.

For his Eagle Project, Shane removed the railing and benches in the courtyard of Green Cove Springs Junior High and installed new railings and benches made with pressure-treated wood and stained in the school's colors.

Shane is a freshman at



Fleming Island High School. He is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, International Thespians, and has received the American Legion School Award. After graduation, Shane plans to attend Law School to pursue a degree and career in Law. He also would like to stay involved in Scouting.

ROBERT BRUCE JAMIESON V
July 27, 2022

Robert began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 425 in August 2010 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and the Arrow of Light Award and Religious Award. He crossed over to Troop 425 in October 2016, transferred to Troop 653 in 2017, and earned his First Class Rank in February 2018. He has served his Troop as Chaplain Aide, Scribe, Quartermaster, Den Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Patrol Leader.



Robert is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 32 Merit Badges and the Religious Award. He has attended summer camp at Camps Woodruff, Rainey Mountain, and Skymont.

For his Eagle Project, Robert replaced a deteriorating deck at the Good Samaritan Anglican Church.

Robert is a senior at Bishop John J. Snyder High School where he is a member of the Math Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society, French Honor Society, and the National Honor Society. He is also a member of the Track and Field Team. After graduation, Robert plans to attend the University of Florida to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He would like to have a career designing machines that will help society.

STEPHANIE MARIE KRUEGER
August 1, 2022

Stephanie began her scouting adventure when she joined Troop 9577 in February 2019 and earned her First Class Rank in December 2019. She has served her Troop as Historian, Quartermaster, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.



Stephanie is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as the Chapter Secretary. She has earned 21 Merit Badges and has attended summer camp at Camp Shands.

For her Eagle Project, Stephanie built two picnic tables that fold into a bench to benefit the Clay County Animal Shelter. She also built a garden bed which included placing landscape timbers.

Stephanie is a senior at Clay High School where she is in the Criminal Justice program. She is a member of the National Beta Club. As a freshman, she was on the Swim Team and received a Team Spirit Award. After graduation, Stephanie plans to pursue an Associate of Arts degree and become a Public Service Aide. She would eventually like to become a Police Officer

or assist officers in some way to help keep the community safe. Stephanie plans to stay active in Scouting.

CAROLYN DODGE
August 1, 2022

Carolyn began her scouting adventure when she joined Troop 9577 in February 2019 and earned her First Class Rank in December 2019. She has served her Troop as Historian, Scribe, Quartermaster, Outdoor Ethics Guide, and Senior Patrol Leader.



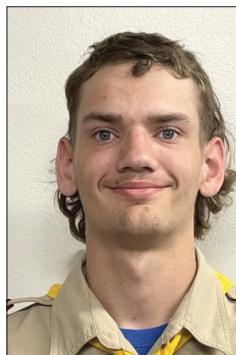
Carolyn is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as the Chapter Historian, Lodge Membership and FYA Chairman. She has earned 24 Merit Badges and has attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and summer camp at Camp Shands and La-No-Che.

For her Eagle Project, Carolyn built two 10x10 shelters in the exercise area of the Clay County Animal Shelter to provide the dogs and potential adopters a shaded area.

Carolyn is a junior at Clay High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club. She is also an NRA Apprentice Rifle and Shotgun instructor. After graduation, Carolyn is considering attending Flight Attendant School or attending college to pursue a career in a Medical or Business related field. Her long-term goals are to become a Dietitian.

JACKSON WYATT BARNES
August 2, 2022

Jackson began his scouting adventure when he joined Troop 62 in April 2017 and earned his First Class Rank in September 2017. He has served his Troop as Chaplain Aide, Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.



Jackson has earned 25 Merit Badges and has attended summer camp at Camps Rainey Mountain, Shands, and La-No-Che.

For his Eagle Project, Jackson made improvements to the firearms range at the Rodeheaver Boys' Ranch in Palatka.

Jackson is a junior at Interlachen High School where he is a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA), having served as the chapter's Chaplain and has been the recipient of numerous awards. He has also been a member of 4-H for eleven years. Through his involvement in FFA and 4-H, Jackson has had opportunities to show livestock across the state. He also has a small ranch. After graduation, Jackson is planning to enroll in the Plumbers and Pipefitters Apprenticeship program in Jacksonville.

CULLEN SLOAN
August 3, 2022

Cullen began his scouting adventure when he joined a Cub Pack and earned

his Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks, and the Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 236 in February 2017 and earned his First Class Rank in August 2018. Cullen has served his Troop as Chaplain Aide, Troop Guide, Quartermaster, Bugler, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.



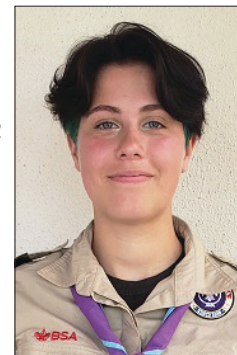
Cullen has earned 45 Merit Badges. He has attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and summer camp at Camps Grimes, Raven Knob, Shands, and Paw.

For his Eagle Project, Cullen built picnic tables for use at Q.I. Roberts High School.

Cullen is a junior at Q.I. Roberts High School where he is a member of the Tennis Team and Swim Team and is an Honor Roll student. During the remainder of his high school career, he plans to help coach the Volleyball Team and progress his agricultural interests by taking additional Agricultural classes. After graduation, Cullen plans to attend college and pursue a Law degree. He then would like to establish a career as an Agricultural Lawyer. In the future, Cullen plans to be active in Scouting with his own children.

ANDERSEN MAEVE CLARK
August 4, 2022

Andersen began her scouting adventure when she joined Transatlantic Council, Edelweiss District, as a Lone Scout in February 2019. She



transferred to North Florida Council, Bartram Trail District, Troop 9892 in August 2019 and earned her First Class Rank in October 2019. She has served her Troop as Chaplain Aide, Instructor, Quartermaster, Troop Guide, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Andersen is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 27 Merit Badges, the 50-Miler Afoot Award, Messengers of Peace Award, the Recruiter Strip, and the National Outdoor Award for Hiking.

For her Eagle Project, Andersen built a shoe shelf with 42-slots for shoe bins. She also purchased and built two rifle racks for the Naval Junior Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) at Fleming Island High School.

Andersen is a senior at Fleming Island High School where she has earned a Varsity Letter in Air Rifle, Orienteering, and Drill Team, and has earned the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal from the Navy League of the United States. She is also a Principal Scholar. After graduation, Andersen plans to attend a four-year college, either a military academy or a college with an ROTC program, to study Neuroscience and Biochemistry. She plans to later join the Army and work in the medical field while pursuing a Doctorate in Neurosurgery.

BRODY SCHIFFER
August 9, 2022

Brody began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 424 in September 2012 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, and Wolf Ranks. He joined Troop 892 in October 2017 and earned his First Class Rank in October 2018. He has served his Troop as Instructor, Quartermaster, Troop Guide, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.



Brody is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 34 Merit Badges. He has attended summer camp at Camps Woodruff, Davy Crockett, and Philmont Scout Ranch.

For his Eagle Project, Brody built tables and gun racks for the Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville skeet and trap range.

Brody is a junior at Fleming Island High School where he is enrolled in the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program and is a member of the Track and Cross-Country Teams. After graduation, Brody plans to attend the University of Florida to pursue a degree in Finance. He would like to have a career with a federal law enforcement agency, such as the Secret Service or the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), or pursue a career in Finance in the private sector.

LEVI GRAYSON SMITH
September 13, 2022

Levi began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 812 in September 2017 and earned his Bobcat and Webelos Ranks and Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 309 in February 2018 and earned his First Class Rank in July 2019. He has served his Troop as Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.



Levi is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 37 Merit Badges, the National Outdoor Award for Camping and Aquatics, and Mile Swim BSA. He has attended summer camp at Camps Woodruff, Sequoyah, Shands, and Buck Toms.

Levi's Eagle Project consisted of building three picnic tables and three standing bars for the Middleburg High School Band concession area. Additionally, he pressure washed, weed whacked, and mowed behind the concession stand.

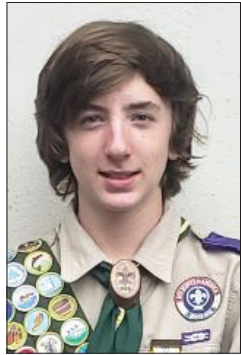
Levi is a sophomore at Middleburg High School where he is an Honor Roll student and a member of the Beta Club, the Wrestling Team, and Band where he's received several awards, including the Director's Award, Most Improved Brass, and Most Improved Rookie. He has also been recognized as the Citizen of the Week. After graduation, Levi plans to attend a four-year college to pursue a degree in either Engineering or Aviation.

He plans to stay involved with his Troop, possibly as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

JAMES BROOKS HANSON
September 13, 2022

James began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 812 in September 2014 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and Arrow of Light Award, Religious Award, and World Conservation Award.

He crossed over to Troop 309 in January 2019 and earned his First Class Rank in September 2020. He has served his Troop as Librarian, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.



James is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as Chapter Vice Chief of Program. He has earned 77 Merit Badges, the Religious Award, Mile Swim BSA, World Conservation Award, and the National Outdoor Award for Camping and Conservation. He has attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and summer camp at Camps Shands, Sequoyah, and Buck Toms.

For his Eagle Project, James built a picture area that consisted of a concrete pad with pavers, two benches, an arbor, and two planters for Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He also built and stained three benches at the Mary Garden, weeded, and placed pine straw at the front sign.

James is a freshman at Fleming Island High School where he is enrolled in the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program and is a member of the Swim and Tennis teams as well as the Alpha Beta Club and the National Junior Honor Society.

After graduation, James plans to attend the University of Central Florida to pursue an Aerospace Engineering degree. In the future, he plans to be involved in Scouting with his own children.

MADELYN CONSIDINE
September 19, 2022

Madelyn began her scouting adventure when she joined Troop 9892 in September 2019 and earned her First Class Rank in March 2021. She has served her Troop as Historian, Webmaster, Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

Madelyn is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 34 Merit Badges. She has attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and summer camp at Camps Shands and St. Johns River Base at Echocotatee.

For her Eagle Project, Madelyn built storage solutions for a local quilting club that meets at Crossroad Lutheran Church in Fleming Island. This project helped the quilting club keep all their material, sewing machines, and donations items organized so they may continue to create quilts for those who are healing, for military veterans or in local nursing homes. Madelyn is a graduate of Oakleaf High School



where she was enrolled in the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) and earned her AICE Diploma. She was a member of the National Honor Society, International Thespan Society, National Society of High School Scholars, and Knights in Shining Armor. Madelyn is in the Technical Theater Certification Program at the Florida School of the Arts.

She plans to transfer to either the University of Florida or the University of Central Florida to pursue a degree in Stage Management. She would one day like to be a Scoutmaster for her own children's Troop.

JAMES JOSEPH HINES
October 3, 2022

James began his scouting adventure when he joined Troop 235 in June 2015 and earned his First Class Rank in August 2016. He has served his Troop as Chaplain Aide, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

James is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and serves in American Indian Activities (AIA). He has earned 33 Merit Badges and the Snorkeling BSA Award. James has attended summer camp at Camps Shands, Daniel Boone, Rainey Mountain, and Skymont Scout Reservation.

For his Eagle Project, James built informational kiosks for the trail head at Palmetto Park.

James is a graduate of Crescent City High School. He has served on summer camp staff at Camp Shands. Inspired by the Welding Merit Badge, James plans to become a welder by trade. He intends to stay involved with Scouting and continue the tradition of service to the community and helping various organizations.

JOSEPH STEPHEN CHISHOLM
December 13, 2022

Joseph began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 812 in September 2011 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and Arrow of Light Award and World Conservation Award. He crossed over into Troop 309 in December 2015 and earned his First Class Rank in April 2017. He has served his Troop as Historian, Instructor, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Patrol Leader.

Joseph is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 39 Merit Badges, the World Conservation Award, and the National Outdoor Award for Camping. He has attended summer camp at Camps Thunder, Sequoyah, Bud Schiele, and Woodruff.

Joseph's Eagle Project consisted of building an 8x12-foot frame patio on top of an existing concrete slab for Maverick Animal Clinic. The patio's walls and top were covered with one-inch chicken wire. He included a pergola on top, a screen door with a latch, as well as shelving and other accessories inside for the cats to



enjoy. Joseph is a senior at Clay High School where he is an Honor Roll student. After graduation, Joseph plans to attend college and pursue a career in the medical field with a goal of becoming a Nurse or an MRI Technician.

EVAN SCOTT CROOK
December 13, 2022

Evan began his scouting adventure when he joined Troop 577 in December 2019 and earned his First Class Rank in May 2021. He has served his Troop as Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader.

Evan has earned 25 Merit Badges. For his Eagle Project, Evan built 27 trail posts and four window fixtures for Camp Chowenwaw. The trail posts display plaques about the various wildlife that people may see while hiking on the trails. The window fixtures prevent birds from flying into the museum windows.

Evan is a senior at Clay High School where he is a member of the Varsity Track and Cross-Country Teams. He has earned a Bilingual Certificate (Spanish), a Capstone Diploma, the Scholar Designation, the Key to the City Award for Green Cove Springs, and is a Student Manager for VyStar Credit Union. After graduation, Evan plans to attend either the Air Force Military Academy or Coast Guard Military Academy and pursue becoming an Officer and a fixed-wing Pilot. He also intends to pursue other military leadership opportunities as well.



TYLER BRYCE CROOK
December 13, 2022

Tyler began his scouting adventure when he joined Troop 577 in September 2019 and earned his First Class Rank in December 2019. He has served his Troop as Historian and Senior Patrol Leader.

Tyler has earned 31 Merit Badges. For his Eagle Project, Tyler made a display case as well as display case doors to be used at the museum at Camp Chowenwaw.

Tyler is a sophomore at Middleburg High School where he is enrolled in the Collegiate Early College Program and is a member of the NJROTC, having earned the Distinguished Cadet recognition. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society, an Honor Roll student, and Varsity member of the Swim Team. Tyler has also been awarded the Key to the City of Green Cove Springs. After graduation, Tyler plans to either attend the Coast Guard Academy to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering and become an Officer or attend the University of Florida for ROTC and pursue an Electrical Engineering degree.



JOHN MARCUS BRYANT
December 14, 2022

John began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 412 in August 2011, transferred to Cub Pack 20 in September 2014, and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and Arrow of Light Award. He crossed over to Troop 20 in February 2016 and earned his First Class Rank in June 2018. He has served his Troop as Chaplain Aide, Historian, Quartermaster, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.



John is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 37 Merit Badges and the National Outdoor Award for Camping. He has attended summer camp at Camps Shands, Davy Crockett, Rainey Mountain, and Woodruff.

John's Eagle Project consisted of re-striping a parking lot for Calvary United Methodist Church in Orange Park.

John is senior at Clay High School where he is enrolled in the Criminal Justice Program and is a member of the Drama program. After graduation, John plans to attend St. Johns River State College to begin his pursuit for a degree and a future career in Law. He also has an interest of one day becoming a music artist with music he creates.

NATHAN CHARLES TUCKER
December 14, 2022

Nathan began his scouting adventure when he joined Cub Pack 20 in September 2011 and earned his Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Ranks and Arrow of Light Award.

He crossed over to Troop 20 in February 2016 and earned his First Class Rank in May 2018. He has served his Troop as Chaplain Aide, Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Nathan also joined Venturing Crew 1 in June 2021.

Nathan is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and serves on kitchen staff. He has earned 40 Merit Badges, the Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award, the World Conservation Award, and the Stand-Up Paddleboard BSA Award. He has attended summer camp at Camps Shands, Rainey Mountain, and Woodruff.

Nathan's Eagle Project consisted of refurbishing the St. Giles Conex box for St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Orange Park.

Nathan is senior at Ridgeview High School. He has played soccer at the YMCA for six years and has worked as summer camp staff at Camp Shands for two years.

After graduation, Nathan plans to attend St. Johns River State College for two years for Graphic Design, and then transfer to Florida State University to complete a bachelor's degree in Graphic Design.



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Keystone Heights weightlifter Ariel King wins her first district title and celebrates a best lift.

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Keystone Heights High's girls weightlifting team has a good role model to try and emulate with the boys team twice in two years the Class 1A team champions.

"I'm sure they talk to each other about it and the kids are very good at supporting each other," said Keystone Heights girls coach Todd Gillenwater, noting Keystone Heights girls weightlifting had state titles in 2004 and 2010 in Brittany Meng and Morgan Buettcher. "We had 20 girls here today and a bunch of top 10 finishes to win these two trophies. That's the boys secret sauce; strength in numbers."

With state meet returner Kaylee Wright leading the Lady Indians and St. Johns Country Day School's Addison Frisbee, a defending state Olympic Snatch champion for the school's first foray into girls weightlifting, showcasing her Olympic Snatch prowess, both schools enjoyed an increase in numbers not only on their team rosters, but also on the region qualifiers heading to West Nassau High School on Sat., Feb. 4.

"I have such a wealth of knowledge at Keystone Heights with coach Lantz Lowery and coach Chuck Dickinson who have built that boys program to be one of the best in

STRENGTH *in numbers*

3 Keystone Heights district champions

4 St. Johns Country Day district champions



Keystone Heights girls weightlifting coach Todd Gillenwater, left, has big smile with is double district champions team at St. Johns Country Day School.

the state," said Gillenwater. "Coach Steve Reynolds and John Stilianou are both seasoned winning coaches that bring a certain attitude to the gym for all the sports at Keystone Heights."

In one of the more dramatic moments of the day, Keystone Heights' Ariel King, at 129 in the Traditional phase of the event, punched up her district title winning 130 pound bench to secure the title over Frisbee, enjoyed her moment of excellence.

"I knew if I hit the 130 that I would win the title and I was set to go," said King. "This team has been improving all

year and my win just made it more special to be with these girls."

King, who hit just 120 on the clean and jerk with Frisbee nailing a 145, talked with coach Tood to take the shot on her second lift rather than the third (final).

"It was more of an insurance lift for the title," said King. "I tried for a personal best on the third lift, but I think I was drained."

At 169, Keystone Heights' senior Kaylee Wright battled all day in Traditional with Bradford County's Gabrielle Oliver

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Girls District Soccer



Fleming Island sophomore goalie Jenna Moreland gets kudos from teammates after spectacular 1-0 win over Class 6A champion Fletcher.

Tamares' goal knocks champs out

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

NEPTUNE BEACH - Fleming Island High girls soccer got a sterling goalie performance from a new face and a single shot on goal by senior Katy Tamares was enough to withstand a second half blitzkrieg by defending Class 6A champion Fletcher High as the Golden Eagles snuck away with a 1-0 district 3-6A semifinal win Friday night on a cold, blustery night in Atlantic Beach.

"Macy Opp, our regular goalie, was out sick and should return for the Tuesday district final, but I honestly had no idea about what to do in our goal," said Fleming Island coach Joy Rosano. "Jenna Moreland stepped up and played the game of her life for us."

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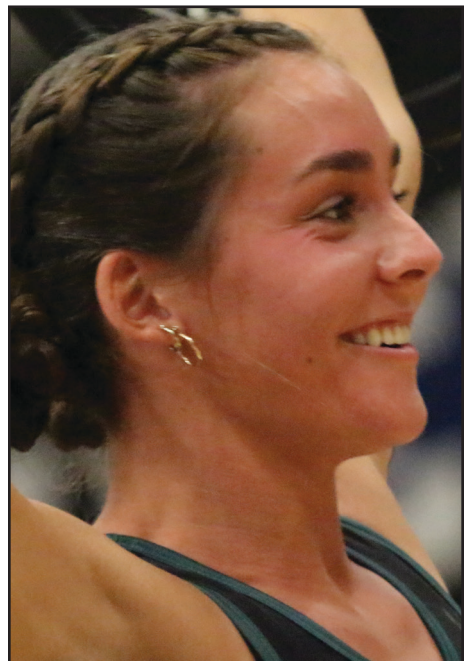


FSHAA Weightlifting

Clay 'Six Pack' champions dominate region rosters

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

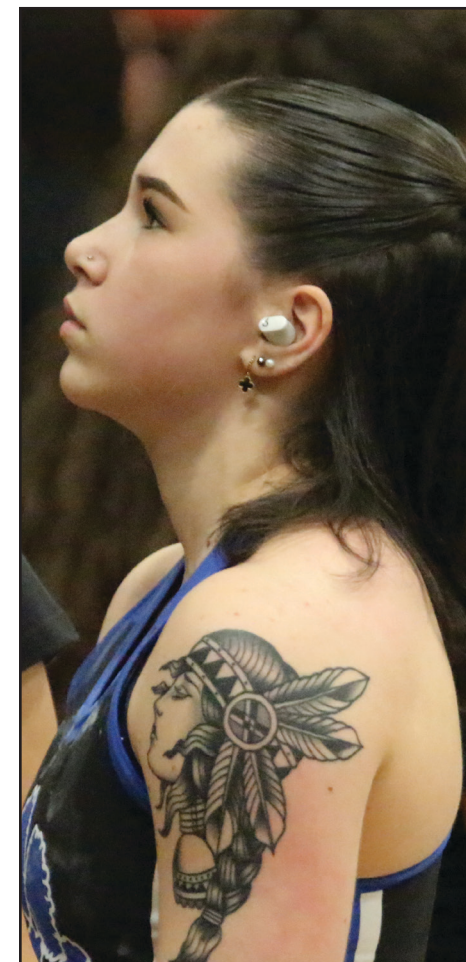
ORANGE PARK - With six district champions in Traditional; four as top region seeds, the Clay High Lady Blue Devil "Iron Ladies" girls weightlifting team will be well represented at the upcoming Region 2-2A championships to be held at St. Augustine High School on Wed., Feb. 2.



Fleming Island High's Jilian LaBelle will chase a lacrosse state title after weightlifting.



Fleming Island's Autumn Leviston has emerged as one of a handful of strong young lifters for coach Sean Coultis. Below: Middleburg's Hannah Piniero is tough lightweight with strong energy.



Ridgeview's Adriana Dimeo is best bet for a state medal for Panthers.

Clay also got six district champions with four top region qualifiers in the Olympic discipline that includes the Olympic Snatch lift and the Clean and Jerk totals.

In Olympics, Ridgeview's Jada Hill was district champion at 101 as the third best region qualifier.

In Tradition, among Clay's three defending state champion lifters; Janiyah Stevens, Emma Heck and Kyleigh LaFary, coach Rodney Keller got the bonus of having AnnaLee Harbison, injured late last

SEE CHAMPIONS, 34



Middleburg's Madison Underwood is state qualifying discus thrower looking to show off versatility in two sports.

Region Qualifiers (Traditional)

101: Region leader 230 Kaitlyn Brady Leesburg, Hannah Piniero MHS 220, Caroline Morris FIHS 190, Jada Hill RHS 185, Deeanna White OPHS 175, Kyla Marshall FIHS 175, Jewell Turner CHS 155, Dakota Cloud MHS 155, Adriana Berger CHS 150

110: Region leader 315 Autumn Leviston FIHS, Kalynn Gaither MHS 230, Arianna Seibel Guerrero MHS 230, Brianna Mickler CHS 190, Kayleanna Henry OPHS 165

119: Region leader 305, Zeta Zachman Eustis, Bradi Johnson FIHS 275, Isabella Andreoli MHS 255, Gedeon Kethnie CHS 250, Madison McRae MHS 220, Briana Adams RHS 205, Kaylin Driver RHS 200

129: Region leader 365 Emma Heck CHS, Adriana Dimeo RHS 315, Jilian Labelle FIHS 270, Carly Johnson MHS 255, Ansley Weseman CHS 235, Mika Wesley MHS 230

139: Region leader 315 Anna Shepard CHS, Kendall Bryan MHS 295, Kaelyn Hagan MHS 270, Kathryn Ward FIHS 235, Aniyah Rawlins RHS 235, Gianna Digiovanni OPHS 230

154: Region leader 375 Janiyah Stevens CHS, Caylee Johnson MHS 285, Madison Underwood MHS 285, Matchadaelle Calixte RHS 265, Olivia Sikes FIHS 225, Alaynah Deaton RHS 215

169: Region leader 365 Olivia Wilson New Smyrna Beach, Madison Roach RHS 280, Brooke Wilson FIHS 280, Lily O'Steen FIHS 270, Parker Bailey CHS 265, Summer Repogle MHS 250, Tristan Oliver RHS 235

183: Region leader 390 Olivia Bond-West New

Smyrna Beach, Annalee Harbison CHS 375, Harper Herring RHS 290, Monica Brice RHS 250, Alissa Daigle MHS 225, Karlee Plum MHS 225

199: Region leader 445 Asha Mahjri Manzueta New Smyrna Beach and Nevaeh Wells Leesburg, Ansley Lyda CHS 320, Leah Anderson FIHS 310, Avian Clinkscale MHS 310, Matcha Calixte RHS 280, Juliana Sosa FIHS 280, Cassandra Garcia RHS 265

Unlimited: Region leader 425 Kyleigh LaFary CHS, Kenya Tinajero CHS 395, Taylor Thompson FIHS 335, Mychaela Parker OPHS 325, Autumn Pelfrey MHS 285, Carrie Shipman RHS 280, Alohilani Richburg OPHS 270

Region Qualifiers (Olympic)

101: Region leader 230 Kaitlynn Brady Leesburg, Jada Hill RHS 180, Hannah Piniero MHS 170, Caroline Morris FIHS 165, Kyla Marshall FIHS 160, Dakota Cloud MHS 155, Deeanna White OPHS 145, Adriana Berger CHS 140, Jewelia Turner CHS 130

110: Region leader Autumn Leviston FIHS 235, Kalynn Gaither MHS 200, Brianna Mickler CHS 170, Kayleanna Henry OPHS 170, Abigail Mendes RHS 140

119: Region leader Bradi Johnson FIHS 255 (Three at 255), Gedeon Kethnie CHS 225, Isabella Andreoli MHS 205, Madison McRae MHS 200, Brianna Adams RHS 180, Kaylin Driver RHS 170, Kristal Torres OPHS 165

129: Region leader 350 Emma Heck CHS,

Adriana Dimeo RHS 315, Jilian Labelle FIHS 265, Ansley Weseman CHS 225, Carly Johnson MHS 225, Mika Wesley MHS 210

139: Region leader 295 Anna Shepard CHS, Kendall Bryan MHS 235, Kathryn Ward FIHS 205, Aniyah Rawlins RHS 200, Sowers Rorie CHS 195, Gianna Digiovanni OPHS 190, Valerie Santini RHS 185

154: Region leader 335 Janiyah Stevens CHS, Madison Underwood MHS 260, Caylee Johnson MHS 245, Matchadaelle Calixte RHS 220, Olivia Sikes FIHS 215, Alaynah Deaton RHS 195

169: Region leader 300 Olivia Wilson New Smyrna Beach, Parker Bailey CHS 245, Madison Roach RHS 240, Brooke Wilson FIHS 240, Summer Repogle MHS 230, Lily O'Steen FIHS 220, Kathryn Mowery OPHS 220, Emily Herren MHS 205

183: Region leader 385 Olivia Bond-West New Smyrna Beach, Annalee Harbison CHS 315, Harper Herring RHS 265, Monica Brice RHS 225, Alissa Daigle MHS 205, Karlee Plum MHS 195, Annabel Pessina CHS 155

199: Region leader 360 Nevaeh Wells Leesburg, Ansley Lyda CHS 305, Leah Anderson FIHS 265, Match Calixte RHS 250, Avian Clinkscale MHS 240, Cassandra Garcia RHS 230, Juliana Sosa FIHS 230, Kendyl Walh MHS 220

Unlimited: Region leader 355 Kyleigh LaFary CHS, Kenya Tinajero CHS 340, Taylor Thompson FIHS 285, Mychaela Parker OPHS 270, Autumn Pelfrey MHS 255, Alohilani Richburg OPHS 245, Carrie Shipman RHS 245, Kerra Clarida MHS 235



Orange Park's Gianni DiGiovanni lifts to compete in tough Class 2A lineup.

Knights' weightlifting team keeps flexing its muscles

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - Oakleaf High girls weightlifting kept their win strategy in tact after a Clay County title and a Flagler Invite title in the past two weeks with a successful defense of their district weightlifting title on Friday; a Traditional title and an Olympic title

for 2023.

Oakleaf topped the six team field in their district 2-3A championship with a 95-61 point gap in Traditional ahead of Mandarin and an even more resounding 103-54 win over Mandarin in the Olympic event.

FHSAA altered the meet setup in 2023 with the three main lifting disciplines;

Region Qualifiers (Traditional)

- 101:** Region leader 255, Kaila Corbridge Pace 110: Region Leader 280 Savnna Christy Navarre; Ilda Simons OHS 195, Lola Nanan OHS 175
- 119:** Region leader 330, Lily Priddy Milton, Nya Russell OHS 260
- 129:** Region leader 350, Shannon Bryan Pace, Lillian Auble OHS 270, Savannah Roers OHS 230
- 139:** Region leader 365, Kailey Papas Creekside, Dajan Mote OHS 285
- 154:** Region leader 385, Ida Rhodes Deland, Savannah Roberts OHS 255
- 169:** Region leader 390 Kendall Wise Pace, Ivy Gunn OHS 330, Llana Benayon OHS 275
- 183:** Region leader 385, Madison Misleh Pace, G'Amyia Aiken OHS 295, Zyarie Lovett-Scott OHS 250
- 199:** Region leader 355, Ava Jowdy Spruce Creek, Danielle Ibe OHS 320, Caylin Volpe OHS 315
- Unlimited:** Region leader 375, Dyamond Dixon Pace, Christina Beasley OHS 320, Jazzmine Moore OHS 285

Region qualifiers (Olympic)

- 101:** Region leader 235, Kaila Corbridge Pace, Isabella Holacka 155
- 110:** Region leader 255, Lani Bennett Pace, Lola Nanan OHS 185, Aaliyah Cameron OHS 160
- 119:** Region leader 325 Madi Muse Crestview, Nya Russell OHS 235, Danielle Gilbert OHS 200
- 129:** Region leader 305, Shannon Bryan Pace, Lillian Auble OHS 230
- 139:** Region leader 360 Kailey Papas Creekside, Dejan Mote OHS 230
- 154:** Region leader 385 Mia Rhodes Deland, Savannah Roberts OHS 240
- 169:** Region leader 340 Kendall Wise Pace, Ivy Gunn OHS 290, Llana Benayon OHS 255
- 183:** Region leader 345 Ariana Acosta-Ramirez Buchholz, G'Amyia Aiken OHS 240, Reagan Burley OHS 235
- 199:** Region leader 335 Ava Jowdy Spruce Creek Danielle Ibe OHS 300, Caylin Volpe OHS 275
- Unlimited:** Region leader 320 Dyamond Dixon Pace, Christina Beasley OHS 270, Jazzmine Moore OHS 235

Olympic Snatch, Clean and Jerk and Bench Press being combined in two ways to create the team scores. Olympic scores are based on individual totals in Olympic Snatch and Clean and Jerk with Traditional combining scores in Clean and Jerk and Bench Press.

For Mandarin, 139 pound lifter Yamariz Perez was named top lifter in Olympic, pound for pound with Oakleaf's Nya Russell, at 119, runnerup.

Oakleaf teammates Nya Russell and Lillian Auble were voted 1-2 in the Traditional best lifter of the day.

For the upcoming Region 1-3A championship hosted by Oakleaf on Fri., Feb. 3, Oakleaf coach Ben White can continue his quest to leave the program better than when he got here as he leaves to coach football at Pedro Menendez.

With eight district champions; Isabella

Holacka at 101, Lola Nanan at 110, Nya Russell at 119, Lillian Auble at 129, Savannah Reeves at 154, Ivy Gunn at 169, Danielle Ibe at 199 and Christina Beasley in Unlimited all automatically qualifying as region top four advancements. White has the numbers to make a big splash at regions in continuation of his dominant win at the Flagler Invite that featured three of his region challengers; Flagler, Bartram Trail and Spruce Creek.

Of the eight champions, Ibe sits in second position in the region rankings for Olympics with her 300 total behind Spruce Creek top seed Ava Jowdy's 335 total.

In Traditional, Oakleaf's district champions all sit in top five spots in the region rankings with 10-15 separating lifters from first to fifth with Niceville, Pace and Navarre dominating the top spots.

Carter in it to win it

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Keystone Heights High girls basketball coach Jessica Sykes-Carter may have one more rabbit in her hat as the district basketball tournaments ramp up and her Lady Indians look to make some waves in district 5-4A where Carter is sitting atop with a 16-8 record with Suwannee High the lone challenger with a winning record at 8-7.

Sykes-Carter, a state champion player in her own right, knows the up tempo feeling of championship ball and has pulled out some big upsets in her tenure as coach. Should that gut instinct morph into her players should make the Keystone Heights run exciting in Sykes-Carter final district tournament.

With North Marion already beating Eastside 53-29 in quarterfinal action, Keystone Heights will have North Marion in a number one vs. number four semifi-



Senior guard Kiley Channell is high-energy point guard for Lady Indians.

nal on Wed., Feb. 1.

Suwannee comes on the opposite end with an opener against Santa Fe and



Keystone Heights High girls basketball coach Jessica Sykes-Carter will be playing in her last games for the Lady Indians after a superb tenure as Lady Indians leader.

a semifinal with Palatka waiting. Palatka recently got roughed up by Bishop Kenny 65-13 and may be a bit testy for their tournament as they took Keystone Heights to a 47-41 loss in regular season play.

Keystone Heights revolves around sharpshooter Kiley Channell and inside bruiser Dezaray Bright; two seniors that are the team leaders with junior Yasmine Bryant adding points.

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The win, the second of two semifinals hosted by Fletcher, puts the third seed Golden Eagles, coached by Joy Rosano, back into the district championship game against top seed Ponte Vedra High, a 2-0 winner over Nease in the early game.

Ironically, last year, Fletcher, coached by former Middleburg High coach Brad Plummer, took the Golden Eagles to a 0-0 overtime and penalty kick loss in the same district semifinal before losing to Ponte Vedra 2-1 in the district final only to advance and eventually win the state title with the



Rylie Gardner battled against Fletcher big front line to keep ball past midfield.

aid of a 2-1 region semifinal win by Fleming Island over Ponte Vedra.

Along Fletcher's path, Fleming Island was awarded a region playoff points bid and lost a second time 2-1 to Fletcher in the region final.

"This whole district has become just a bunch of big rivalry games because the teams are all strong," said Rosano. "Ponte Vedra took it to us a few weeks ago on the coldest night of the year."

Fleming Island, who had beaten Fletcher just a week prior 3-0 in regular season



Above: Fleming Island goalie Jenna Moreland and forward Kaitlyn Scherer try to clear ball just feet from Fleming Island goal posts. Right: Katy Tamares gets hug from Kaitlyn Scherer after lone goal in first half of Golden Eagles 1-0 win over Fletcher. Note: Fleming Island lost 3-0 to Ponte Vedra in the district championship game Tuesday.



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play with three goals from Gianna Gardner, could not get the breakaway shot opportunities that put Gardner downfield for two first half goals last week as the Fletcher defense had Gardner surrounded by defenders all night.

"They were doubling up on Gianna and if Ponte Vedra was watching, we will have our work cut out for us," said Rosano, who lost to Ponte Vedra early in the season 4-0 on the coldest night of the season thus far. "We knew they would try to jam the ball down our throats in the second half. They did it against us in the last game."

For the better part of the first half, it was Fleming Island's defense of sophomore goalie Jenna Moreland that provided the theatrics of the night with numerous outstanding stops of Fletcher bombs to the goal. Moreland volunteered for duty with regular goalie Macy Opp out with an illness.

In front of Moreland, where Rosano had a crowded goalie box with Kennedy Johnson, Natalie Ramdas and Emerson Rucker providing incoming cover for Moreland, normally an infield defender, the Golden Eagles, in the first half, were slowing down the fast-striking attacks of Fletcher's speed with Tamares goal coming at 11:36 after the first half water break off a feed from Rucker between two Fletcher defend-

ers just above the goalie box.

"I don't think their goalie ever saw it because Katy was shielded behind two defenders," said Rosano. "It didn't have a whole lot of steam on it."

Rosano's offensive answer was forward Kaitlyn Scherer in the middle of the field with freshman forward Rylie Gardner contending to slow down the much-bigger Fletcher front line.

From the half, Fletcher was determined to test Moreland with rifle shots the rest of the contest with two fingertip deflections by Moreland creating gasp to her teammates and one particular scrum off a corner kick that forward Kaitlyn Scherer cleared amongst a crowd of Lady Senators.

Fletcher best shot of a one-on-one blast toward Moreland was whiffed by Fletcher power forward Sawyer Reynolds dead center about 18 yards in front of Moreland.

Around the county, top seed Orange Park (14-2), with lead scorer Rianne Robinson hitting 31 goals for the season, won a 5-0 semifinal against Englewood in district 3-5A to advance to the championship game on Tues., Jan. 31 against Pedro Menendez. Robinson scored three goals. Menendez (6-8-0) beat Parker 12-0 and St. Augustine 3-2 to get to the final.

Clay High's (10-4) fast start with seven straight wins, ended abruptly with a 3-0

gap that ended with the Lady Blue Devils' season ending 3-2 to Columbia (14-4). Sophomore Kirra Dodson led the Blue Devil scoring with an astounding 33 goals for the season and Erkia Martinez, a junior, adding 11.

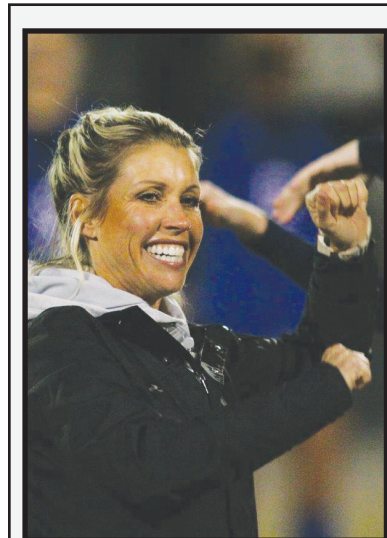
In the same district 2-5A slate, Ridgeview (4-8-4) won a 2-1 quarterfinal over Rickards before losing to top seed Lincoln (11-2-2) 2-0.

In district 4-3A, Keystone Heights mega scorer Kiersten Shaw got to her 68th goal with five in the net in the Lady Indians 11-0 win over Newberry in their quarterfinal. Junior Ella Hutchins added four goals also.

Keystone Heights (18-4) will face Williston (8-6-1), a 3-1 winner over Fort White to advance. P.K. Yonge (10-4), the top seed, faces Trinity Catholic (4-11-1) in the other semifinal.

In district 3-2A, St. Johns Country Day School (14-1-1, ranked No. 2 in Florida All classes, No. 1 in Class 2A) begins their epic defense of 11 straight state titles with a semifinal opener against fourth seed St. Joseph Academy (7-6-2) on Tues., Jan. 31.

No. 2 seed University Christian (15-1, ranked 25th in Class 2A) plays third seed Christ's Church Academy (6-9-1) in the other semifinal.



Clay out

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Clay High roared out from the season start with seven straight wins, but fell to Columbia 3-2 in their district semifinal, but Clay coach Stephanie Waugh, left, has a bucket load of returners for next year including 33-goal scorer Kirra Dodson, center, a sophomore, and freshman defender Cora Parker.

Bauman's bounce beats Fleming Island

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Oakleaf High center forward Evan Bauman found himself looking at a loose ball in front of the Fleming Island goal and just took a step and fired it into the net to give the Knights' a 2-1 district 3-6A semifinal win over host Fleming Island High School in Monday's soccer playoff action around the county.

"I just saw it there on the grass and just had one thing on my mind; get it in the goal," said Bauman. "We had plenty of opportunities on both sides to win the game and score goals, but we missed and they missed."

With the Knights scoring first in the first half off a breakaway from Keinde May-Parker, both teams showed off their athletic prowess up and down the field with Fleming Island's Hunter Tillman and Lucas Horvath running stride for stride with May-Parker and center forward Drew Ammon to keep the Knights out of striking distance to goalie Peyton French. French was up to the task on his own with two spectacular stops on penalty kicks to keep the score locked at 1-1 after Fleming Island speedster Matthew Male broke free and crushed a left side shot past Oakleaf freshman goalie Collin Lane.

"We have four outstanding freshman that start for us and make big plays," said Oakleaf coach Brett Rountree. "We put Collin in there knowing he had some tactical skills to slow down the Fleming Island attack. He worked the angles in front of the goal like a seasoned veteran."

With the game locked at 1-1 up to the second half water break; near the 13 minutes to go, Ammon set up to take a free shot just inside the 18 yard line and bashed the Fleming Island four-man defensive wall



Fleming Island speedster Matthew Male, who scored Fleming Island's lone goal, had a handful of just-misses in front of Oakleaf net including this first half header off a free kick.

with his shot.

"I think the Fleming Island defense kind of

thought the play was over, but it was live ball and I just kicked it," said Bauman.

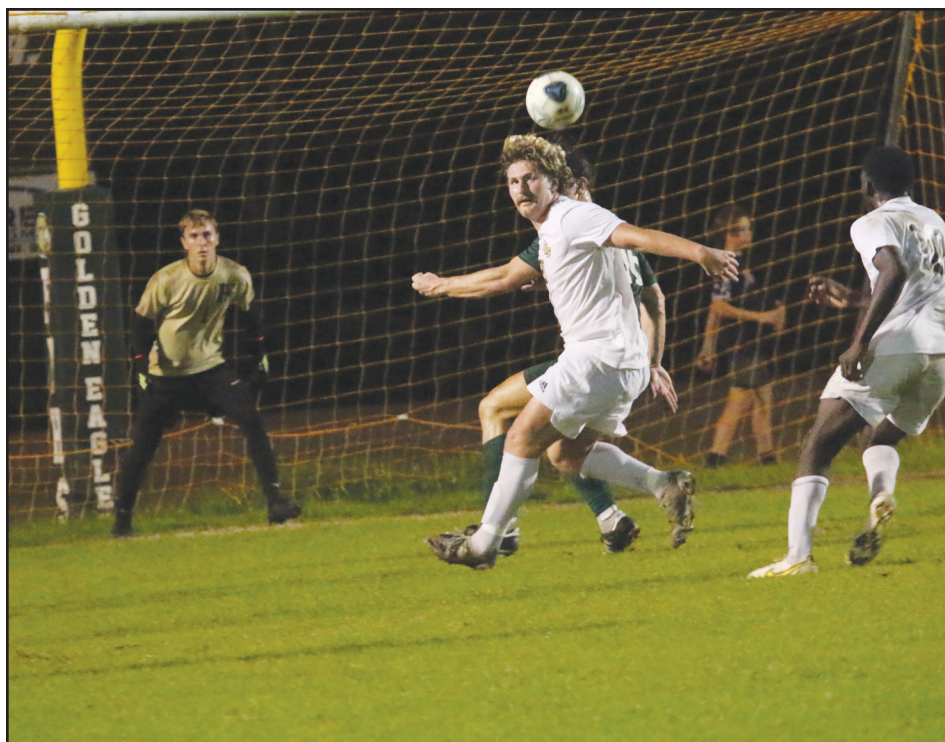
Oakleaf advances to the district championship against Ponte Vedra on Wed., Feb. 1. Ponte Vedra beat Nease 3-1 in the first semifinal.



Alex Bauman, here battling with Fleming Island defender, hit the gamewinner off a blocked penalty kick in the second half in Oakleaf 2-1 district 3-6A semifinal win over Fleming Island.



Oakleaf High freshman goalie Collin Lane rushes breakaway shot of Fleming Island's Taylor Suarez that just missed right post.



Oakleaf forward Drew Ammon tries to turn ball around to Fleming Island goalie Peyton French. French had two astounding penalty kick saves to thwart scores by the Knights.



Oakleaf High forward Akindede May-Parker was a menace in front of Fleming Island goal crowded with defenders.

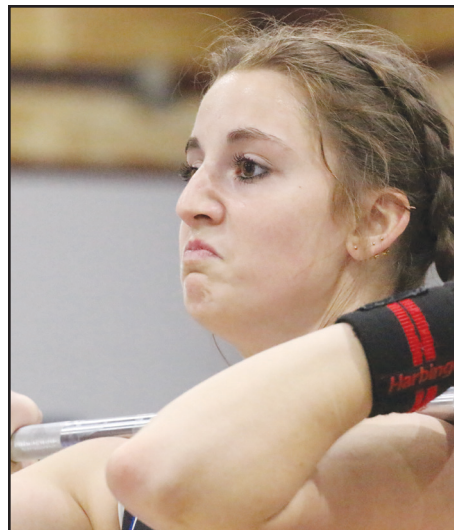
Weightlifting

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and the final tally came down to a final weigh-in of both athletes to determine the district champion with Oliver getting the gold. Both athletes totaled 340 for the category with equal 160 and 180 lifts in the Clean and jerk and Bench Press.

"This year is kind of special in that I have teammates to train with in the weight room and teammates that keep me motivated in the meets," said Wright. "It's a lot easier to go to the gym when there is a bunch of other athletes going there."

For Frisbee at 129, a multiple times AAU Olympic Snatch champion in Florida, showed off her precision technique in both the Olympic category and in the Traditional with her 145 clean and jerk one of the top 10 bests in all classes and her Olympic Snatch total (120) only equaled by Keystone Heights' Kaylee Wright at 169.



Left: Keystone Heights' Heidi Knapp is tough in 119.

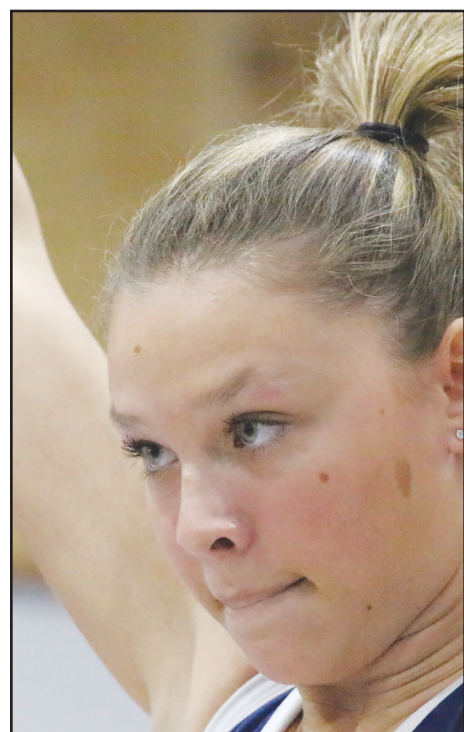
Right: Keystone Heights' Ariel King is fire power of Lady Indians lightweight lifters.



Keystone Heights Dakota Herring made the region lineup at 199 in both disciplines.



St. Johns Country Day School now has a team of 20 teammates to cheer on strong performances in big meets.



St. Johns Country Day School's Addison Frisbee is returning state champion in Olympic Snatch from 2022 and has improved her clean and jerk to be more formidable in new Olympic division.



Keystone Heights senior Kaylee Wright will have three state meets under her belt when she is done and a top five finish last year.

"I like having the teammates around watching and cheering," said Frisbee. "It's like nothing like last year. Being part of the team makes all of us want to be at our best."

Mag Fackler also won her first district title with a 220 total in 154, second best in the region for Olympic lifts. Sasha Wallace won her first district in Unlimited with a 195 total.

Region Qualifiers

(Olympic)

119: Region leader 265 Kayulee Carolin Wolfson, Heidi Knapp KHHS 160, Abbigail Anthony-Rozier KHHS 145

129: Region leader 270 Sophia Millian Wolfson, Addison Frisbee SJCDs 265, Jules Raimondi SJCDs 210, Trista Harrison KHHS 165

139: Region leader 285 Amya Ramos Taylor, Meg Fackler SJCDs 230, Gabbi Osceguera SJCDs 225

154: Region leader 235 Julia Weiser Fernandina Beach and Jorja Barton Palatka, Kenly Chitty KHHS 220, Ashlyn Brown KHHS 200, Daniela Osceguera SJCDs 200

169: Region leader 280 Kaylee Wright KHHS, Morgan Wilson KHHS 190

183: Region leader 305 Raven Lovencin Beachside, Paige Harrington KHHS 210, Lillian Mitchell KHHS 175

199: Region leader 270 Kennedy Smith Bell, Harmony Geiger KHHS 185, Anna Kemp SJCDs 175

Unlimited: Region leader 285 Sophia Lee West Nassau, Sasha Wallace SJCDs 195, Dakota Herring KHHS 190

Region Qualifiers

(Traditional)

129: Region leader 265 Sophia Millian Wolfson and Ava Ramos Taylor, Ariel King KHHS 250, Addison Frisbee SJCDs 245

139: Region leader 300 Amya Ramos Taylor, Chloe Still KHHS 250, Meg Fackler SJCDs 245, Gabbi Osceguera SJCDs 225

154: Region leader 275 Barton Jorja Palatka, Kenly Chitty KHHS 240, Daniela Osceguera SJCDs 215, Ashlyn Brown KHHS 205

169: Region leader 340 Gabrielle Oliver Bradford and Kaylee Wright KHHS, Morgan Wilson KHHS 215

183: Region leader 280 Raven Lovencin Beachside, Paige Harrington KHHS 230, Lillian Mitchell KHHS 225

199: Region leader 375 Takeirra Bakken Bradford, Harmony Geiger KHHS 275

Unlimited: Region leader 335 Mary Beth Wallace Palatka, Sasha Wallace SJCDs 230

"This is only our second year with the girls team and the interest has grown enough in the school that we will have a boys team next year," said St. Johns coach Justin Frisbee. "If I get a few more girls each year, get our numbers up, we'll be right up there with the rest of the teams. Being a few points out of second place is very exciting for this team."

For Wright, fifth in Traditional last year at 183 and a top 20 finisher at 199 in 2021, will have a third region shot at getting to the Class 1A championship meet.

Wright won the district title at 169 with a 280 total that was tops in the region 2-1A qualifying list. Wright hit the second best clean and jerk of the day with a 160.

For Keystone Heights, Paige Harrington won the Olympics district title at 199 and Kenly Chitty won at 154.

District Soccer

Panthers oust Blue Devils in district soccer

Ridgeview beat Lincoln 3-2 in the district championship game

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - In a unique Saturday night at the stadium soccer clash between Clay County rivals, Ridgeview High got a lone goal in the first half then two second half goals to defeat the Clay High Blue Devils 3-1 in their district 2-5A semifinal game at Ridgeview High. Ridgeview, with a first half blast from Tyler Prescott that broke open a tough defensive battle at midfield, kept the Clay offense at bay with saves from goalie Kalib Blackall who kept the Blue Devil offense out of the net until the final two minutes of the game with Clay senior defender Nick Sciarтели getting a final goal in his career to end the game.

In the second half, just two minutes off the clock and Stone Perry headballed the Panthers second goal on a corner kick set play. Ridgeview's third and final goal came from Yahya Adam with just about six minutes left on the clock.

Ridgeview, 7-4-4, was the number two seed in the tournament behind Columbia,



but Columbia lost to the fifth seed Lincoln Trojans, 5-11-2, in that semifinal to set up the championship game with Ridgeview on Tues., Jan. 31.

Clay, 9-5-2, beat Middleburg (2-15-1) 3-1 to advance to the semifinal.



Above: Ridgeview's Tyler Prescott got first goal for Panthers in 3-1 district semifinal win over Clay. Left: Justin Studer is hard driving forward in the goalie box for Panthers.

In other action, Fleming Island was the top seed in district 3-6A with Oakleaf fourth. Oakleaf beat Fletcher, the fifth seed, 4-0, in the quarterfinal to advance to face Fleming Island on Tues., Jan. 30. In the opposite side of the bracket, Nease beat First Coast 8-0 to advance to face No. 2 Ponte Vedra. The final will be at Fleming Island on Wed., Feb. 1.

In District 3-5A, Orange Park, 9-8-3, beat Parker 4-0 in that quarterfinal but ended their season with a 4-0 loss to top

seed Pedro Menendez. Menendez was to play St. Augustine for the district title.

In district 4-3A, Keystone Heights, as fourth seed, lost to fifth seed Fort White 2-1 to finish their season at 10-5-4.

In District 3-2A, St. Johns Country Day School (4-5-4) won their quarterfinal 7-1 over University Christian to advance and face top seed St. Joseph Academy (7-2-5) on Tues., Jan. 31. Harvest Community (6-2-2) plays Christs Church Academy (9-6-0) in the other semifinal.

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Lady Knights set to fire up districts

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - Oakleaf High's girls basketball team; with the now-four Amigas; Kaylah Turner, Fantasia James, Kamiya Jones and Trista Brown, playing about as furious a game as coach Fred Cole could ask for, will look to batter opponents for the next three weeks en route to a return to the Class 6A Final Four. Add a tough underneath Jan'Nease Bender battled for boards and that's a tough lineup.

Oakleaf, at 21-2 with a recent loss to top-ranked Bishop Kenny, has pretty much obliterated its schedule with a combination of unrelenting athleticism with an across the lineup basketball skill set that is only limited by momentum swings determined by how fast the buckets arrive.

In District 3-6A, Oakleaf will get a bye until Wed., Feb. 1 while Orange Park opens with Fleming Island, Nease vs. Fletcher and Ponte Vedra vs. First Coast, all on Tues., Jan. 31. Fleming Island's shooting duo; London Jenkins and Victoria Noble will face off against an Orange Park team that may or may not have a full tilt Eris Lester on the floor. Lester has been dealing with a foot injury in the latter part of the season as the the Lady Raiders try to offset her absence with great play of Piera Alexander and Autumn Nesmith. If guard Hailey Revak gets hot from three point



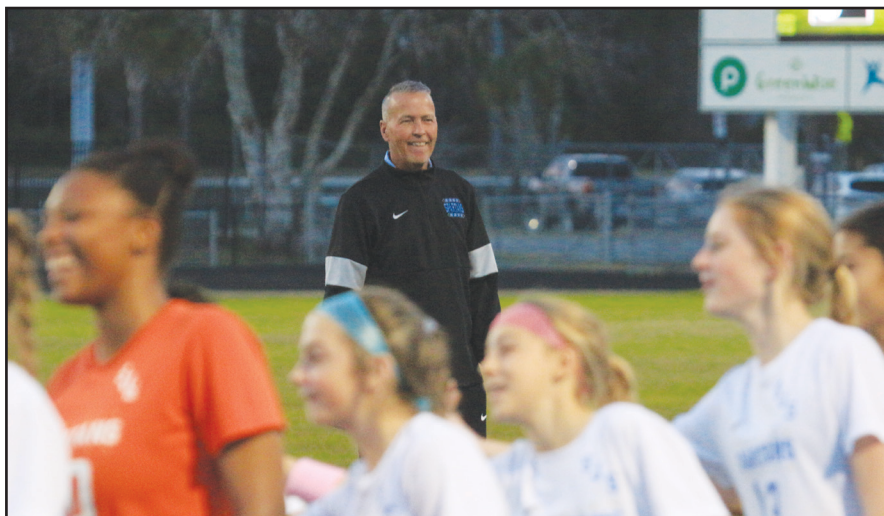
A healthy Eris Lester is key to Orange Park success in districts.

land, the Raiders can get to a next game, but that means Oakleaf on the rebound.

On the flip side, Ponte Vedra has been the lone game that Oakleaf had a little anxiety with; a 66-62 win for the Lady Knights and that came down to a fourth quarter surge.



A healthy Kaylah Turner is scary sight for those opposing Oakleaf basketball. Note: Fleming Island beat Orange Park 57-44. Oakleaf was set to host Fleming Island in the district semifinal on Wed, Feb. 1.



Orange Park will rely on the sister power of Ryanne, No. 15, and Rylayne Robinson; 40 goals combined, to keep moving into region playoffs. Below: St. Johns Country Day School has another strong goalie in Roxie Matthews that keeps coach Mike Pickett smiling as he treks toward unprecedented 12th state title. Note: Orange Park lost 4-0 to menendez in their district final while St John's country Day won 8-0 in their district semi-final Tuesday.

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District 2-5A Basketball

Panthers ready for deep region run

Note: Ridgeview beat Lincoln 3-2 in the district championship game on Tuesday.

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Ridgeview High girls basketball has unleashed the Blocton aura on to the 2023 season and the result has been a strong presence in the district 2-5A lineup that opens Tuesday with the Lady Panthers as top seed.

With sisters Nia, Nacoya and Narissa Blocton confusing opponent defenses with the look-alike attacks on the boards and in the paint, Ridgeview coach Tyler Miller has groomed his counter attack to include swift outside shooting from Paetyn Miller and Emma Rayes with just enough defense from his bench; Esperanza Gallegos and Aniyah Campbell, to give those who dare a test of up tempo basketball with an occasional elbow to the face.

The challengers look to be either Rickards or Baker County with the Baker County inner lineup muscles enough to maybe battle the Blocton strength underneath.

That being said, Baker County already got bombed by Ridgeview and the only blip on the screen for Miller tough losses to Oakleaf and St. Johns Country School with sharpshooter Taliah Scott going crazy with 37 of the Spartans 67-59 win. Fortunately, Scott is in 2A, but the blueprint of a speedy shooting format might be the challenge to the Panthers burly defenders.



Ridgeview's guard Emma Rayes has matured into tough point man for Lady Panthers to complement senior Paetyn Miller's leadership.

Rickards, on the other hand, is packed and loaded with just a 14-10 record, but 10 losses to highly talented teams; 21-1 Rutherford, 13-3 P.K. Yonge and 18-6 Central Florida Academy so they will come ready to rock.

Middleburg has been active lately and coach Lindsey Burghart is a tough defensive coach so the Broncos could surprise. Clay has the basketball guru Doug Deters on the sideline and he is basketball crafty.

Being number one seed gives Ridgeview home gym and that's a good place for the Panthers.

Spartans follow Kent's lead

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - As St. Johns Country Day School girls basketball team (14-5) enters the district fray, one thing is always going to happen.

Senior guard Taliah Scott, a recently named McDonalds All American, will score a lot of points.

The key to the Lady Spartans going deep in playoffs is Scott scoring a bunch and also Scott getting a bunch of assists to her wingmen; namely Mary Kent Kate, who can added buckets of points quickly with her outside three pointer.

Give Kate some room, assume Scott scores 35-40, and coach Yolanda Bronston wins with Kate getting hot. Evidence, Scott 37, Kent 19, big win over 5A Ridgeview.

Tough defense from Juliet Moody and some rebounds from Semaj Williams and freshman Ashanti Williams underneath, simple equation for the win. Seventh grader Kendall Proffitt has become a presence under the boards and that adds break-aways to Scott, Kent and Moody; Points.

Scott 40, Kent 14 equals 70-29 win over a 14-9 Andrew Jackson team that took Oakleaf to overtime before losing.



St. Johns Country Day School's tough guy is forward Juliet Moody.

University Christian and St. Joseph Academy are in their semifinal both with winning records; 11-4, 15-7, respectively, and both with big players underneath. University Christian beat St. Johns by seven in January, but Bronson's late season tactics have changed.

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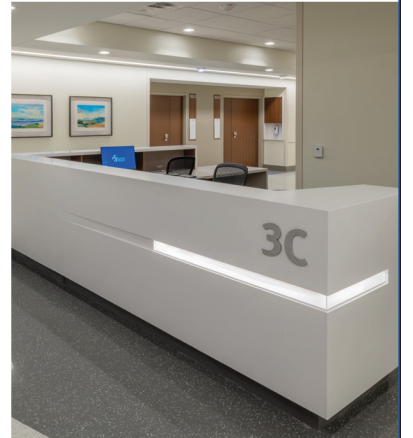
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