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Turning time into job opportunities



John, tech Wally Tennant and Emory work through a checklist as part of a program to give inmates working skills after their release.

Jail inmates gain automotive skills toward ASE certifications

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Emory, a self-proclaimed “backyard mechanic,” was holding a chipboard instead of a wrench during an instructional class on Saturday at the Clay County Sheriff’s Office’s Fleet Maintenance Building.

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Spring Park to host Augusta Savage Arts Festival

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – An icon of sculpture and the arts, Augusta Savage, a world-renowned Black sculptor born in Green Cove Springs, is once again being remembered and honored by the Friends of Augusta Savage and the community.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, the Augusta Savage Cultural Arts Festival will be at Spring Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

With the theme of the Harlem Renaissance, which in the 1920s and 1930s in New York City was an intellectual and cultural revival of Black music and the arts, this year’s festival features “Kreative Kids and Beyond.” Savage loved to nurture and encourage the creativity of the children she taught. Local schools and artists will also give performances.

The festival will feature food trucks, vendors, art activities and a karaoke contest, with performances by many talented

groups such as the Heart and Soul Fine Arts Club, saxophonist Gerrod Kendrick, Coppergate Elementary Music and Dance, a Black Living History Wax Museum, Art Displays by Augusta Savage Mentoring Center Art Classes, and so much more.

When Augusta Savage was a very young child, she discovered the red clay in the creek behind her house and that she could make things out of it. She was

SEE SAVAGE, 13



Keystone Heights Day at Daytona International Speedway

The Keystone Heights High chorus, band and JROTC all were part of the prerace ceremonies for the Craftsman Truck Series season opener at the Daytona International Speedway. See more about Keystone Height’s trip on Page 24.



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Michael Renard Jackson spared death penalty

Jury decides life in prison following brutal death of veterinarian technician

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – For the second time in 13 years, a jury found Michael Renard Jackson guilty of first-degree murder and rape of a veterinarian technician in 2007.

And for the second time, Andrea Boy-

er's family went through a penalty phase to determine whether Jackson will be returned to Death Row.

This time, however, the result was different.

Although a jury sentenced Jackson to death 13 years ago, a new jury on Wednesday decided he would spend the rest of his life in prison. It all came after

they heard the graphic details of the 25-year-old's murder and compelling victim impact statements.

The defense argued since Boyer may have been unconscious or dead when she was raped, she wasn't able to feel pain. They also contended Williams suffered with mental



Andrea Boyers

problems.

Andrea's sister, Amber Coughlin, tearfully read a victim impact statement, telling the jury she loved working with Andrea at the animal clinic. She then told them it's where Andrea "took her last breath." She also painfully said "I wasn't there to protect her."

A Clay County jury took 90 minutes to find Jackson guilty of raping, strangling and beating Boyer with a fire extinguisher

SEE CONVICTED, 23

GCS Council, city's residents wrestle with code enforcement rules

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – What was supposed to be a discussion on the city's code enforcement guidelines quickly became a spirited debate Tuesday night.

The City Council held the special meeting so the city's Development Services Director, Mike Daniels, could clarify how the enforcement department enforces some of its ordinances.

Ten residents addressed the council, including three former mayors. All were concerned about guidelines regarding fences, residential parking and carports.

Daniels said rules were created years ago to "enhance the quality of life by helping sustain safe, healthy living conditions for residents and businesses of the city."

Most residents argued ordinances that prohibited people from parking their cars in the grass, even if it was at their house. They also were upset the city won't allow people to store materials in a carport, and they didn't like the rules for fences.

According to Daniels, anyone wanting to install a new fence must apply for a permit and complete a survey before construction. Although Daniels said those restrictions don't apply to anyone repairing a fence or replacing a panel, some were still confused.

Daniels also explained enforcement starts with a courtesy letter. In all, there are 24 steps leading to a lien being placed on the property, and compliance ends the process at any stage.

There currently are 14 open lien cases on properties in the city.

Most of the discussion focused on car-



Green Cove Springs resident Curtis Deel asked the council why he was cited for replacing portions of his fence.

ports. One resident said she was cited she had building materials stacked in her carport during a remodeling project. Another said a neighbor got a letter because she had items on shelves in her driveway. Both said they were told they needed to install covers on the open walls.

Molly Mason asked why the same rules don't apply to garages.

"If you have an ordinance that you can't store stuff in a carport, then you have to force people to keep their garage door down," she said.

Others, like former Mayor Felecia Hampshire, asked why her children couldn't park in her yard when they visit.

"I have five children," she said. "They either have to park in the yard or in the street. And we know the street is too narrow."

Daniels assured residents the code enforcement department isn't looking to issue citations for holiday gatherings.

Linda Hobbs said the codes infringed on her rights as a property owner.

"The city cannot change the way of life with an ordinance," she said.

SEE RULES, 23

Orange Park Council authorizes Kingsley Water Main project

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – The Town Council approved an agreement to authorize the Kingsley Avenue Water Main Improvement Project and more during its meeting on Tuesday night.

The wide-ranging impacts of necessary infrastructure as ever-important to the town's future has been a hot topic lately. Sewers also were discussed at the council's meeting on Feb. 9.

Vice mayor Alan Watt said his pressing concerns are to have the project completed promptly, especially with the next project that will take place on the road, which is a milling and resurfacing of the road, which Florida Department of Transportation will complete.

"It is really bad, and honestly, it should have been done years ago. We have a 2-inch galvanized steel main. It should be a much bigger line, and it is so corroded that if we can't get this thing done before they repave the street, it's going to be an incredibly expensive mess. It's in really, really, bad shape, so we need to move this on and get this started," he said.

That's precisely what the council did moments later, the motion passing unanimously, 5-0.

Before the vice mayor's comments, public works director Kyle Croce reiterated the importance of completing the big infrastructure project on time.

"We really need to get that done," Croce said. Council also approved a second reading of an ordinance updating a code prohibiting certain activities in the public right-of-way.

"This is a good thing for us. I don't know if everyone understands what this is about," Mayor Randy Anderson said.



Public Works Director Kyle Croce stressed the importance of the timely completion of the Kingsley Ave. Water Main Improvement Project during Orange Park's twice-monthly town council meeting on Tuesday.

Anderson was referring to illegal panhandling, which has become a problem in town.

It's a problem at busy highway medians at the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 and Interstate 295, which serves as a mode of transportation for Orange Park and further interconnects the bloodstream of the entire Northeastern Florida area between Clay, Duval and St. John's counties.

Between 53,500 and 84,000 cars use U.S. 17 in Orange Park daily.

"This is about panhandling. We've had it under control, and some of the rules have changed, so we have a new ordinance that we're putting in place," said Anderson.

The motion passed, 5-0.

Council will meet again on March 7.

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Permitless carrying, school safety bills pass Senate committee tests

By Gray Rohrer
For FloridaPolitics.com

The Senate's version of legislation to remove the requirement to get a concealed firearm permit includes a series of provisions aimed at beefing up school security.

Republicans in favor of the bill still got a storm of condemnation from gun control advocates and gun rights supporters on Monday as it passed through the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

"We're taking a giant step forward to restore our Second Amendment rights," said Sen. Jay Collins, a Tampa Republican and the bill sponsor.



Gray Rohrer

The bill passed on a 5-3 party-line vote, with Republicans in favor and Democrats opposed.

Gun control advocates argued the measure would lead to more shootings and make it easier for felons and domestic abusers to get guns.

"We need common sense gun laws, and getting rid of background checks and no training for firearms is not the answer," said gun control advocate Jeremy Rodriguez.

Supporters of the bill noted removing the permit requirement doesn't eliminate the three-day waiting period or background check required to get a gun and argued the training involved in getting a permit isn't extensive.

But as in the House, some of the fiercest criticism of the bill came from gun rights advocates who think the bill doesn't go far enough. They want the bill to allow them to carry guns openly, the weapon visible on their person.

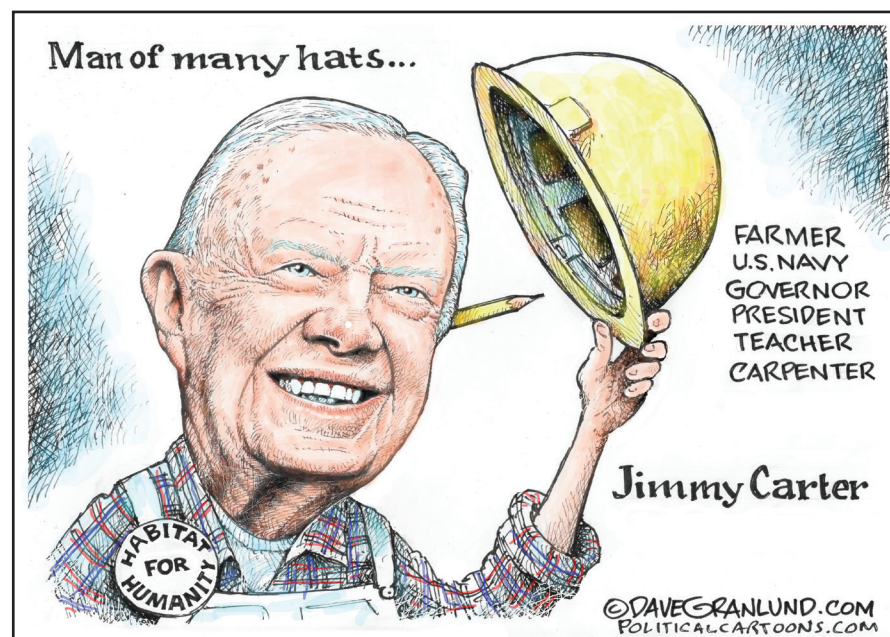
"We're insulted by this bill. It's a slap in the face to the Second Amendment community in the state of Florida," said Bob White, Chair of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Florida.

White, who ran for Governor in 2018 and garnered 2% of the vote in the GOP primary, said he's opposed to the bill, which can't be called "constitutional carry," as some supporters dub it, without the open carry provision. Gov. Ron DeSantis has pledged to sign a constitutional carry bill this year.

"We know when a deal's been cut. We can see it as plain as day," White said. "The

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OPINIONS



Hard not to be emotional after watching JTG Daugherty win Daytona 500

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

DAYTONA BEACH — A professionally-trained journalist shouldn't show favoritism or emotion in a story. I graduated with a college degree when they taught objective reporting, not a multi-platform media degree where ideas are limited to 280 characters.

Asking tough questions, that's me. Not accepting deceptive answers, that's me. Making sure all sides have their say, that's me. Crying like a baby at the end of the race, that was me, too.

I was overwhelmed after Ricky Stenhouse held off Joey Logano on the final lap of the Daytona 500. I saw it in person and got teary-eyed. I went home and watched the replay, and I cried again.

I could watch the final lap 100 times, and I'm sure I'll get emotional every time.

Tad and Jodi Geschickter are two of the people who make NASCAR great. The best motorsports writer I ever knew, the late Tom Higgins with the Charlotte Observer, once told me racing isn't about cars and going fast. It's about people. And there are no better people in the sport than the Geschickters.

The couple hired me to write advances and race reports for the 1997 season, two years after they started a fledgling Xfinity Series team with driver



Don Coble

Jeff Fuller. I stayed with them when they expanded to the Truck Series before settling on NASCAR Cup in 2008.

Their teams were fueled by hard work, faith and determination. I know. I was part of it for 12 years. I remember getting a call from Tad in 1998. He said there was a guy from Southern California who competed in the stadium truck series and he wanted to see him in a stock car.

His first two official NASCAR finishes were 25th at Indianapolis Raceway Park and 15th at Gateway International, but Jimmie Johnson went on to win 83 races and seven Cup championships. And it all started with the Geschickters.

Marcos Ambrose also got his start with the Geschickters. So did Adam Petty.

Kingsford's parent company, Clorox, didn't care the team went winless for many years because the Geschickters were masterful at marketing and knew how to leverage racing to increase their sales.

"We don't quit," Jodi said. "We dig in. We don't quit. We're tenacious."

The Geschickters added a third partner in NBA star Brad Daugherty in 2009. Oddly enough, I covered Brad when he played for the Cleveland Cavaliers. Many don't know, but he always wore No. 43 because his favorite athlete was Richard Petty.

The Geschickters have been racing for 29 years. They now have two Cup wins and four Xfinity wins. But they always had the respect from a sport often doesn't slow down to notice.

Jodi said Tad had a hunch the team

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Word OF THE WEEK

Word of the Week is a feature that aims to help readers boost their vocabulary in a meaningful way that has practical application. Each week, our editorial staff presents a word, its definition and its use in a sentence.

Pericope: a noun that means to extract from a text, especially from the Bible.

"The pastor chose a pericope from the New Testament for part of his sermon."

This Week In History

Five years ago, 2018

- A historical marker was installed at Orange Park Junior High where Orange Park Normal and Industrial School taught Black and white students despite the state prohibitions since 1917.

- The Orange Park Town Council votes 5-0 to notify the county commission of its intention to create its own Emergency Medical Services squad.

- Two teams from Orange Park Elementary compete at the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament.

10 years ago, 2013

- A three-month investigation at the Clay County Jail uncovers a ring that smuggles in contraband to inmates at the pre-trial center.

- Rose Claridy Davis starts her job as the county's Veterans Services Officer.

- St. Vincent's Medical Center technicians teach CPR at Plantation Oaks Elementary, telling students to do compressions at the beat of the Bee Gees' "Stayin' Alive."

20 years ago, 2003

- Murder suspect Irma Thornton Long is arrested in a traffic stop in Washington County. She was accused by the Clay County Sheriff's Office of killing a Keystone Heights woman.

- The county commission unanimously agreed to commit to imposing impact fees for new development.

- Twenty-five dancers from Marta Jackson School of Dance audition in Gainesville for Hillary Duff's next movie, "Camp Summer Stage."

30 years ago, 1993

- A \$124.4 million construction project

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Send us a letter ...

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Opinions ...

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Letter to the editor

Young lungs at play in Clay County parks

By William Meeks
Tobacco Free Clay Partnership Member

Here in Clay County, we're fortunate to have great shared spaces like our many beautiful parks to enjoy with friends and family. And as with any good fortune, we must all work together to keep these parks pristine and welcoming to locals and visitors. Every person in the county should be free to enjoy the great outdoors without exposure to toxic smoke and litter. It's time to call for new strong policies that keep deadly tobacco out of our parks.

When the Florida Clean Air Act was updated this summer, it allowed communities like ours to introduce new rules to make our local beaches and parks smoke-free. Our community can now regulate the use of most tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, in these municipal locations. Many cities and counties throughout Florida have already taken this critical step to protect our public places.

You can help your friends and neighbors in Tobacco Free Clay by asking commissioners to join the progress and make our parks smoke-free.

There are so many good reasons to update our county's laws. No one wants to see parks cluttered with cigarette butts – by far the single most significant source of litter. It would have great environmental benefits – cigarette butts contaminate

the water supply, poison animals and marine life, and can be ingested by animals or even small children. Disposable vapes, pods and other e-cigarette components also add to the dangerous and disgusting litter threatening our community.

Removing smoking and vaping from places like Moody Ave Park, Moccasin Slough Park and Ronnie Van Zant Park will eliminate environmental hazards and reduce exposure to potentially deadly secondhand smoke.

But perhaps most importantly – if we dedicate to having Clay County parks be a location for active, healthy outdoor lifestyles in public places rather than somewhere for tobacco use, we can model for young people a great opportunity to set out on a life of positive health behaviors.

Through policy implementation, education, and awareness, we can continue improving health outcomes for our local youth and every resident. Passing an ordinance prohibiting smoking and vaping in our local county and city parks can create a cleaner environment and reduce the risk of secondhand exposure. Call our county commissioners today and tell them you want clean, safe and healthy parks for our young lungs at play.

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would win hours before Stenhouse took the green flag.

"I was up at 3:30 (a.m.) tossing around just thinking through the day," she said. "When Tad woke up, I was making coffee, and then he said we're going to win today. Tad really felt it.

"For me, that feels like validation. That feels like a finish. We needed that. Our guys needed that. Our sponsors needed that."

NASCAR needed it, too.

It's refreshing when a single-car team wins. It proves hard work and conviction can be as important as a blank check.

The Daytona victory also was historic.

Jodi is the first woman owner to win the biggest stock car race of the year; Daugherty is the first Black owner.

"America doesn't look like the people in the garage area have looked like for 55 years," Tad said.

It's diverse and everyone has different points of view and different talents and treasures.

Brad certainly adds a different element to what we do and different thinking and different background, and I think it's the same from engineering to tire changers to drivers. It's sorely needed."

I needed to watch my old friends smiling and reveling in Victory Lane. I had emotional skin in the game. Everyone tied to the Geschickters feels the same way.

hunters and Wet Willie to benefit Ronnie Van Zant Park.

40 years ago, 1983

- Three men stationed at Cecil Field following a police chase and break-in at Orange Park High.

- The BCC agrees with Director of County Civil Defense Jim Corbin to break up the Doctors Inlet Volunteer Fire Department.

- The Orange Park Mall donates \$500 to the Clay County Science Fair.

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to improve the Buchman Bridge starts.

- Middleburg's Gary Rhodes, 23, is one of four soldiers killed when their helicopter crashed at Wiesbaden Air Base in Germany.

- Thieves at Camp Blanding steal \$12,000 worth of tickets for a concert featuring Lynyrd Skynyrd, 38 Special, Travis Tritt, Charlie Daniels, The Kentucky Head-

Suicide

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Florida House and the Florida Senate and the Governor's office got together on this bill and this is what they want ... and it's going to go the Governor and he's going to sign it and there's going to be this victory lap that's going to be taken where everybody is going to crow about how we passed constitutional carry in the state of Florida and you will not have done that at all."

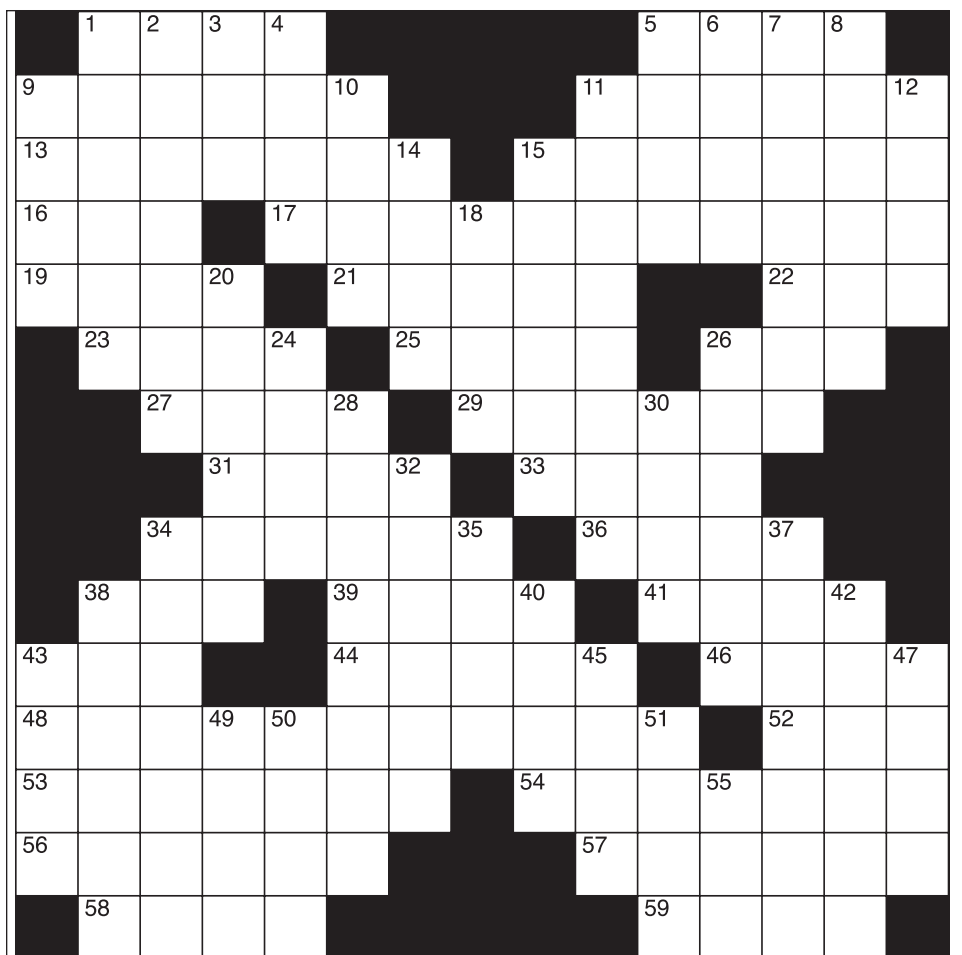
Democrats, meanwhile, slammed the move to combine the school safety measures with repealing the permit requirement and bemoaned the committee's rejection of three amendments

offered by Sen. Jason Pizzo, a North Miami Democrat. The amendments would've limited the ability to carry without a permit to one firearm, prohibited anyone with a domestic violence injunction from being eligible to carry without a permit and barred anyone from having a weapon on their person while intoxicated.

Current law only bars someone from holding a gun in their hand while intoxicated. Republicans said the measures were either unnecessary or covered in other sections of Florida law.

"If you're drunk, you shouldn't be carrying a loaded firearm on your person," Pizzo said.

The bill now heads to the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee before going to the floor.



CLUES ACROSS

- Sea grape
- European public health group (abbr.)
- A way to delight
- Appetizers
- Ancient heralds' wands
- Make a booking
- ' ___ death do us part
- Pearl Jam frontman
- Spider genus
- Fill with high spirits
- A major division of geological time
- Catch
- An independent ruler or chieftain
- Electronic music style (abbr.)
- Influential Spanish cubist painter
- Illegally persuades
- A way to derive
- British School
- Appear alongside
- Surely (archaic)
- Harsh cry of a crow
- A day in the middle
- Kansas hoops coach Bill
- The longest division of geological

time

- The first sign of the zodiac
- Appetizer
- Link together in a chain
- A bacterium
- In a way, forces apart
- Cheese dish
- Combines
- In an inferior way
- Colors clothes
- Dried-up

CLUES DOWN

- Gastropods
- Confusing
- Romanian monetary unit
- The rate at which something proceeds
- A prosperous state of well-being
- Asked for forgiveness
- Makes less soft
- Part of speech
- Outside
- Advice or counsel
- Badness
- Protein-rich liquids

- Not moving
- Call it a career
- Poetry term
- Not wide
- Pastries
- Turns away
- Satisfies
- Gift adornments
- San Diego ballplayers
- Manufacturing plant
- Check or guide
- Dogs do it
- Chilled
- Scorch
- Unproductive of success
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Attack with a knife
- Feel bad for
- Enclosure
- Assert
- Geological times
- Midway between east and southeast

Clayton and Mildred Revels Senior Center to open new kitchen

By Martha K. Mayes

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Seniors in Clay County will continue to get outstanding care when the Clayton and Mildred Revel Senior Center opens a newly-renovated kitchen on April 1.

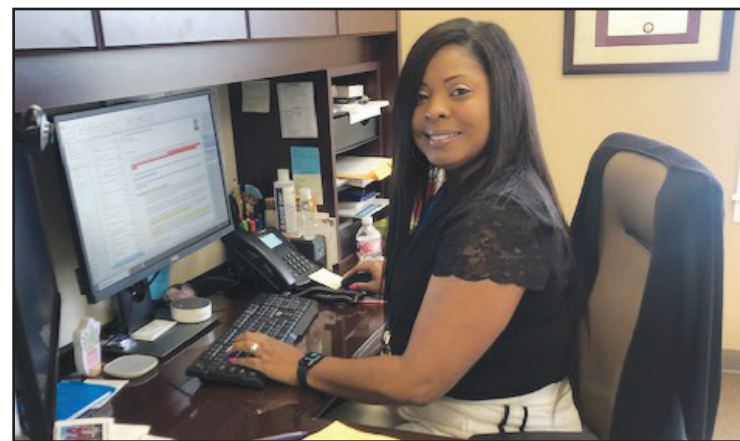
The kitchen not only got new equipment but was expanded to allow it to store food and prepare fresh, hot meals daily. Before adding this kitchen, the food was prepared in Jacksonville and transported to Clay County.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house were celebrated recently, hosted by the Aging True Community Senior Services staff and county leaders. It allowed the community to celebrate and see the new kitchen, providing more opportunities for Clay County residents.

The upgrades to the kitchen include new commercial appliances and a remodeled interior design that is more suitable for large-scale food preparation. Before the kitchen was in place, prepared food came from Jacksonville and had to be reheated.

The new kitchen can also be a critical food preparation facility for emergencies or natural disasters, making it a key component in recovery.

This project began in 2020 when the commercial appliances were purchased



STAFF PHOTOS BY MARTHA MAYES

Workers and Tourea Robinson, the director of the senior center, marvel at the new kitchen that will open on April 1 for seniors.

with CARE Act money. Remodeling started last March, and the final electrical work was completed in January. Major upgrades include the installation of a commercial range and convection oven with an industrial exhaust hood, two commercial cooking kettles, commercial sinks and dishwasher, a walk-in freezer, upgraded food preparation surfaces and a new serving window. Crews installed a commercial fire suppression system and upgraded all plumbing and electrical work.

Tourea Robinson, Director of Clay County Senior Services, is proud of the new kitchen at the Green Cove Springs location and is looking forward to the day when food

is served there in five weeks. She's also proud the Green Cove Senior Center was designated the lead agency for senior services in Clay County in 2019.

Also, it's the only location of the Adult Day Care program. It provides a secure environment and a caring staff for socialization, health monitoring, nutritional guidance, and activities under experienced supervision. The Adult Day Care offers caregivers a bit of respite with total peace of mind. Transportation is available.

There are no fees to attend the four senior centers in Clay County – in Orange Park, Green Cove Springs, Middleburg and Keystone Heights.

Open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the senior centers are funded by the Department of Elder Affairs of the Older Americans Act.

Participants need to be at least 60 and/or have a disability, although there will be an assessment to verify the senior's eligibility. Lunch is served every day and there is a variety of programming, such as bingo, cards, movies, educational programming and pool, as well as physical activities such as Zumba, chair exercises and line dancing.

Keeping Clay County's seniors active, busy and healthy is the primary goal of the Aging True Community Senior Services. The center is located at 604 Walnut St.

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Obituaries

Barbara Roswell

Barbara Roswell, 79, of Clay County, Florida, died Monday, February 13, in her home surrounded by her loving family. She leaves her husband of 49 years, Charles E. Roswell; a Daughter, Denise Roswell; Four grand-daughters, Kayla Conklin, Alexandra Conklin, Grace Conklin, Dawn Conklin; She is also survived by her sister Carolyn Zebrowski; and several nieces. She is predeceased by her son, Lance Shackelford; her brothers, Edward Krolin and Donald Krolin.



Barbara Roswell

Barbara was born in Newark, New Jersey, Daughter of the late Edward and Lillian (Mesiak) Krolin and had lived in New Jersey for 63 years. Barbara and family moved to Clay County, Florida 16 years ago.

Barbara was a member of St. Luke Catholic Church in Middleburg.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial service in celebration of Barbara's life to be held on Monday, March 6, at 5 p.m. The celebration will be at Hardage Giddens Holly Hill Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 3601 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Fla. For directions and online guestbook, please visit www.hollyhillfunerals.com. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Community Hospice of Jacksonville, Fla.

Ai Arlonzo Huth

Ai Arlonzo Huth, 70, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away February 18, 2023.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com

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



Jerry Knight Williams

Jerry Knight Williams, 90, of Green Cove Springs, passed away peacefully February 14, 2023 in her home surrounded by her family and friends.

She was born on February 19, 1932 to William and Pearl Knight. She was a lifelong resident of Green Cove Springs.

She was a graduate of Clay High School, lettering in basketball and cheerleading, and a graduate of Jones Business College. While in high school, Jerry served as one of the first usherettes at the historic Clay Theater. She had a successful and varied career as a hairstylist, realtor, and worked many years for the Clay County School Board and the Clay County Property Appraiser.

Jerry was a life-long leader and visionary in her community. She was elected to the Green Cove Springs City Council six times, totaling 18 years of public service to the citizens of Green Cove Springs. Some of her many accomplishments included serving as the first female Mayor of Green Cove Springs. She also championed the effort to build a new City Hall and was selected as the 2004 Florida Council Woman of the Year by the Florida League of Cities.

Jerry's life has been one of joy and hard work. In her own words, "Green Cove Springs is as close to me as my family, I am there to protect and care for them."

One of her proudest accomplishments in protecting and caring for the city was leading the effort to preserve the Green Cove Spring Park from being purchased for residential and commercial development.

Jerry was an avid world traveler. She enjoyed many trips abroad as well as taking cruises and road trips throughout the U.S. with her family. Her additional hobbies included gardening, clogging, taking walks through Spring Park and the community that she so loved.

Jerry was a devout Christian and a devoted, life-long member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son Larry, Sr.,



Jerry Knight Williams

her daughter-in-law Susan, grandchildren Larry, Jr. (Stuart) and Caroline, and her many nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

Jerry was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 50 years J.W. Williams, her siblings Kathleen Smith, Thelma Morea, Anita Bradley, William Knight, Robert Knight, her nephew Ken Bradley and niece Teri Donald.

Celebration of life was Friday, February 17, in the Chapel of Russell Haven of Rest. Visitation was held at 10 a.m. with the funeral service to follow at 11 a.m.

Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Family and friends may share their condolences at: www.RHRFH.com 904-284-7720



Billy Leroy Johns Sr.

Billy Leroy Johns Sr., 86, of Orange Park, FL passed away peacefully on February 19, 2023. Born to Alvin E. and Vivian G. Johns (Griffin) on March 24, 1936 in Chattahoochee, Florida. He graduated from Chattahoochee High School and attended Florida State University. Known as BL, Dad, and Granddad, he was a member of 103rd Street Baptist Church and was a proud railroad man for 40+ years having worked for Seaboard Coastline (currently known as CSX). BL's favorite pastimes were spending time with family, playing with the

grandchildren, watching "Pickers", listening to Gospel music and watching college football.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Sandra J. Johns (Garland) of Orange Park, FL; sons, Billy (Tabbatha) Johns, Mark Johns, Ben (Lisa) Johns, Max (Kate) Johns; former daughters-in-law, Jill Johns and Gretchen Johns; sister-in-law, Bonnie Pineda; grandchildren, Mikki Johns, Casee Johns, Tyler Garland, Madison Johns, Kennedy Johns, Sebastian Pineda, Sawyer Johns, Josiah Johns, Christopher Johns, Samuel Johns, Silas Johns; and great-grandchildren, Julian Callaway, Fallyon Pineda and Ember Pineda. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Vivian Johns.

The family will receive friends from 10:00am to 11:00am on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at the 103rd Street Baptist Church (8819 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL) with funeral services at 11:00am officiated by Rev. James Turner. Burial following at Jacksonville Memory Gardens (111 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL).

Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com

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



United Way offering free tax preparations to NE Florida

Sites include St. Catherine's Catholic Church, SJR State College

By Martha K. Mayes
Martha.Mayes@claytodayonline.com

CLAY COUNTY – United Way RealSense tax sites are now open for free tax preparation services. Appointments are available to book online at unitedwaynefl.org/taxes or by dialing 2-1-1.

More than 15 locations offer this ser-

vice to help Northeast Florida residents save money and build assets, including St. Catherine's Catholic Church and St. Johns River State College, both in Orange Park.

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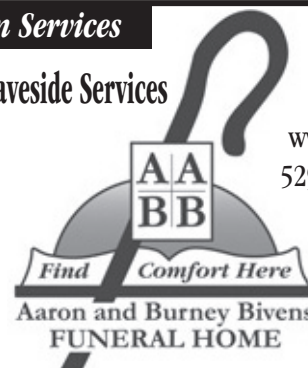
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Preparations on schedule for next month's Clay County Agriculture Fair

Fish wrangling, dancing goats, best mullets, new rides coming to fairgrounds

By Don Coble
don@claytodayonline.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Preparation for this year's Clay County Agriculture Fair started the day after the midway rides and food booths headed to their next event.

Executive Director Tasha Hyder always feels challenged to add a new twist to the creative lineup of agriculture, livestock, exhibits, history, midway rides, music and carnival treats.

Two years ago, it was speed dating on the Ferris wheel. Last year it was Sunshine Hours to serve fairgoers with hidden disabilities and Picnic Project to raise money for local charities.

A Fun Fish Show, two new rides from Deggeller Attractions and Silent Disco Goat Party will highlight 11 days of thrills, education and caloric gluttony

this year.

"We are gearing up for a wonderful fair, and honestly, I think this has been one of the easiest pre-fair prep seasons I've been through," Hyder said. "So everything's running smoothly at this point."

Another change involves the parking lot. After torrential rains flooded the main lots on the third day of last year's fair, county officials significantly upgraded channel water to runoff areas.

"I think they just put rocks around the drains to help with flooding," Hyder said. "I don't think they replaced the drains. They cleaned out the ditches. They cleaned out the ponds. And then they brought in new material for the parking lot like lime rock millings and some sand."

"They've been out there for the past month making sure drainage improvements have been made before the fair. I'm really excited about the improvements."

Rides from Deggeller will start rolling into the Clay County Fairgrounds on March 27 and the gates will open following opening ceremonies at 1:50 p.m. on Thursday,

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County workers put the finishing touches on improvements to the parking lots at the Clay County Fairgrounds ahead of next month's Fair. Below, reigning Miss Clay Scholarship Pageant queens wanted to remind everyone the deadline to participate in this year's pageant is March 3.



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- Clay County 4-H is proud to offer summer day camps that allow youth to explore their interests. From animals, to roller coasters, plants and more, we have a variety of camps to peak your child's interest.
- All 4-H camps are coordinated through the Clay County 4-H office and are implemented by trained staff and volunteers. While our day camps are not overnight adventures, they do fill the campers' day with education, hands-on activities and fun. Our day camps offer field trips, guest speakers, and activities that will make a lasting impression.

2023 Clay County 4-H Summer Day Camps

To register for our summer day camps, please visit 4-H Online. We will also have paper registration forms available. Camps will be held at the Clay County Extension Office: 2463 State Road 16 West Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Look for our day camps under Clay County 4-H.

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Animal Science University: Senior College

June 12-15 9:00am-4:30pm, Drop off starts at 8:00 am | Ages 13-18 | \$45

Mini Master Gardner Camp

June 21-23 8:30am to 3:00pm | Ages 8-12 | \$70

Career Exploration & Job Preparation

July 10-14 8:30-4:00pm | Ages 14-18 | \$75

Fur, Feathers, Friends

July 22 8:30am-2:30pm | Ages 5-12 | \$32

Animal Science University: Junior College

June 12-13 9:00am-4:30pm, Drop off starts at 8:00 am | Ages 10-12 | \$25

Ag & Animals Camp

June 19-23 9:00am-4:30pm, Drop off starts at 8:00 am | Ages 5-9 | \$165

Eat Smart, Play Hard Summer Camp

June 28-30 9:00am- 12:00pm | Ages 5-8 | \$45

In Bloom: Floral Design

July 21 9:00am-3:00pm | Ages 12-18 | \$25

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July 26-28 9:00am-4:00pm | Ages 10-14 | \$120

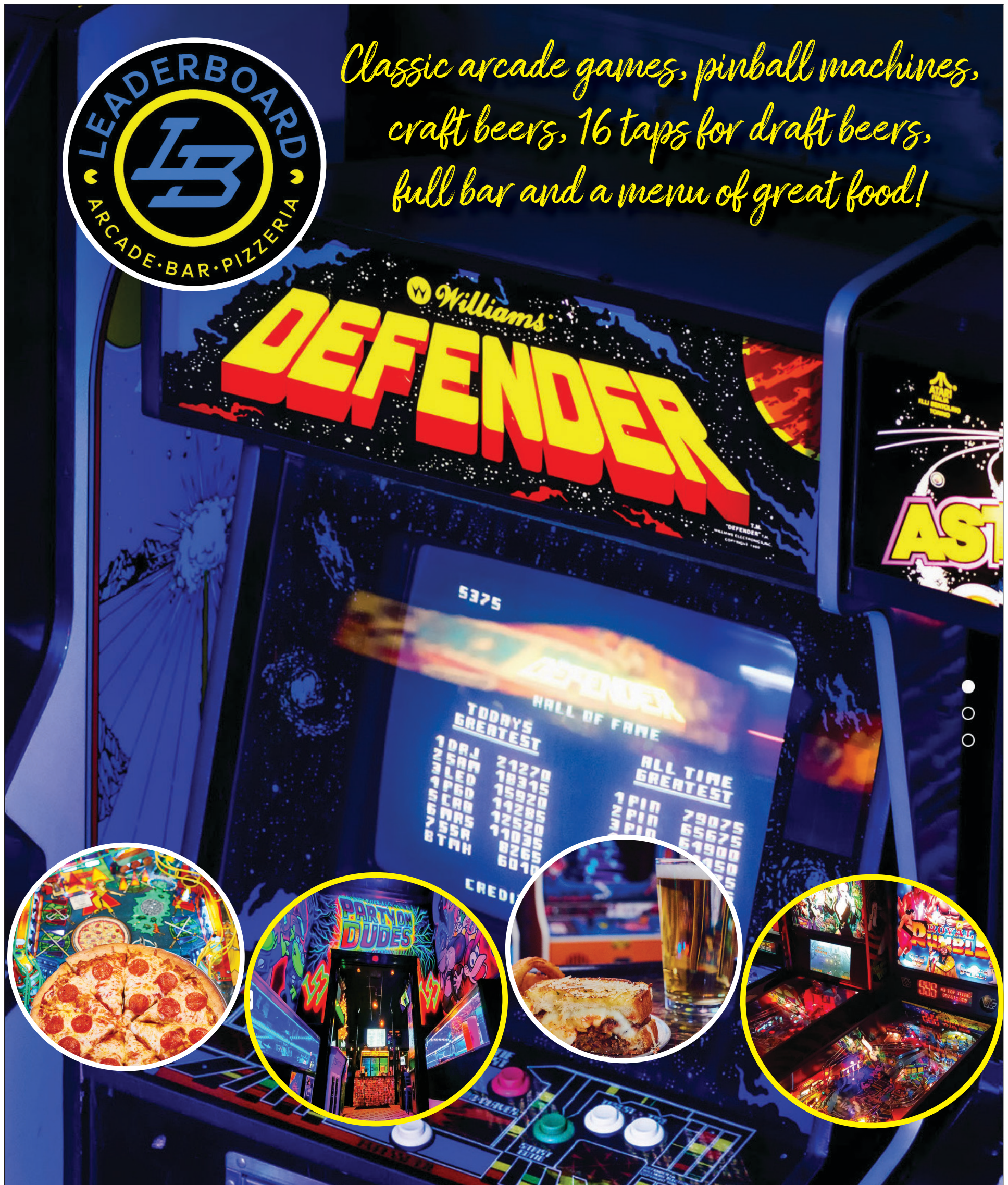
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Fair

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March 30. The fair will run daily and close on Sunday, April 9.

But there's plenty still happening long before the first funnel cake hits scalding oil.

Applications are due for the Miss Clay County Fair Scholarship Pageant by March 3.

The pageant has four age divisions – Junior Miss for girls 9-10; Pre-Teen for

11-12; Teen Miss for 13-15; and Miss for 16-19. All applications should include fun facts about the applicant, three words that best describe you, hobbies and clubs, community service and volunteer projects and academic achievements, awards and recognitions in the past year and a description of your plans for the future.

The application is posted at claycounty-fair.org/participate.

Home arts, horticulture, fair theme and 4-H projects will be dropped off on March 26-27, while poultry, rabbits and swine will be dropped off on March 29.



Drains have been cleared and rocks were installed to channel water from the parking lots.

The fun starts the following day. Some of the zany contests include the best beard and mustache, open charcuterie board, deviled eggs, puzzle, mullet matchup, Mario Kart and Pacman games and husband calling.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-01-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 3.44 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; SAID PROPERTY BEING GENERALLY LOCATED ON CR 209; DESCRIBING SAID PROPERTY BY METES AND BOUNDS IN EXHIBIT "A"; FINDING THAT ALL THE OWNERS OF SAID PROPERTY HAVE PETITIONED THE CITY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX SAME; FINDING THAT THE PROPERTY IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS AND REASONABLY COMPACT PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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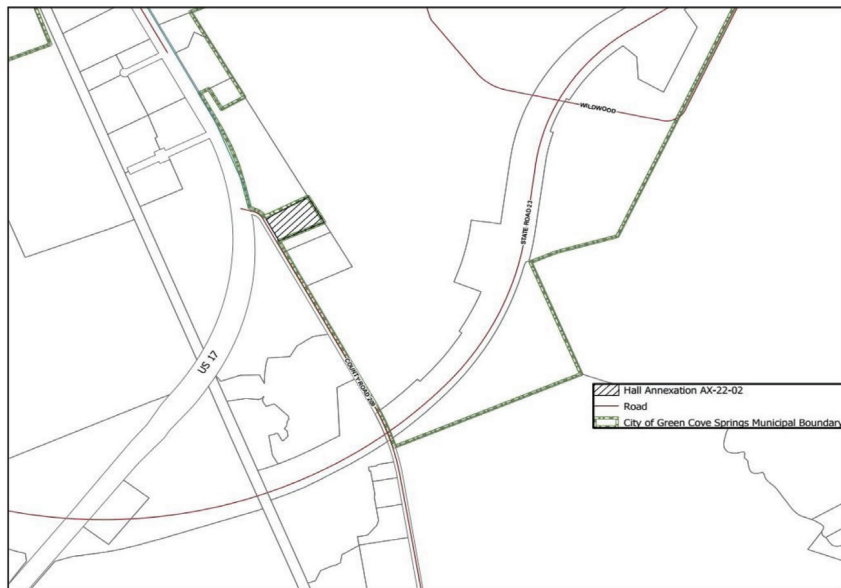
- Planning & Zoning Board: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;
- City Council: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;
- City Council: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;

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A Map clearly showing the area proposed to be annexed is provided below. The complete legal description by metes and bounds and the ordinance can be obtained at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.



Lilly Delvecchio, Development Services Representative 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

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ORDINANCE NO. O-04-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 28.81 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; SAID PROPERTY BEING GENERALLY LOCATED ON CR 209 AND US 17; DESCRIBING SAID PROPERTY BY METES AND BOUNDS IN EXHIBIT "A"; FINDING THAT ALL THE OWNERS OF SAID PROPERTY HAVE PETITIONED THE CITY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX SAME; FINDING THAT THE PROPERTY IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS AND REASONABLY COMPACT PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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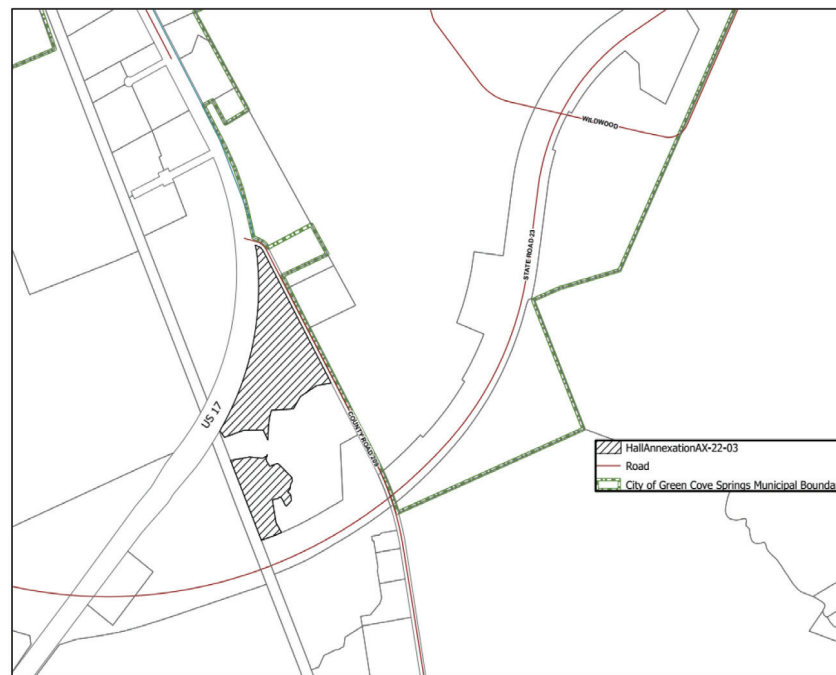
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Savage

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fashioning small clay figurines of animals and sometimes people. She never stopped, even when her father, a very strict minister, told her she was creating idols and crushed all her figurines.

She learned to hide them. Little did her father know that his young daughter, one of his 14 children, would grow up to be a renowned artist and that her pieces would one day sell for millions.

She once said, "From the time I can

first recall the rain falling on the red clay in Florida, I wanted to make things."

A humble woman, Savage, also said: "I have created nothing really beautiful, really lasting, but if I can inspire one of these youngsters to develop the talent I know they possess, then my monument will be in their work."

The Augusta Savage Cultural Arts Festival in Spring Park will wrap up the county's celebration of Black History Month by enjoying the food, fun, singing, dancing, celebrating, and creative artistry of the talented folks in Clay County.



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Art and cultural enthusiasts will be at Spring Park Saturday to celebrate the Augusta Savage Cultural Arts Festival. The event will include historical displays of the famed artist born in Green Cove Springs and food and performances from school and community groups.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-07-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 39.23 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; SAID PROPERTY BEING GENERALLY LOCATED ON CR 209; DESCRIBING SAID PROPERTY BY METES AND BOUNDS IN EXHIBIT "A"; FINDING THAT ALL THE OWNERS OF SAID PROPERTY HAVE PETITIONED THE CITY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX SAME; FINDING THAT THE PROPERTY IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS AND REASONABLY COMPACT PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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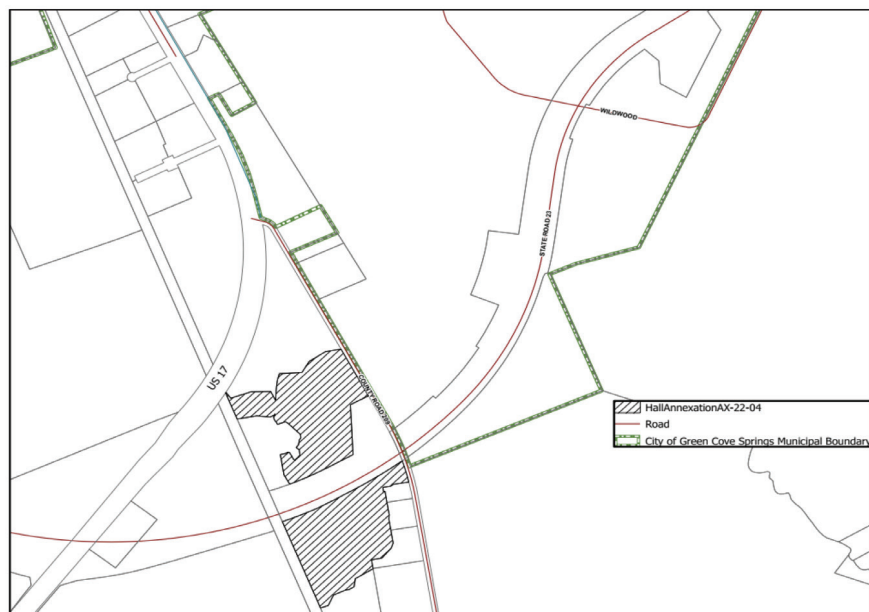
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-10-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 117 OF THE CITY CODE; AMENDING CHAPTER 117 SECTION 117-3 LIST OF PERMITTED TO INCLUDE CONVENIENCE RETAIL STORES WITH AND WITHOUT GAS PUMPS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE COMMERCIAL HIGH INTENSIVE LAND USE (CHI), C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING SECTION 117-253 (2) TO ALLOW CONVENIENCE STORES WITH AND WITHOUT GAS PUMPS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE COMMERCIAL HIGH INTENSIVE LAND USE (CHI), C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Planning and Zoning: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;
City Council: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;
City Council: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;

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Steve Kennedy, City Manager

PGA Tour Champion enjoys something greater than winning THE PLAYERS

Ravines designer, former Middleburg resident now spreading word of God

For Clay Today

PONTE VEDRA BEACH – The Players Championship The Players Championship, held each year at TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course, has been won by some of the most recognized names in the golf world – Jack

Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Tiger Woods, Rory Mcllroy and former Middleburg resident Mark McCumber.

This year, the 2023 Players Championship runs from March 7-12, and you may see McCumber – but he won't have a golf club in his hands. McCumber volunteers to share encouraging Bible messages when he is not designing golf courses or working as a sports commentator on SiriusXM.

“Winning the Players Championship

was extremely rewarding,” said McCumber, “but nothing compares with the joy I feel when getting the opportunity to share with others, as Jesus described it, the ‘Good News of God’s Kingdom.’”

McCumber won the prestigious tournament in 1988.

Suppose you dine at one of the many fine restaurants before or after the tournament. In that case, McCumber and other

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Mark McCumber

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-11-2023

AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE GREEN COVE SPRINGS MOBILITY FEE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, RULES OF CONSTRUCTION, AND FINDINGS; ADOPTING THE MOBILITY FEE STUDY; PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION; IMPOSING MOBILITY FEES ON NEW CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR CALCULATION AND ALTERNATIVE CALCULATION PROCEDURES FOR MOBILITY FEES; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF MOBILITY FEE PROCEEDS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING MOBILITY FEE DEFERRAL; PROVIDING FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN SIZE AND USE; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION CREDIT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION METHOD; PROVIDING FOR REVIEW HEARINGS; PROVIDING A REVIEW REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR PERIODIC MOBILITY FEE RATE ADJUSTMENT; PROVIDING FOR A DECLARATION OF EXCLUSION FROM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING OF MOBILITY FEES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF MOBILITY FEE RATES.

The following public hearings have been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance:

Planning and Zoning: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;
 City Council: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;
 City Council: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;

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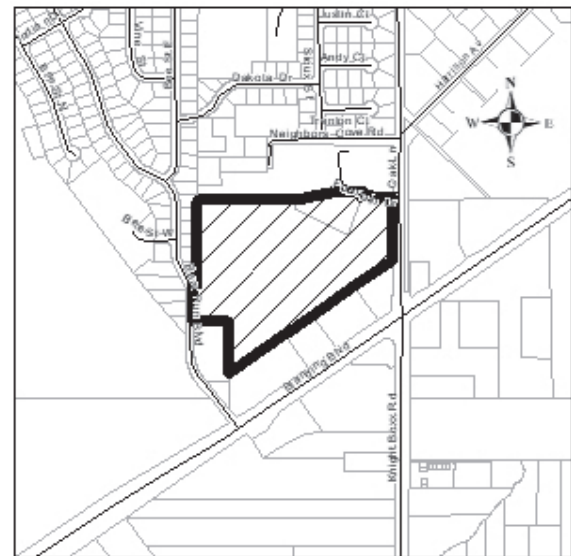
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Steve Kennedy, City Manager

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of considering the adoption of a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Clay County 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance adopting the proposed amendment is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF TWO PARCELS (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 28-04-25-008040-004-00 AND 28-04-25-008040-001-00), COMPRISING 23.74 ACRES, FROM UC-10 (URBAN CORE-10) TO UC-16 (URBAN CORE-16); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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

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

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners

Scottish Games bring Gaelic culture to Clay County Fairgrounds

By Lee Wardlaw

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – This year's rendition of the Northeast Florida Highland Games and Festival will return to the Clay County Fairground on Saturday featuring Gaelic food, dance, and games.

The unique event, which traditionally attracts thousands of kilt-clad fans, will feature traditional sports competitions featuring world-class athletes that will display their extraordinary talents in Scotland later this year. Along with the well-trained and talented athletes, attendees can enjoy several other indulgences, including food, music, merchandise vendors and much more.

Gates for the Highland Games will open at 8:30 a.m., followed by a full slate of activities. The showcase honoring Scottish culture, heritage and tradition should again provide an annual dose of rollicking family fun.

After a thirty-minute window allowing the most devoted fans to get to the gate in advance, the Highland Games will commence at 9 a.m. Then, the festival and competitions will begin at noon and last until 4:30 p.m.

As top-notch athletes compete in old-school Scottish competitions like a caber

toss, sheaf, hammer toss, weight over bar and weight for distance, event organizers also have planned plenty of do-it-yourself sports for attendees to try their hand at, such as axe-throwing and archery.

As the melee of competitions, clan exhibits and food trucks converge, musical performers will play music familiar to the island.

The band 7 Nations will perform from 1-1:40 p.m. and 3-3:40 p.m., and Albannach will rock the stage from 2-2:40 p.m. and 4-4:40 p.m.

If that's not enough, Clydesdale horses and Scottish sheepdogs will be in attendance. Not only that, but children's petting zoo, clan history and genealogy with representatives on hand from 47-48 groups, and the Highland Dance competition will be on display for the big annual showcase for the 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Secretary of State Cory Byrd and his family will be in attendance.

"Every year we try to make the (Highland Games) a little bit more interesting. This year, it's going to be exciting. We've got a special event planned this year, and I'm looking forward to a great turnout. The forecast looks like it's going to be great," said Audie Gibson, President of the Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games and

Festival.

Games, activities and other fun will bid farewell at 4:30 p.m., followed by a closing ceremony at 5 p.m.

But that's just the beginning. Attendees seeking to get their money's worth at the event should be prepared to buckle up for more.

The evening concert kicks off at 6:30 p.m., which will also feature 7 Nations (6-7:20 p.m.) and Albannach, who will seal the

deal from 7:40-9 p.m.

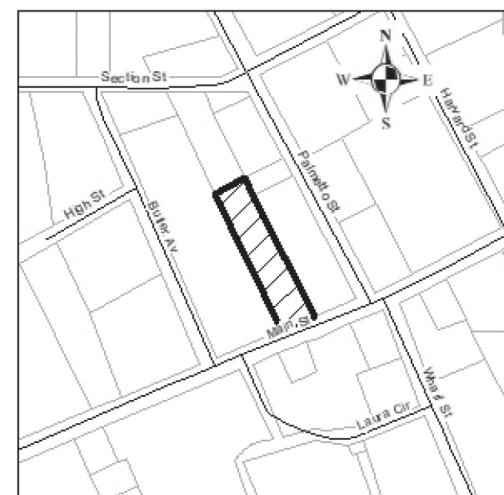
Gates will finally close at 10 p.m. Tickets for the 28th annual Highland Games can be purchased in advance for \$12 at the Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games & Festival website at NEFLGames.com or \$15 at the gate on the day of the event.

The website also lists several local ticket outlets for those wishing to make an in-person purchase in Clay and other counties throughout the area.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of considering adoption of a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Clay County 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance adopting the proposed amendment is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF A SINGLE PARCEL (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 13-05-24-021364-000-00) FROM RR (RURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO COM (COMMERCIAL); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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

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

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners

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Bagpipers will return to the Clay County Fairgrounds for this year's Scottish Games.

McCumber

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volunteers Jehovah's Witnesses may offer free Bible literature at portable carts around Sawgrass.

"I truly love the opportunity to share with others what I've learned from the Bible and how it has helped me in my life," said McCumber. So what does he do when someone recognizes him? "I usually just smile and say, 'I guess you are a golfer too!' It really just allows me to start a discussion with someone with whom I share a mutual interest."

Jehovah's Witnesses, including McCumber, have recently resumed their public ministry due to the coronavirus pandemic and their concern for keeping

everyone safe.

"We believe that the early decision to shut down all in-person activities for more than two years has saved many lives," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for Jehovah's Witnesses. "We're now ready and eager to reconnect with our neighbors once again – person-to-person, face-to-face. It's not the only way we preach, but it has historically been the most effective way to deliver our message of comfort and hope."

McCumber said the principles he learned from the Bible helped him in his personal life and playing golf.

"The Bible lists patience as a fruitage of God's spirit. To succeed as a professional golfer, you must exercise patience, take one shot at a time and handle the challenges presented. That is also true in our ministry."



As we celebrate Black History Month, Clay Today and the Clerk of Court and Comptroller's office have created a three-part series on Civil Rights Icon Maude Burroughs Jackson. In Part 3, Jackson talked about working for equality in Clay County.

Maude Burroughs Jackson: In her own words

By Archives Supervisor Vishi Garig
A Service of Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara S. Green

MIDDLEBURG – From May 1963 until July 1964, protesters in St. Augustine endured physical beatings and verbal assaults. They did not fight back, however, based on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s explicit non-violence instructions at the time.

By suffering through the violence and hate-filled rhetoric that embodied our nation's Civil Rights Era, the protesters' ability to literally turn the other cheek garnered national sympathy. This was a major factor in the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

A young woman from Clay County bravely marched in St. Augustine with those protestors, met Dr. King, and went on to inspire generations.

Maude Burroughs Jackson was interviewed by Clay Today's Mary Jo McTammany during January and February of 2007. This is her story in her own words:

"This may not be for your newspaper, but just think of three black men going and invading a Klan meeting - Dr. Hayling, Little Jimmy Jackson and Big Jimmy Jackson. Oh my God, did they beat those men. They beat them up. I still can't figure out why they did that. I think what they wanted to do was to see if some of the people claiming to be Klansman befriending us and giving them information really were what they claimed or just deceiving and tricking them - find out if they were friends or enemies, to see for themselves. Little Jimmy still makes a joke out of it. He says that as long as they were beating us up about the head and everywhere, he was all right. But when they started talking about castrating him, he knew it was time to run. He laughs about it. He dropped by here last week. He still works. He drives a school bus for the high school over there, and he brings kids to Middleburg High.

"They bombed Dr. Hayling's house. He had to leave St. Augustine, or they



probably would have killed him. I didn't think life should be the way it was. I just thought things should be different. It was a good thing I had the Movement to work with; otherwise, I probably would have been in jail anyway. Because when I was younger and saw a sign that said "white only," I went there - to that restroom, to that water fountain. When we went downtown in Jacksonville to shop, they would have a filthy, tiny bathroom for blacks. I would take one look and know I couldn't go in there, it was too filthy. Those bathrooms weren't cleaned for weeks at a time. I would go right in the "white only" door. Just act like I couldn't read or didn't know any better. And if I wanted a drink, I would get water from the white fountain just because it was clean.

"The three things that I experienced that I thought were inhumane were the dogs, the cattle prods, and that chicken pen in the full Florida summertime sun. When the St. Augustine police arrested demonstrators, they used dogs and cattle prods. It wasn't easy in St. Augustine. The public didn't see, hear or know all the things that went on. I wasn't that concerned about eating out in restaurants. You can keep your food. I didn't need to go to your restaurant. I can eat before I leave home. Besides, if someone in a restaurant is upset at you, they could spit in that food. But, if I am here spending money in your store and I've got to go to the restroom, and sometimes we would have walked 30-40 minutes from Mom's house to get to downtown Jacksonville - I have got to use the restroom. I used to ride the Greyhound bus some weekends to go up to Augusta or Tampa. I was only 19 or 20 years old and felt like I was grown up and could go wherever I wanted. But I had to sit at the back of that bus and was not allowed to use the restroom on the bus. When you finally get to the bus station, you have to go to the colored restroom - which had not been cleaned since the station was built. Just nasty. That was the thing that bothered me the most - those bathrooms.

"Dr. King always said there were good white people who just didn't know or realize what our everyday lives were like. He never put everybody in the same category. He would always tell us there were good, well-meaning white people. He said in his sermons that when good white people see and begin to understand the injustices, they will bring about change. That's what the Movement was all about - bringing people together. So many white people

tried to help, to comfort. Even during the sit-ins, there were just regular white people in St. Augustine who would come and join in. They would just sit down at the counter, and because they wouldn't serve us - they wouldn't order anything. There were some whites that participated in the marches. I would have thought they would have been afraid for their lives, too.

"There were some people that I surely would like to see again. During the spring break in '64 I met some Ivy League students from Dartmouth and Smith College. That's when we marched in Tallahassee one day, then came back to St. Augustine to march and demonstrate and get arrested the next day. Bill Jacoby, I'll never forget him and a girl named Faith. They kept saying, 'Come and leave from here. We will help you go to school at Smith.' But I knew that I would stay right here with my family. I was at home for the summer vacation in 1963 when the children were arrested, and four of them who refused to cease participation in the Civil Rights Movement were sent to reform school. As I understand it, the children decided and the parents supported them. In a meeting with one of the girls last year, she said that if she had it all to do over again, she would do it exactly the same way. I really didn't talk much about the Movement and what we were doing in St. Augustine when I was home in the summers. And my Mom was very upset when she found out I had been arrested the first time. The rest of the family just figured - well, that's Maude. When I went to jail, it was Easter weekend, and I, of course, didn't turn up for the family get-together. I was sitting in the St. Augustine jail that Sunday when they came and said, "Maude Burroughs, you have visitors." I didn't even know we could have visitors.

"It was Mama and my brother Eddie. Eddie was a minister by then, and I think that is why they let me have visitors. Anyway, Mama was there to bail me out. She had seen the arrest at the Monson Hotel on the television news and thought at the time that one of the girls looked a lot like me but ... she didn't really believe it until I didn't show up for Sunday dinner. I had to explain to her that I couldn't let her do that because I had been assigned a specific time to spend in jail, and then the Movement would bail me out. By the time the visit was over, she had come to accept it and, like the rest of the family, decided, "Maude's just going to do what Maude's going to do.

"Some of those days were good days. Some were bad. Colored people just needed to know they had the opportunity to do things with their lives. It is sad, though, that after laws were passed - people didn't even take advantage of it. It was just the idea - I can do it if I want to do it. If I need to eat, I can get a decent meal. If I need to sleep there, I can. To know if they needed to, they could. It makes me impatient with young people today who don't take advantage of their opportunities. Oh, you just don't know. And when children have the opportunity to better their conditions and will not do it - it upsets me more than you can imagine. They just don't understand that it hasn't always been this way. You have to earn respect to get respect....you can't just sit back."

"I look at some of the kids - they don't want anything especially if they have to work toward getting it. Life can just drift on and they'll just drift right on with it. I tell them - I started working when I was nine years old. I deserve everything I have. At least, I applied myself. I didn't sit back and wait and wait. I went with my sister-in-law to clean newly-built houses in Orange Park. That's how I earned money to go to college. At the time, I had no hint of the sheer power of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s lasting influence on the culture. Even when he won the Nobel Peace Prize I just didn't realize that I was sitting on the floor in that little office in St. Augustine talking with a man who was destined to become a bigger than life legend. He was just so down to earth. To him, the Nobel Prize and the money was more about what it meant for the Movement than for the man. One day in front of the fence outside the office he said, "We all earned this together." He never took personal credit. His humility made us see him as a man, not a legend."

"I read a poem once that reminds me of him and I have made it my personal poem of life. It is entitled "Myself" and written by Edgar A. Guest:

*I have to live with myself and so
I want to be fit for myself to know.
I want to be able as days go by,
always to look myself straight in the eye;
I don't want to stand with the setting sun
and hate myself for the things I have done.
I don't want to keep on a closet shelf
a lot of secrets about myself
and fool myself as I come and go
into thinking no one else will ever know
the kind of person I really am,
I don't want to dress up myself in sham.
I want to go out with my head erect
I want to deserve all men's respect;
but here in the struggle for fame and
wealth
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know
I am bluster and bluff and empty show.
I never can hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know,
I never can fool myself and so,
whatever happens, I want to be
self-respecting and conscience free."*

Fifth annual event featuring record 35 vendors on Sunday

Clay Bridal Spectacular coming to Thrasher-Horne

By Martha K. Mayes
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ORANGE PARK – Excitement is building for brides looking ahead to June weddings.

The 5th Annual Clay Bridal Spectacular will be on Sunday, Feb. 26, 1-4 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center.

Brides will come from miles around, locally and from surrounding counties, looking for wedding inspiration, ideas and solutions from the amazing selection of goods and services on display. Wedding professionals will be ready to help them find the perfect gown, décor, photographer, music, menu and whatever else they may need.

Vendors such as the following will be on hand: Anthony's Gourmet Catering, Charisma Spa, Dance Center International, Esther Atkins of Mary Kay, Hampton Inn and Suites Middleburg, Karen's Catering, Orange Park Woman's Club, and dozens more.

According to Thrasher-Horne Executive Director Bob Olson, this year's Spectacular will feature a record 35 vendors. Some vendors will provide samples, such as the proprietor of Karen's Catering.

Owner Karen Lewis will have a limited sampling of dips for vegetables and chips, her special chicken salad and her popular miniature cupcakes. Her catering kitchen is at The Silo Shoppes at Doctors' Inlet.

She will also hand out business cards and brochures detailing the many sumptuous meals she can prepare for a bride's guests.

Esther Atkins, a Mary Kay cosmetics consultant, will be handing out samples of skin care products, answering questions, and scheduling appointments for skin-care and makeup sessions at later dates for brides and bridesmaids. She reminds these young women that good skin care is the first step to glowing skin on the Big Day. Even great makeup cannot make a bride look her best if her skin isn't properly maintained.

Atkins said brides should start now with good products during the interim until the wedding to have their skin looking radiant for their wedding day.

Prizes will be given away, including Door Prizes, a Raffle, Wedding Packages and a "Passport."

Olsen said as the executive director, and he strives not to let the event get too big. He wants the Bridal Spectacular to be spectacular yet also representative of the down-home Southern charm that characterizes Clay County. He also wants the atmosphere to be more relaxed, intimate, and one-on-one, giving brides a chance to have productive conversations with the vendors instead of getting overwhelmed with so much.



The Clay Bridal Spectacular will be at the Thrasher-Horne Center this Sunday. A record 35 vendors will be on hand to answer questions and offer suggestions for brides-to-be.

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"All of my things from that period of my life were destroyed when we were over in Okinawa. They were at Daddy's house, and they say that the rats got in them. All my mementos from high school and college were lost.

When you live in the country, rats and roaches are things you expect. Whenever they found evidence of rats in a trunk or drawer – they just burned everything in it.

I did buy some of his sermons, and I always share them with people, but they never bring them back. Dr. King was arrested at least twice that I know of because I was arrested then, too."

Maude Burroughs Jackson still lives on the property she grew up on in the Hilltop Community, located in Middleburg. Her father and Grant Foreman were pioneers in that area. Today, Hilltop is still an almost exclusively Black community and the only such one in Clay County."



Tip-A-Cop raising funds for Special Olympics March 7-9

ORANGE PARK – The annual Clay County Sheriff's Office Tip-A-Cop will return to Texas Roadhouse from March 7-9. Deputies will volunteer as servers to collect donations for the Clay County Special Olympics team ahead of the Summer Games in Lake Buena Vista. Deputies and agency personnel will also greet customers at the door, serve as hosts, and refill drinks. Agency representatives will work from 3-10 p.m. all three days. Anyone with CCSO who would like to volunteer should email Sgt. Zachary Cox or call him at (904) 445-0521.

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St. Simon Baptist rises from ashes to open new sanctuary

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Nearly two years after an arsonist set fire to the historic St. Simon Missionary Baptist Church, church officials and congregation will celebrate the groundbreaking for its new sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 25., from 1-3 p.m. Elder Moyenda Ambakisye, Pastor, will lead the groundbreaking at 1331 Miller St. Fire ripped through the church on March 26, 2021, destroying the 3,200-square-foot church that opened in 1965. Parishioners were undaunted by the fire and attended services in the parking lot. The State Fire Marshal's Office and Orange Park Police Department don't believe the fire at the historic Black church was racially motivated. For more information, call (904) 403-7907.

High School seniors can apply for Clay County Cruzers scholarship

CLAY COUNTY – Graduating seniors are eligible and encouraged to apply for a \$1,500 Clay County Cruzers scholarship.

Applicants must be graduating from the Clay County District Schools system. Students are eligible if they are going to attend any post-secondary program of study including colleges, universities or vocational/technical schools.

Applicants are requested to write an essay of approximately 150 words and complete a short application form. Scholarship applications must be received by

Clay County Cruzers on or before the application deadline of March 31.

The scholarship documents will be provided to each high school guidance office. The instructions and application form provide all the relevant information a student needs to apply. These forms are also available on the Clay County Cruzers website at www.claycountycruzers.com.

Selected candidates may be asked to attend a Clay County Cruiser meeting to introduce themselves and describe their plans.



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Dates/Times

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 Friday, Feb 24: 7:30pm
 Saturday, Feb 25: 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm
 Sunday, Feb 26: 1:30pm, 4:30pm

Purchase tickets at www.eventticketscenter.com

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The inmate jumped at the opportunity to learn a trait instead of simply counting down the months until his release from the Clay County Jail.

"This is also a nice way to get out of out of jail," he said. "I've learned a lot. The biggest thing I've learned is how much I didn't know and how I was doing a lot of things wrong.

"This has been very educational. We've been taught how to work down a checklist. There's so much more going on that I realized."

When Emory is to be released on Sept. 5, he probably will have the skills to work at any dealership or garage.

"If we give them some skills and help them find jobs, they won't be out on the streets and committing crimes," said Patty Atkinson, the Program Unit Supervisor for the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

The agency created programs to help inmates make easier adjustments back into society. Besides serving time, learning kitchen skills, embroidering, sewing, floor maintenance, auto repairs and earning

DCL truck-driving licenses has become an essential part of the rehabilitation process.

Wally Tennant, a CCSO fleet technician, teaches the class on Saturday mornings at the maintenance building.

The idea to add auto mechanics to the program came after "some brainstorming" between Atkinson and jail Chris Sueflohn, the Chief of Jail Detention, and CCSO Lt. Larry Henry

"We want to get these guys their ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certification," Atkinson said. "We're only doing it two at a time so they can concentrate on learning a skill."

The second inmate is John. Like Emory, he said he was familiar with working on cars.

"I worked in the motor pool for the Department of Corrections, and I know how to work on my own vehicles on the street," John said. "I knew one of the other inmates who did this, and he said it was great."

John is scheduled to walk out the front doors on May 6. He's looking forward to starting a new career working in a garage.

"On a scale of one-through-10, I'd give this a 20," John said.

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Employees serving homespun hospitality at national chain diner

By Lee Wardlaw
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FLEMING ISLAND – The IHOP on East West Parkway may be part of a national chain, but local diners and employees bring a local feel to the classic American breakfast chain.

Some customers eat Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner there. Others dine daily. Some locals even eat there twice a day.

Tasty, hot food cooked fresh to order is great anywhere, and customer service goes a long way, too. But after speaking with regulars that frequent the facility, it's easy to understand the magnetic force that attracts hungry people daily.

That's because the establishment has a true family feel to it.

Eileen Kinley has worked at the location for four years as a server and certified trainer.

She works alongside her two sons, Adam Villa and Zeke Villa, and with her daughter-in-law, Alesha Villa.

"It works out really well," she said, working alongside three members of her tight-knit family and staff.

That mindset shifts from staff to customers when patrons enter the building.

"We're just laughing, joking. It's family, you know. We just want to get to know the person and make sure that they are comfortable with us," Kinley said.

"We're one big family," she said.

Staff loves to joke with lighthearted Adam and Zeke when mom's not around. They will come up with one-liners like, "Mom's not here, so you're going to have to pick up your own dishes," Kinley said.

Mom believes establishing a homey family environment is especially important in today's society.

"It is very important, because customers will keep coming back, and they have fun. It's just everything that we do, we just keep that going. We don't change, because we love everybody that walks through that door," she said.

The staff remembers customers' names and favorite orders by heart.

Abigail Cisneros has only been a hostess for a few months, but the effect is already rubbing off on her.

"I know them by name, I know their stories, and I talk to them all the time. It feels like I know them outside of IHOP," she said.

When Cisneros started her shift at the establishment, she immediately developed a deep connection with server Jordan Clark and general manager Alyssa Fronea.

"I see them as family. Alyssa is there for advice. I got into a breakup recently and I told her why. (Alyssa) said, I don't recommend hanging out with people like that. She gives great advice that is not work-related."

The reason for this is simple. "I think it is mostly because I opened myself up to



After hours, the group enjoys spending time together at IHOP's Fleming Island location on East West Parkway.

them, and they opened up to me," Cisneros said.

The crew celebrated New Year's Eve and the Super Bowl together. They do many other things off the clock. The staff also hosts birthday parties, holiday potluck dinners and other occasions for customers.

"The food is good, the company is good, and everybody that works here is great as can be," said Patti Dittmer, who has been a customer for more than two years.

Fronea worked up from server to general manager for five years.

"This is literally my home. I probably spend more time here than I do at my house. I have to make it comfortable for everybody that walks through that door. We greet everyone with a smile and make them feel welcome. Everybody that walks through that door is part of my family," she said.

The manager has helped establish that culture during her time as the general manager.

"I kind of had it rough when I was a server, so I took that into perspective. Our manager was very hard on us verbally, so I tried to create something better because you can't run a restaurant off of something like that," Fronea said.

The atmosphere established by the staff rubs off on customers in ways previously thought improbable.

"I don't want to get my stove fixed. I'd rather come here. We get hugs from everybody. That's something I look forward to more than the food," Dittmer said.



Server Jordan Clark is skilled at what he does. Here, the Orange Park native performs a balancing act as he delivers plates to a table of hungry customers.

Two members of the staff, Toni Moore and Anthony Sales, do such a great job that they are sent to other locations in Northeastern Florida to help run the show at other locations.

"They're all great people, they really are. We love them all because we sit where we want, we always get our food with no problem, and it's a nice place. I have a broken stove at home and I won't fix it, so it's a good excuse to always come here," Dittmer said.



Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register
True Life Church
Clay County

What Does God Say About Love: Part 2

Mark 12:30-31: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

In Mark Chapter 12, we come across a powerful story. Jesus is asked by an educated teacher of the Jewish law what the greatest commandment in all the Bible is. What a question! Could you imagine being asked such a question? Especially in front of the group of scholars Jesus was speaking to at the time. Talk about pressure!

But you know what's amazing? Jesus didn't hesitate to answer! Not in the slightest! He says there are two. The first, was covered in our Faith Walk column last week: to love God with your everything. The second stems from the first, and it's the calling to love others as you love yourself! Or, as Jesus demonstrated through His actions, even more so!

It's obvious what these two great commandments have in common: they are all about love. The love we have for God naturally flows into a love of what God loves: and that's everyone else! We can share in God's boundless love for all His children. Yes, God's love is boundless! Someone once said, "God's love is like an ocean, you can see the beginning, but never see the end".

Through the Holy Spirit, God equips us with everything we need to love and serve the needs of others. Loving others as ourselves means that we have a shift in our mindset. The world tells us to get ahead at all costs for the sake of our own success. But loving others as ourselves means that we are focused on meeting the needs of others in our lives. Whether it be our family, friends, or fellow brothers and sisters, God has called us to use our time, strength, and energy to serve them in powerful ways that show them the love of Jesus.

Let's find something we can do to express and share love with someone we meet this very day.

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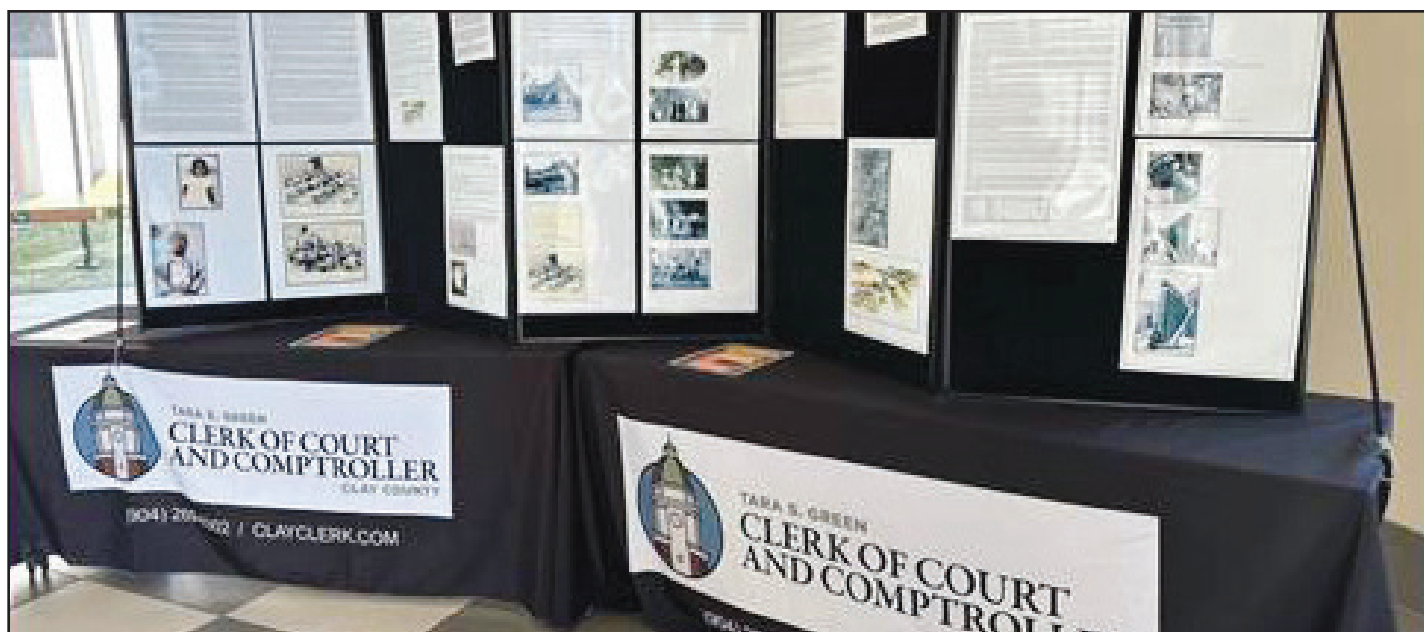
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Rain or Shine: Green Cove Springs continues Market in the Park

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – No matter the weather, 60 businesses gather every third Saturday of the month in Green Cove Springs throughout the year between September and June. That was no different than on Saturday, Feb. 18, when local vendors flocked to Walnut Street at Spring Park. They sold baked goods, candies, produce, freshly made goods and anything in between, such as wood crafts, fresh honey, and several apparel items, like custom cups, tie-dye T-shirts, baby clothes and more. The event started at 10 a.m. and lasted four hours. Despite cold and gusty weather, hundreds of patrons packed the market. Intrigued locals seeking to get out into the community to support their neighbors enjoyed a day chock full of fun activities and live music downtown nearby City Hall. Vendors also surrounded the beautiful building on Spring and Magnolia streets. The event was organized by the Green Cove Springs Business League.



Clay Archives celebrates Black History at Courthouse

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Just steps away – or a short drive – from most of our offices is our Black History Month Display, currently set up in our courthouse’s main lobby, which is easily accessible and open to the public.

Clerk’s Office Archives Division Supervisor Vishi Garig, Archives Specialist Amelia Dixon and Facilities Specialist Tim Bell did an excellent job creating and arranging the display for easy reading/viewing.

Detailed on the panels are stories written by our Archives personnel that detail the lives and legacies of several influential African Americans who call(ed) Clay County home throughout the decades/centuries.

Check this display out in person and read some of Vishi’s excellent writing.

You can also learn much more online by visiting our Historical Archives Division’s website, where a section is dedicated to Black History in Clay County: at archives.clayclerk.com/county-history/notable-citizens-names-2/black-history-in-clay-county/.

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Skipper slow-cooks meat while cars race at 190 mph Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH – There was plenty of smoke at last weekend’s races at the Daytona International Speedway. Cars and screeching tires created white clouds of fumes, while Josh Skipper’s giant grills created a more-pleasing aroma. A member of the World Championship Pitmaster Team, the Fleming Island man returned to the speedway to cook for Brandt, a company that advertises its fertilizers and plant nutrition on the side of JRM’s No. 7 Chevrolet for driver Justin Allgaier. Invited guests watched from their spot in the luxury compound, enjoying steaks, seafood boil, briskets and smoked pork created by his local crew of Jimbo Knight, Skipper, Ray Forbess and Mike Hunter. “I know he’s cooked for us before,” said Rick Brandt, president and CEO. “It was all set up by our marketing department. As far as I’m concerned, I hope he can come back every year. It’s very good.” After eating a big lunch, the Brandt party watched Allgaier finish third in the Beef. It’s What’s For Dinner 300 for the Xfinity Series.





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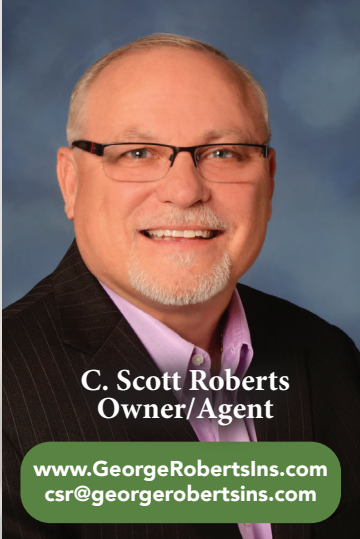
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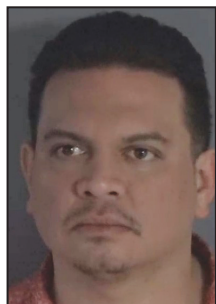
Police Briefs

Another suspect arrested for 'Lucky 777's' fentanyl trafficking

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A man wanted for being part of the "Lucky 777's" drug ring was arrested in California and returned to Clay County on Feb. 11.

Kevin Stanley Adams, 37, of Victorville, was charged with trafficking fentanyl and conspiracy to traffic fentanyl as part of a nine-month operation that included large amounts of fentanyl being sent from California to Clay County.

Alvin "AJ" Mercado Jr., 37, of Fleming Island, and Jason Terril Setzer, 46, of Orange Park, were arrested on Sept. 11 following an investigation involving the Clay and Nassau County Sheriff's Offices, Florida Highway Patrol, U.S. Postal and Jacksonville Sheriff's Office discovered large quantities of fentanyl were being shipped from California and Las Vegas to addresses in Orange Park and Fleming Island.



Kevin Adams



Lucky 777 trafficking sting

CCSO detectives and deputies have taken 8.35 kilos of fentanyl, 1.36 kilos of cocaine, 2.38 kilos of methamphetamine and \$183,000 from the enterprise operated by Setzer and Mercado. They also recovered 30 firearms.

The amount of fentanyl seized was enough to kill everyone in Northeast Florida, according to the Drug Enforce-

ment Agency. The arrests were part of a multi-agency, including federal, state and county agencies, investigation that started in June, Sheriff Michelle Cook said. The case started with a traffic stop by the Florida Highway Patrol in Jacksonville and quickly grew in scope. The arrests were in conjunction with large seizures of cocaine, fentanyl and methamphetamine in both Jacksonville and Nassau County. Less than a week before Setzer and Mercado was taken into custody, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office confiscated more than three kilos of fentanyl, more than one kilo of cocaine and 6,000 pills containing fentanyl.

According to the affidavit for the arrest warrant, Setzer told investigators he received the drugs from Adams. Banks records showed 101 money transfers from Adams to accounts owned by Mercado and his mother. Setzer posted a \$15.1 million bond; Mercado posted a \$10 million bond. Since his release, Setzer received a citation on Nov. 17 for running a red light in Green Cove Springs.

Adams, who's scheduled to appear in front of Judge Steven Whittington on March 21, is being held without bond.

Two arrested following drug transaction at Omega Park

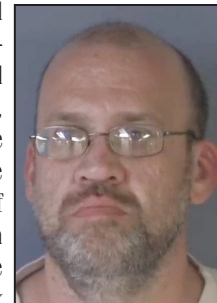
MIDDLEBURG – Two men were arrested after two Clay County Sheriff's Office detectives said they watched one sell drugs to the other during a "static surveillance" at Omega Park.

Anthony Michael Boyle, 42, of Middleburg, was charged with selling fentanyl, methamphetamine and buprenorphine and possession of drug paraphernalia on Feb. 15 when the detectives saw Mark Mayerlen, 32, of Middleburg, buy fentanyl.

Mayerlen was charged with possession of fentanyl and drug paraphernalia.

According to the arrest report, the detectives saw Mayerlen approach Boyle arrive on a bicycle, get into Boyle's car and make "a hand-to-hand exchange."

As the detectives removed Boyle from his car, a silver container containing meth-



Anthony Boyle

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Arrests & Bookings

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

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Daniel M. Seals, 36, Fleming Island, DUI
Kaylin L. Wright, 21, Keystone Heights, possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana
Daniel L. Smith, 27, Fleming Island, domestic battery
Michael A. Grange, 22, Orange Park, trespassing
Amanda H. Sampson, 42, Middleburg, disorderly intoxication, trespassing
Roy J. Miller, 28, Middleburg, DUI
Jason D. Taylor, 51, Orange Park, possession-drug paraphernalia, leaving scene of accident with property damage
Larry D. Brister, 43, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Monday, Feb. 20

Anthony B. Hamilton, 38, Middleburg, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence with property damage
Charles E. Ross, 76, Orange Park, driving without valid license

Sunday, Feb. 19

Stacey A. Hope, 45, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Sylvester J. Comer, 39, Fleming Island, shoplifting
Jermaine J. Jones, 41, Orange Park, two counts domestic battery
Priscilla L. Curtis, 32, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine
David R. Demay, 40, Middleburg, DWLSR
Nicole L. Baker, 42, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-methamphetamine
John A. Pennigsdorf, 22, Keystone Heights, battery
Michael B. Pope, 32, Middleburg, DWLSR
Lavoy D. Bennett, 41, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove contraband into jail, possession-cocaine
Jack R. Carter, 40, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia

Saturday, Feb. 18

Lavoy D. Bennett, 41, Orange Park, possession-oxycodone
Mikeia J. Evans, 31, Orange Park, possession-marijuana
Johnny Price, 56, Middleburg, possession-oxycodone, possession-marijuana
Christopher A. Rossi, 39, Fleming Island, DUI with BAL .15 or higher, driving without valid license
Hayley L. Armstrong, 33, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR, shoplifting
Andre K. Artis, 18, Orange Park, FTA
Kenneth I. McAllister, 63, Keystone Heights, vandalism
Kayla R. Sands, 31, Orange Park, two counts FTA-DWLSR
Russell V. Burch, 38, Middleburg, domestic battery

Friday, Feb. 17

Mary M. Sherman, 33, Middleburg, shoplifting
Hongzhe Zhang, 35, Fleming Island, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence
Kendrick R. Donnelly, 40, Middleburg, shooting/throwing missile into dwelling/vehicle/building/aircraft
James N. Gregory, 66, Middleburg, aggravated battery
Timothy L. Brown, 26, Orange Park, trespassing
Joel T. Batdorf, 40, Orange Park, FTA
Anthony J. Conino, 80, Middleburg, domestic battery
Justin M. Smith, 34, Middleburg, DWLSR

Thursday, Feb. 16

Stephen A. Minkoff, 44, Green Cove Springs, child abuse, domestic battery
Cherry M. Padgett, 43, Orange Park, trespassing
Travis D. Holmes, 27, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license
Yolanda R. Blouir, 42, Green Cove Springs, DUI with property damage/injury
Kalee R. Fountain, 31, Keystone Heights, possession-marijuana
Deja C. Barrs, 27, Green Cove Springs, FTA
Elizabeth J. Wilcox, 42, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia, illegal license plate/mobile home sticker

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Nicole A. Masey, 41, Fleming Island, possession-methamphetamine, posses-

sion-drug paraphernalia
Robert A. Milledge, 73, Keystone Heights, battery of person 65 or older
Victoria R. Woodard, 32, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana, possession-Subutex, possession-methamphetamine
Mark L. Mayerlen, 32, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia
Frandy Diaz-Oragon, 22, Green Cove Springs, FTA-fraud/swindle
Anthony M. Boyle, 42, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, possession-methamphetamine with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, possession-Buprenorphine, possession-drug paraphernalia
Kahlil E. Mathis, 25, Orange Park, dealing in stolen property
Zarif A. Mingo, 22, Orange Park, robbery/carjacking
Quarderal D. Martin, 32, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery
Justus A. Harper, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP-aggravated battery with deadly weapon
Aaron C.S. Johnson, 35, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-fentanyl, VOP-possession-methamphetamine
Charles L. Padgett, 40, Keystone Heights, failure to register every six months
Paul R. Dotson, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA
Elizabeth Hall, 47, Keystone Heights, possession-controlled substance, FTA
Corey T. Young, 38, Orange Park, battery

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amphetamine and fentanyl fall from his lap. Boyle's bond was set at \$56,011, while Mayerlen's bond is \$11,005.

Woman hospitalized after plunging from second floor at jail

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – An inmate at the Clay County Jail was hospitalized after surveillance showed she walked up the stairs in one of the dormitories and “intentionally” dove head-first from a second-floor mezzanine.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office said detention personnel responded to the woman's fall on Feb. 15. She was treated at HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital for head and facial injuries. CCSO didn't identify the woman.

Local man arrested for possessing child sex abuse materials

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Attorney Roger B. Handberg announced James Allen Randall, 70, of Orange Park, was been arrested and charged by federal criminal complaint with receiving child sex abuse materials and accessing with the intent to view child sex abuse materials. Randall faces a minimum mandatory sentence of five years, up to 30 years, in federal prison and a potential life term of supervised release.

According to the complaint, an investigation was initiated by law enforcement after they had received a CyberTip from an internet service provider indicating a user had uploaded child sex abuse materials. Further investigation determined the upload was tied to an IP address for Randall's residence. On Feb. 16, agents and task force officers from Homeland Security Investigations executed a search warrant at Randall's residence and located a computer that was being used by Randall that had the search results for child sex abuse materials displayed on the screen. A preliminary review of the computer showed Randall had previously downloaded a file containing child sex abuse material.

A criminal complaint is only an allegation and every defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

This case was investigated by HSI. It will be prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ashley Washington.

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

Camp Chowenwaw Treehouses is one of the many treasures marketed by Clay County's Tourism Department

By Lee Wardlaw
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CLAY COUNTY – The Clay County Tourist Development Tax continues to have a strong and lasting impact on the local economy.

Here's how it works: a 5% Resort Tax, also named the Tourist Development Tax or TDT, is charged to a renter of a transient accommodation such as a motel, hotel, apartment or other sleeping accommodation for rentals of six months or less.

The tax is then levied against the owner or the property agent. The agent's owner is responsible for collecting the tax from the renter and remitting it to the Clay County Tax Collector. Much like a state sales tax, it is an add-on tax.

The county collected \$1,081,559 in the Fiscal Year 2019-20, \$1,413,562 in the FY 2020-21, and \$1,673,681 in the FY 2021-22.

Collections dropped in 2019-20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic but immediately increased in 2020-21. The county earned

30.7% more in 2020-21 than it did in 2019-20.

Then, after collecting nearly \$1.7 million in tourist tax monies in 2021-22, the figure shot up again by 18%, with a gain of \$260,119 from 2020-21.

Clay County is slightly behind pace from last year's numbers after the first two months (\$122,232 and \$265,098 in Oct-Nov FY 2021-22 as compared to \$143,291 and \$105,645 in Oct-Nov FY 2022-23). Still, substantial numbers are

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Convicted

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2007 shortly after she got to work. Then they voted 9-3 for death.

Although Jackson originally testified the sex was consensual, he said he did not kill the woman. Added with a previous rape conviction and DNA evidence on a fire extinguisher that was used to strike the back of her head five times, the jury took a day-and-a-half to decide they did not believe him.

The latest verdict came four days short of the 13-year anniversary of Jackson's original conviction in 2010.

Although Jackson was given the death penalty, the Florida Supreme Court voted



Michael Jackson

5-2 to overthrow the conviction after it determined a lengthy interrogation by Clay County Sheriff's Office detectives and comments made by detectives on the stand prejudiced the jury. The court said detectives repeatedly told Jackson he “without a shadow of doubt” was guilty.

After being convicted on Saturday, Jackson returned to the courthouse on Tuesday for the penalty phase. After his attorneys attempted to temper some of the comments expected from family members and friends of Boyer, the state implored the jury to sentence Jackson to death. The jury's only other option is life without the possibility of parole. This time, the vote had to be unanimous if the jury chose death.

The state argued Jackson deserved to die because the rape and murder occurred while he was on probation for the previous rape. Skinner told the jury there were four aggravated circumstances that warranted death, including the crime was “heinous, atrocious and cruel.”

He reminded the jury the medical

examiner testified Boyer was struck five times in the back of the head with the fire extinguisher.

“The fire extinguisher has one purpose and that's to save lives,” Skinner said. “He used it to take one. Heinous. Atrocious. Cruel.”

The jury must agree unanimously to impose the death penalty. It took them only 90 minutes to decide against sending him to Death Row.

Defense attorney Beth Samons told jurors Jackson should sit in prison for the rest of his life because they've already “delivered justice” by convicting Jackson.

“He will never leave the shackles or prison,” she said. “He will die there. All murders are horrible. All murders are tragic.”

In his closing argument, Skinner said, “It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for their actions.”

Jackson will be formally sentenced on March 13.

Rules

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Residents seemed to capture the interest of many on the council. Some suggested some of the guidelines may be tweaked to ensure the properties are maintained without making unreasonable demands of

the residents.

“Residents shouldn't feel like criminals,” Councilman Steven Kelly said. “Maybe we should require a wider driveway (with future development to help with parking) so we don't snipe people with two tires in the grass.”

Daniels said he'd like to change the

initial courtesy letter by removing the threat of a daily fine because some felt they only had 15 days to make changes or repairs.

Kelly also said the deadline for the courtesy letter could be extended from 15 days to 30.

Tax

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money and get the refunds they've earned.

United Way of Northeast Florida, Internal Revenue Service, dozens of local partners and more than 100 community volunteers provide free tax preparation services for low-to-moderate income families and individuals, persons with disabilities and veterans.

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Through RealSense, United Way of Northeast Florida is helping families save money and build assets for the future. This includes ensuring that qualified families know they can claim the EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit), one of the nation's most effective antipoverty strategies.

United Way works daily to create a

community of opportunity where everyone has hope and can reach their full potential.

Together with our partners, we are supporting our neighbors, breaking the cycle of poverty, eliminating inequities, and giving every person a chance to do better than the generation before.

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St. Johns River State College will accept appointments and walk-ins, Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.



Keystone Heights High marches to Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH – Most race fans visited the Daytona International Speedway on Friday, Feb. 17, to watch the Craftsman Truck Series opener. But a large contingent went to the World Center of Racing to hear the Keystone Heights High chorus sing during pre-race ceremonies, followed by the band playing the Star Spangled Banner – all while the school’s JROTC presented colors. The JROTC returned the next day to present colors ahead of the Xfinity Series race. The school has been invited back to NASCAR’s most prominent racing weekend for several years.



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Sheriff’s Office recognized by Sonny’s Random Acts of BBQ

FLEMING ISLAND – Seven with the Clay County Sheriff’s Office were recognized as part of Sonny’s BBQ’s Random Acts of BBQ. The restaurant chain selected the agency because it “truly impacts our community,” Kindness Officer Kevin Atkinson said. “We need to celebrate the heroes and our fans, all the incredible things that you do as individuals, people, your lives on the line,” he said. All seven received gift cards to the restaurant, and they were treated to pulled pork and barbecue chicken lunch.”



Tourism

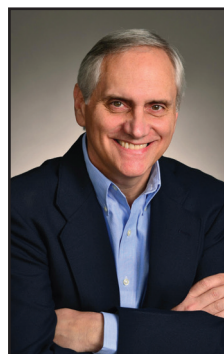
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expected from Dec-March, which should hopefully put the county above last FY’s total, according to Kimberly Morgan, Director of Tourism.

Visitors come from everywhere, but statistics show that Clay’s most substantial base of visitors comes from Atlanta, Gainesville, Jacksonville and Orlando.

District 1 County Commissioner Mike Cella has served as Chairman of the Tourism Development Council since he was elected in 2016.

Cella said one driving factor behind tourism in the county is the myriad of outdoor activities offered in Clay that are often more widely available than in other areas.



Mike Cella

Outlets for ecotourism, like fishing, walking, biking and kayaking on the county’s long and winding land and water trails, are a big part of the picture.

So are big ticket events like the Clay County Agriculture Fair, MotoSurf, Cattle at the Cove by the Clay County Cattlemen’s Association and the Florida Peacemakers’ Cowboy Mounted Shooting Match.

After a walk in the woods, a unique

event experience, or a quick bite for breakfast before heading back home, visitors can find their way into one of several local, family-owned, authentic, mom-and-pop restaurant establishments offered throughout the county.

“Those things certainly add up as reasons or why people come to Clay. They are trying to get a sample of what it is like to be a local,” Cella said.

“People want that unplugged, homey, small-town kind of feel when it comes to events and activities. We have lots of things going on in Clay,” Morgan said.

The TDT is beneficial to the county in several ways. “The first thing that it does is that it gives us a source of revenue. The good part about that is the average resident does not spend any money to do that,” Cella said of the short-term hotel rental tax nicknamed the “bed tax.”

“Those dollars help our hotels, businesses, and restaurants garner new business. People visit, spend their money, and then go home,” he explained.

If the entire tourism industry for Clay was under one roof, it would be a top five employer in the county, and tourism supports 3,400 jobs. As the county saw a 7% uptick in households, the tourism industry continues to help more residents experience hundreds of dollars in tax savings.

“It’s a wonderful thing when people can visit our community, invest in it, and then not use the infrastructure that they helped fund,” she said.

According to Cella, the bed tax produces approximately \$300 in tax savings for each dwelling unit.

“Clay County is a great place to unplug from the business of life and truly experience a friendly, welcoming destination where you can go have a cup of coffee and become friends with the business owner. People want to do business with people they like, and the businesses here love doing business with people that they know and they love to make friends. That is the type of experience (visitors) are looking for,” she said.

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Lady Knights back in Final Four

Boys Hoops still in region mix

By **Randy Lefko**
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - Oakleaf High's frenetic girls basketball attack, once again, stormed the court with their high-energy attacking game and blasted the 16th-ranked Land O'Lakes Gators with a 68-36 thrashing Friday night in their region 1-6A championships held at Oakleaf High School.

"We've been here before and have pushed to get here again for these girls," said Oakleaf coach Fred Cole. "Kaylah and Fantasia are great team leaders and the others have followed suit to put us in this Final Four."

The finish, against the 20-4 Gators, seemed to smooth at the scoreboard as the Knights blasted the nets early behind steals and layups from team leader Kaylah "The Pickpocket" Turner. Oakleaf and Turner quickly injected their game path with a 7-0 quick start and the game just extended. Fantasia James pushed her defensive game with two blocked shots along the way to put Oakleaf up 21-8 after the first quarter buzzer.

"This kind of game was a little more

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Oakleaf High's girls basketball team shows off their "Four" as they advanced to the Class 6A Final Four championship tournament after beating Land O'Lakes in their region 1-6A final on Friday. Oakleaf will play Charlotte in the state semifinal in Lakeland.

Spartans to Final Four


By **Mike Zima**
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - St. Johns Country Day School point guard Taliah Scott's free throw with no time remaining lifted St. Johns Country Day to an improbable 50-49 victory over visiting North Florida Educational Institute in the Class 2A Regional Final on February 17.

The regional title was the Spartans first in girls basketball in 37 years. SJCD, ranked second in Florida's Class 2A by MaxPerps.com, will take on Faith Christian (Orlando) in a state semifinal in Lake-

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St. Johns Country Day School girls basketball earned their first Final Four ticket in the school's 37 year history with dramatic win over North Florida Educational Institute on Friday.

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Clay High's Emma Heck, with coach Rodney Keller behind watching, set new Olympic Snatch record en route to fueling successful defense of Clay's two state team titles from last year. Heck and teammate Kyleigh LaFary repeated as individual state champions as well.

Iron Ladies repeat; Heck, LaFary champs

FIHS Leviston breaks Briley bench record

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

LAKELAND - With two of three repeat champions; Emma Heck and Kyleigh LaFary, plus the state championship's best pound for pound lifter, Heck, Clay High's Iron Ladies Blue Devil girls weightlifting team stole away with a one-point defense of their double titles of 2022.

"It was incredible! In the Olympic competition, we had a wider margin of a points lead so it was a bit less dramatic" said Clay coach Rodney Keller.

"The Traditional competition came down to our last lifter, Annalee Harbison having to hit her lifts to win it for the team as the final points ironed out across the board. As important as all of our girls were (and are), it was only fitting that she be the determining lifter for the day. She came back from a serious injury and has put an incredible amount of work in recovery and preparation. Having her seal the state title for the team was an incredible moment that we'll never forget."

Clay, with Emma Heck and Kyleigh LaFary repeating as individual champions in both Traditional and Olympics, walked away with a 25-24 team title in the Traditional scores over New Smyrna Beach with Fort Myers third at 20. Traditional is a combination of totals from the Olympic Snatch and Bench Press.

In the Olympic scores; which combines Olympic Snatch and Clean and Jerk, Clay won more decisively with a 29-22 score at the top over Fort Myers with Archbishop McCarthy third at 20. New Smyrna Beach took fourth with 17 points.

Heck smoked her 129 field with Olympic Snatch totals of 150-16-170 with the second best at 140.

"Emma is special. When the lights come on and it's time to compete, she is as good

as they get," said Keller, who along with Heck was chosen as coach and lifter of the year last year.

LaFary crushed her Unlimited field with three 200-plus lifts in the clean and jerk, 205-215-225, with a 200 second best from teammate Kenya Tinajero.

"The two of them are training partners and have had an absolutely dominant season," said Keller. "We wanted them to just go do what they do and finish their careers in a fashion that was indicative of the work they've poured into their purpose this season."

In the Traditional, with Heck and LaFary also both state champions; Heck at 129 and LaFary at Unlimited, Clay got key points from outstanding performances from Anna Harbison at 183, who returned from a knee injury to finish second, and LaFary's wingman, Kenya Tinajero who took fourth in Tradition and third in Olympic.

Clay's third defending state champion, Janiyah Stevens at 154, had her hands full for the day taking fourth in Traditional and third in Olympics to Springstead High's superwoman Nicole Caamario who hoisted totals of 410 in Olympics and 415 in Traditional. Caamario's impressive showing would have won at 169, got second at 183 and third at 199 and Unlimited in Traditional.

"We both wanted nothing more than for her to go out and finish as a repeat state champion, but this year she had some incredible athletes in her weight class," said Keller.

For Fleming Island, first year lifter Autumn Leviston, a gymnast and trackster in her earlier athletic endeavor, shocked the state with a record setting bench press of 180 in her 110 pound weight class to win by 15 pounds in Tradition. The previous bench press was held by Oakleaf state



Clay High's girls weightlifting team, with coach Rodney Keller on far right, repeated as Class 2A champions in both weightlifting disciplines; Traditional and Olympics.



Fleming Island weightlifter Autumn Leviston, center, gets her gold medal after winning Class 2A title as well as setting new bench press record.

champion Tamira Briley at 175. Leviston opened at 165 to clear the deck with the second best bench of the weight class just 145. Leviston then tied the record before breaking it on her final lift. Leviston also finished sixth in Olympics.

Fleming Island, with coach Sean Coultis taking a team with zero state lifters last year to five in 2023, got a seventh place finish in Tradition with Leviston's title.

Also in Traditional top 10 finishes, Middleburg's Hannah Piniero at 101 took sixth; Ridgeview's Adrian Dimeo at 129 took fourth; Clay's Anna Shepard at 139 took seventh, and Clay's Ansley Lyda at 199 took seventh.

In Olympics top 10, Ridgeview's Dimeo was third; Clay's Shepard was seventh at 139; Middleburg's Madison Underwood at 154 took 10th; Clay's Harbison was second, Clay's Lyda was fifth at 199 and LaFary won at Unlimited with Tinajero third.

In Class 1A, with St. Johns Country Day

School and Keystone Heights in the mix, defending state champion Addison Frisbee in Olympics finished third at 129. Keystone Heights' Kaylee Wright at 169 finished fourth.

In Traditional, Wright was third; tied at second with 340 total, but the heavier of the two lifters.

In Class 1A, Suwannee won both disciplines; 28-18 over Imagine School with Lemon Bay third at 15.

Suwannee also won at Olympics over Lemon Bay, 35-18 with Imagine third at 17.

In Class 3A, Oakleaf High senior Ivy Gunn, at 169, finished fifth in Traditional and third on Olympics with teammate G'Amyia Aiken seventh in 183 in Tradition, and Caylin Volpe 10th in 199 in Tradition.

Winter Springs won the team title over Pace, 29-26, with Vero Beach third at 16 in Olympics. Pace beat Winter Springs 28-17 in Traditional with Navarre third at 17.

Spartans

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St. Johns Country Day School used strong defense from the duo of Kendall Proffett and Juliet Moody, left, as well as top scoring from the duo of Taliah Scott and Mary Kate Kent, right, to orchestrate a Final Four invite for Class 2A.

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Two pieces of the Oakleaf High puzzle to get back to the Final Four of girls basketball were high-flying guard Kaylah Turner, left, and coach Fred Cole, shown taking his basketball net after beating Land O'Lakes in the region 1-6A final. Cole has now directed Oakleaf to his second Final Four invite.

Knights

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Spartans 12th soccer championship forthcoming

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - St. Johns Country Day School sophomore forward Sophia Pontieri scored two goals and had one assist, leading St. Johns Country Day to an 8-0 dismantling of visiting Miami True North Classical Academy in a Class 2A state semifinal on February 17.

The Spartans, ranked first in Florida's Class 2A by Maxpreps.com, will try to capture their 12th consecutive state championship on February 22 when they take on No. 2 Lakeland Christian (20-2-2) at Spec Martin Stadium in DeLand.

SJCD head coach Mike Pickett decided to insert Pontieri into the starting lineup the night before the game because she had improved defensively over the course of the season.

"Her job tonight was to close the [Titans] first pass," said Pickett. "Her movement in defending put her in good spots for offense."

Pontieri got the hosts off to a hot start, scoring the Spartans first two goals and assisting on their third. Five and one half minutes into the contest, the sophomore rose to head a cross from Sofia Avila past True North keeper Gabriela Scott for the game's first goal. Two minutes later, Sydney Schmidt sent a pass from the high left



wing in front of Pontieri, who was streaking down the left side of the box. Scott charged out to grab the ball, but Pontieri slid and was able to get just enough of her left instep on the ball before colliding with Scott to direct a slow roller into the unattended goal.

"The Schmidt-to-Sophia cross there was very high-level," said Pickett. "Movements like that in the final third of the field are like you might see in a college or professional game."



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Two keys for the Lady Spartans taking hold of a 12th straight state title this week are goalie Roxie Matthews, who has four straight shutouts through the region playoffs, and forward Lauryn Mateo, who is the quarterback for coach Mike Pickett's strategies.

At the 30:27 mark, Pontieri booted a centering pass from 40 yards out into the box, where senior Avery Raimondo timed a kick perfectly and sent a bullet to the upper right corner of the goal. At that point, SJCD led 3-0, and the Titans had not gotten a shot on goal yet.

The Spartans were aggressive from the outset, placing 10 players in formation on the offensive side of the field. True North,

which entered the game with a 14-3 record and was ranked fourth in Florida's Class 2A by MaxPreps.com, was clearly more organized and better skilled than SJCD's previous five playoff opponents, but they were not prepared for the Spartans pace of play.

"They (True North) are a good team that likes to possess the ball," explained Pickett. "But they were going to have to make

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FHSAA Girls Region Wrestling

Cruce still cruising unbeaten

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG – Middleburg High sophomore wrestler Cheyenne Cruce continued her unbeaten trek to avenge her fourth place finish last year at the FHSAA state championships with a decisive pin in her final at the Region 1-1A championship held Saturday at Matanzas High School. Middleburg stormed to a second place team finish after a 13th in 2022 in the region.

“I just keep my work ethic high and go with my strengths,” said Cruce, now 35-0. “Today was a little weird and very nerve-racking.”

Cruce, despite her hesitations, won with a 29 second fall to her former friend and junior high teammate Lillian Heflin from Ridgeview High. “Lillian and I were teammates at Wilkinson Junior High until she got hurt.”

Clay High senior Aubrianna Apple, 27-2, also continued her journey to an avenging state title run (eighth last year at 125), by pinning three chasers to her 135 region title. Apple, ranked No. 2 in 135, is on a collision course to face off again with top ranked and defending 135 state champion Gabriella Perez of Fort Pierce Central, who owns both Apple’s losses (in Osceola Christmas Knockout final and in Freedom High IBT).

For the Lady Broncos, who swayed from a third place team finish prior to the championship rounds to leaders Matanzas and Gulf Breeze, regained some team points behind Cruce, 100 runnerup Grace Bradshaw, third placer Skyla Fisher at 105, third placer Memphis Moses at 110 as the Broncos stormed the field in the first rounds of the championship segment. Heidi Castleberry missed by one match; fifth at 135, but added key points.

Matanzas prevailed again as region champion with an impressive 201 points with Middleburg at 100.5 and Ponte Vedra, state runnerup last year, third at 96. Oakleaf finished 10th with Adrianna Barrientos at 105 winning her title and 170 Jayla Harrison getting a second. Oakleaf was missing 120 top seed Kailani Barrientos who did not make her weight.

Heflin, a sophomore just like Cruce, had a promising start as Cruce’s teammate at Wilkinson and even admitted that she



Middleburg sophomore Cheyenne Cruce has stayed perfect for her season and is top seed for 190 state title.

trained somewhat with Austin “Cowboy” Cruce, Cheyenne’s linebacker brother at Middleburg.

“I wasn’t quite as strong and ready to wrestle with Cowboy back then, but Lillian was,” said Cruce. “Her return to the mat is a great sign of her own work ethic and perseverance to come back to the sport. I was kind of worried about that.”

Despite the quick pin, Cruce noted that Heflin could be in the mix at next week’s state meet.

“She is quickly regaining her full strength, she had good technique and she has good coaches (including Marcus Reid, state placer for Ridgeview a few years ago),” said Cruce. “She could be a big surprise.”

Heflin advanced with a late pin over Hagerty’s Jenna Childers, who pinned twice to her semifinal with Heflin, and a quarterfinal third period pin over Lake Brantley’s Gabriella Nieves.



Middleburg’s Grace Bradshaw is contender at 105 to improve on her eighth at state finish last year as Lady Broncos team improved from 13th to second in region championships on Saturday.



Ridgeview High’s 190 pounder Lillian Heflin, left, was strong returner from injury to earn a runnerup at regions while, right, Oakleaf’s Adrianna Barrientos has led strong season with region title on Saturday.



Clay High’s 135 powerhouse Aubrianna Apple gets a fourth chance at a probable encounter with her arch rival in the upcoming girls state championships in Kissimmee.

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Left: Ridgeview High senior point guard Paetyn Miller got a district title, her 1,000th career point and a region championship to finish her career at a Lady Panther. Right: Ridgeview coach Tyler Miller turned the Panther program into a state contender in short time.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Ridgeview's region ride ends

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

DAYTONA BEACH - Friday night, as the engines practicing for the Daytona 500 roared at the Daytona Beach International Speedway next to Daytona Beach Mainland Buccaneers high school, the Ridgeview Lady Panthers were bringing their own roar inside the gym to face off against the Bucs to see who will have the opportunity to get to the Florida State Class 5A Final Four.

The Panthers held a tight game, trailing early then pulling ahead 16-15 with 5:45 to play in the second quarter. But the Mainland defense perfected a trail defender who waited just long enough for the Panthers to clear the ball to set up on offense, then come from behind and steal the ball for a layup score. At half, the Panthers were down by 10 as Mainland's leader in every statistic, Anovia Sheals (20 points on the evening), was proving to be near impossible to stop. In the fourth quarter, the Panthers were putting the ball up, but it wouldn't drop. Without the "garbage getter" under the net to scoop up the offensive rebound for a quick two, it was Mainland coming down with the rebounds and driving the court, opening the lead by 13 early in the fourth quarter. Late in the fourth quarter, the Panthers clawed their way back in, only four points down 47-43, but missed free throw opportunities ended any hopes of tying and getting to overtime as Mainland's offense got the ball for a pass-around to kill the clock for the last :09 seconds to end the Ridgeview run in the region finals, 47-43. "That was the tale on both ends of the court," said Ridgeview Head Coach Tyler Miller. "When we drove, we didn't have anyone follow. We just threw it up expecting a foul. On the defensive end they drove and we just kind of watched them lay it up and they got the offensive rebound. Their game plan is a lot of their points come off second and third chances. We knew they did that, we just got caught getting boxed in at that moment."

After shaking off the jitters and getting down to playing Ridgeview basketball, at



Ridgeview will get one more chance to use the Blocton sisters; here, Nia Blocton, to return to the region playoffs next year after region finals loss to Daytona Beach Mainland. Right: Freshman Chloe Burrell will be key player next year with one senior to graduate from team.



the end of the first quarter, it was only three points separating the Bucs in front of the Panthers, 13-10.

With 5:45 to play in the second quarter, it was a Nia Blocton lay-up to pull the Panthers in front, 16-15. With 1:14 until the half, Daytona hit back-to-back three pointers to pull out front 28-22. Before half, the Buccaneers hit two more from the field to head into the break 32-22.

Team Captain and the only senior on the team, Paetyn Miller on the covered like a wet-rag type defense the Panthers were dealing with said "I had to try and figure out how to get outside. I always say, our team plays with each other, for each other." Asked about how frustrating it was to not even get a shot off in the corner, Miller said "I guess they watched the films and they knew who to shut down."

The second half began with Mainland slowing the game, almost as if they wanted to just ride the lead. Each offensive drive saw Daytona passing the ball over and over. But the Panther defense would pounce when the timing was right and drive for an-

other score. With 2:46 left in the third quarter, the Panthers closed the gap to 35-30. Daytona began using the trailing defender who would pick the pockets of the Panthers, then hit a quick layup. "We could have put another teammate down there to help us to kick back out and pass out more," said Nia Blocton. "We needed to have a more fluid transition so we wouldn't be stuck with the one person coming up from behind us." At the end of three quarters, Mainland led 41-30.

With eight minutes to play, the Panther shots didn't hit the mark and there was a lack of players under the rim to get the offensive rebound. Mainland opened the lead to 43-30 with 6:17 to play. Seeing his season going downhill quickly, Coach Miller called for a full timeout to reset his team and get the train back on the rails. As the Panthers were clawing their way back in, the Buccaneers noticeably became much more physical on defense, fouling out a couple players. With 4:00 minutes remaining, Mainland went back into the passing drill trying to knock more time off the clock.

With 1:16 to play, the Panthers were on the doorstep of closing the gap, trailing by five, 47-42. With :44.6 left to play, the Panthers hit one of two free throws, 47-43. On the throw-in, Daytona was called for a backcourt foul giving the Panthers two more chances to drain free throws, but neither dropped, 47-43. Again with 9.9 seconds to play, two more chances, two more misses. On the throw in, it was nothing more than killing off the clock for Mainland to be the Region Champions heading into the final four. In the fourth quarter alone, the Panthers had 12 opportunities for free throws and only drained seven. The sisters of Nariissa (10 points), Nacoya (12 points), and Nia Blocton (13 points) accounted for all but eight of the Panthers 43 points.

With the loss of only one senior, Paetyn Miller, the Panthers will be a team to keep an eye on for the 2024 season. "We are a young team who play well together," said Coach Miller. "We had a great year, won eight or nine in a row to get to this point. We only are losing Paetyn and we'll get everyone else back."

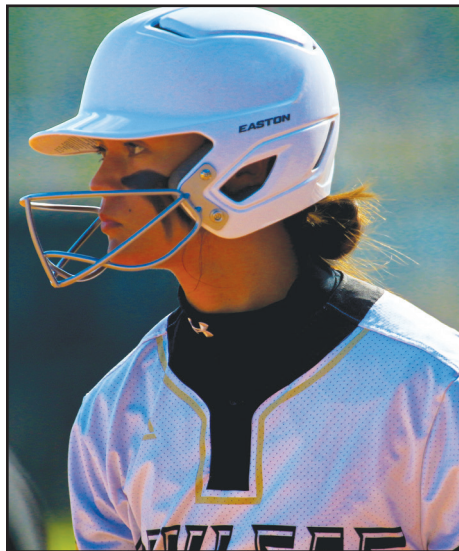


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Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 19th day of April, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2022CA001070
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST, Plaintiff,
vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CHARLES L. WRIGHTINGTON, DECEASED; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; TANA WOOTEN-MCCORMICK; SUSAN WRIGHTINGTON; LISA BERTLSHOFER; CHARLES L. WRIGHTINGTON, III, et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 02/15/2023, and entered in 2022CA001070 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CHARLES L. WRIGHTINGTON, DECEASED; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; TANA WOOTEN-MCCORMICK; SUSAN WRIGHTINGTON; LISA BERTLSHOFER; CHARLES L. WRIGHTINGTON, III are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on 04/19/2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, OF WEST BIG BRANCH, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO AN UNRECORDED PLAT THEREOF PREPARED BY LOUIS

H. MCKEE, REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 1221, ON JULY 22, 1969, SAID LOT 2 BEING A PORTION OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 330 FEET OF THE NORTH 649.78 FEET LYING WEST OF THE EAST 4040.02 FEET OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, EAST-WEST DISTANCES ARE MEASURED PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND NORTH-SOUTH DISTANCES ARE MEASURED PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES OVER THE NORTHERLY TEN FEET OF SAID LOT 2. LESS AND EXCEPT: ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 133.50 FEET OF THE SOUTH 330 FEET OF THE NORTH 649.78 FEET OF THE EAST 32700 FEET LYING WEST OF THE EAST 4040.02 FEET.

LESS AND EXCEPT: COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, OF WEST BIG BRANCH UNIT 1, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30' MINUTES 30" SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 742.32 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30' MINUTES 30" SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 138.30 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 26' MINUTES 20" SECONDS WEST, 315.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 30' MINUTES 30" SECONDS EAST 138.30 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 26' MINUTES 20" SECONDS EAST, 315.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL "B")

LESS AND EXCEPT: COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, OF WEST BIG BRANCH UNIT 1 AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30' MINUTES 30" SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF A DISTANCE OF 880.62 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30' MINUTES 30" SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 363.30 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 26' MINUTES 20" SECONDS WEST 315.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 30' MINUTES 30" SECONDS EAST 363.30 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 26' MINUTES 20" SECONDS EAST 315.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL "A")

SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND UTILITIES LYING 30 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID EASEMENT; SAID NORTH LINE BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, OF WEST BIG BRANCH UNIT 1, AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 09' MINUTES 30" SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WESTERLY RAW LINE OF LONG HORN ROAD, 330.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30' MINUTES 30" SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 1245.38 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 AND THE END OF SAID EASEMENT.

Property Address: 1690 LONG HORN ROAD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068

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

Dated this 15 day of February, 2023.
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Leigh Lucroy
As Deputy Clerk

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

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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE# 2022DR001237
Melissa Hughes,
Plaintiff
and
James Hughes,
Respondent.
TO: James Hughes
8124 Jeanwood Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32210.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to

serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Melissa Hughes, whose address is 4315 Angora St. Middleburg, FL 32068, on or before March 31, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: February 14, 2023.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida.

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

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

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE PUD-2022-11

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of considering the adoption of a rezoning application. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

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

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of two parcels of land from AR (Agricultural/Residential District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), the owners of the land being William Larry Carter and YL21, LLC. **Location Address for PUD-2022-11**
Fountain Drive, Orange Park, FL
Oak Lane, Orange Park, FL

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

cord of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: 2022CA000722
Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2020-RPL1,
Plaintiff,
vs.

DONALD H. HUNNICUTT; et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 15, 2023 and entered in Case No. 2022CA000722 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida wherein **Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2020-RPL1**, is the Plaintiff and Donald H. Hunnicutt; Unknown Spouse of Donald H. Hunnicutt; Carmen E. Hunnicutt; Unknown Spouse of Carmen E. Hunnicutt; State of Florida; Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for Clay County, Florida; **Unknown Tenant #1; Unknown Tenant #2; MV REALTY PBC, LLC**, are Defendants, I, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, beginning at 10 a.m. on March 22, 2023, the following described property set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 8, GOLDEN LAKE ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGES 6 AND 7 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 1345 PAWNEE ST., ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

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

DATED in Clay, Florida this, 17th day of February, 2023.

As Clerk of Circuit Court
CLAY County, Florida
Jaimie Pippin
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF IMPOSITION OF INCREASED PUBLIC SCHOOL IMPACT FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, on February 14, 2023, in regular session, at a properly noticed public hearing, adopted Clay County Ordinance 2023-14, which amended the Public School Impact Fee Ordinance to adopt the current Impact Fee Study and increase the amount of the school impact fee necessitated by future growth.

The Public School Impact Fee rates are imposed upon all new residential development occurring within the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County, as set forth in the Ordinance, and shall be collected prior to Electrical Power Clearance for said residential development. The schedule of Public School Impact Fee rates to be imposed commencing June 1, 2023, is available for review at the office of the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

DATED This 23rd day of February, 2023.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

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REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, March 20, 2023, for the following:
RFB NO. 2223-21, CURED-IN PLACE PIPE SERVICES FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PROJECTS
This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SLFRF").

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

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

In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal. For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Jessica Loos in the Purchasing Department at (904) 284-6388 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

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

a. Inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department if specifically provided

in the Request for Bids;

b. Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and

c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.

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

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

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

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LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District (the "District"), located in Clay County, will hold an Organizational Meeting on March 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 620 Wells Road Orange Park, Florida 32073.

The meeting is being held for the necessary public purpose of considering certain organizational matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, the appointment of staff including, but not limited to, manager, attorney, and others as deemed appropriate by the Board, and to conduct any other business that may come before the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, Ph: (877) 276-0889 ("District Manager's Office") during normal business hours. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting.

Any person requiring special accommodations in order to access and participate in the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or (1-800-955-8771) (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, March 23, 2023, for the following:
RFB NO. 2223-26, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR THE CDBG-DR VOLUNTARY HOME BUYOUT PROGRAM
This is a Federally Funded Project under Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, March 24, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

Mandatory site visits for all locations are scheduled for March 6-7, 2023. The first site visit will be at 9:00 a.m. on March 06, 2023 at 3781 Forest Drive Middleburg, Florida 32068. From there, potential bidders will be required to follow to the remaining locations.

Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bid bond shall include bonds or cashier

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meetings is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
District Manager

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE # 2023-CP-48
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DEBRA LUMLEY, DECEASED.

The formal administration of the estate of DEBRA LUMLEY, who died on January 1, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32610. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the DECEDENT'S estate on whom a copy of this NOTICE is required to be served must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the DECEDENT'S estate must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is February 23, 2023.

KATHY BARRIOS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
1620 River Breeze Drive Fleming Island, FL 32003

By: /s/ VeRonica R. Owens, Esq.
Fla. Bar No.: 73568 VeRonica@VeRonicaROwens.org 189 South Lawrence Boulevard

Keystone Heights, FL 32656 2000 Henley Road, Suite B Middleburg, FL 32068
Telephone: (352) 473-5000
Attorneys for PETITIONER

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NOTICE OF ACTION
- CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2023CA000032
REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.

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

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALBERT T. ROCHE, DECEASED,

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 57, RIDGECREST, UNIT NO. 8, A SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE(S) 65 THOUGH 68, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 15th day of February, 2023.
TARA S. GREEN

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER
BY: Gracie Moore
DEPUTY CLERK

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LEGAL NOTICE / AVISO LEGAL (Florida Statute 98.075 / Estatuto de Florida 98.075)

Notice is hereby given to the following person(s) with the last known address of:

Por la presente se notifica a las siguientes personas con la última dirección conocida de:

BAPTISTA, JOSE
2705 SHADY OAK LN
ORANGE PARK, 32073-6118

BEST, AARON B
1848 HEREFORD RD LOT B
MIDDLEBURG, 32068-3104

DOBBINS, GREGORY R
350 CROSSING BLVD APT 610
ORANGE PARK, 32073

DODGEN, JULIA E
2960 RAVINES RD APT 1321
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

HARE, CHRISTINA MM
3667 JIMS CT
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, 32043

LEDESMA, ISAAC
6046 US HIGHWAY 17 S
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, 32043

SHELDON, MATTHEW C
2418 RANGE LINE RD
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

SHEPHERD, AMY M
2285 COUNTY ROAD 220 APT 812
MIDDLEBURG, 32068-8503

SWEET, ANDREA M
5552 CARTER SPENCER RD
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

VARGAS, EUGENE
3750 SILVER BLUFF BLVD APT 120
ORANGE PARK, 32065

You are hereby notified that you are potentially ineligible to be registered to vote. Failure to respond to this notice within 30 days may result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor of Elections and removal of your name from the statewide voter registration system. You may contact the Supervisor of Elections office to receive information regarding the basis for the potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter. If further assistance is needed, contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections office.
Por la presente se le notifica que no es elegible para registrarse para votar. Si no responde a este aviso dentro de los 30 días, el Supervisor de Elecciones puede determinar que no es elegible y eliminar su nombre del sistema estatal de registro de votantes. Puede comunicarse con la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones para recibir información sobre la base de la posible ineligibilidad y el procedimiento para resolver el asunto. Si necesita más ayuda, comuníquese con la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay.
**Chris H. Chambless
Supervisor of Elections**
Supervisor de Elecciones

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Notice of Meeting South Village Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the South Village Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting.
Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.
Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
Marilee Giles
District Manager

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF
File No. 2022-CP-502
Division A
CAROL L. PRICE-BARDEN, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of CAROL L. PRICE-BARDEN, deceased, whose date of death was June 14, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is February 23, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Dale S. Wilson Dale S. Wilson
E-Mail Addresses: wilsdale@bellsouth.net

Florida Bar No. 176945
Dale S. Wilson PA
PO Box 1808
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Telephone: (904)284-5618
Personal Representative:
/s/ Danielle Renee Gadd Hardy Danielle Renee Gadd Hardy
69145 Bolton Road
New Concord, Ohio 43762

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2022CA000506

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,
vs.
PAMELA BALDREE WILKERSON; ET AL., Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a: Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 15, 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022CA000506, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2 is Plaintiff and PAMELA BALDREE WILKERSON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAMELA BALDREE WILKERSON, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, are defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 64, BONNY SHORES UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 67, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA a/k/a 4964 Heskett Lane, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court this 16th day of February, 2023.
TARA S. GREEN
By: Rebecca Crews
As Deputy Clerk

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

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STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT INVITATION TO BID

Issuing Agency: Department of Military Affairs

Project Number and Name: 222029 CB-JTC Counterdrug HQ New Building
Project Location: Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Starke FL

Statement of Work: All materials, labor, and equipment for the construction of a 6,746 SF, single story commercial office building constructed utilizing a pre-engineered metal building system on cast-in-place concrete slab. The exterior will include aluminum storefront windows and entrance doors, hollow metal doors and frames, and a split face integral color masonry veneer watertable with precast concrete cap and supporting framing and waterproofing. The interior work will include gypsum wallboard on metal stud partitions and furred walls, suspended ceiling systems with gypsum wallboard and acoustical panels. Interior plastic laminate countertops, cabinetry and vanities is included. Interior doors will be both commercial hollow metal doors and wood doors in hollow metal frames with commercial door hardware. Interior finishes include commercial carpet, vinyl composition tile, resilient wall base, ceramic floor and wall tile, painted gypsum wallboard walls and ceilings. Accessories will include panel signage, toilet and bath accessories, toilet compartments, fire extinguishers and cabinets and horizontal louver blinds. Commercial HVAC systems, plumbing, electrical and I.T. will be provided. Sitework will include site clearing, paved parking and sidewalks, on-site retention, site utilities, dumpster, and generator pads. Refer to contract documents for a comprehensive scope of work.
Estimated Construction Cost (range): \$1,750,000.00

Type of Contractor: General

Date of VIP Posting: February 17, 2023

Mandatory Site Visit Date: As stated on the Vendor Information Portal

Bid Opening Date: As stated on the Vendor Information Portal (late bids will not be accepted)

Point Of Contact: Department of Military Affairs, CFMO Contract Management Office at (904) 823-0256 or e-mail ng.fl.flarnq.list.cfmo-contracting@army.mil.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS PLEASE REFER TO THE MYFLORIDA.COM VENDOR INFORMATION PORTAL AT:

https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/

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PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on March 9, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

2019 Nissan ID# 1N4BL4BV2K249827
2006 Infinity ID# JNKKCV54E06M710579

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2022-CP-000728
IN RE: ESTATE OF
JAMES S. MARKOVITCH, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of James S. Markovitch, deceased, whose date of death was October 5, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

Date of first publication: February 23, 2023.
Personal Representative:
John F. Markovitch
729 10th St.
Seacaucus, NJ 07094

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Donald M. Allison, Esquire
Graner, Platzek & Allison, P.A.

1699 S. Federal Hwy, Ste 300
Boca Raton, FL 33432
(561) 750-2445
Florida Bar No. 263958

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
(Invitation to Bid)

Advertisement for bid will be made on: **February 23, March 2, and March 9, 2023**

Sealed bids will be received by the Clay County District Schools until:

March 16, 2023

In the Purchasing Conference Room, 800 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

At which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of

BANNERMAN LEARNING CENTER PARKING LOT RENOVATIONS/ SECURITY LIGHTING

PROJECT NUMBER: C-74-21-22

All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by:

Tocoi Engineering, LLC

714 North Orange Avenue

Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Email all questions to csohm@tcoi.com

Include project number in the subject line. Plans are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Engineer/Architect. Printed sets of the plans are also on file for purchase at cost in the following Plans Room:

LDI Reprinting Center

550 Wells Road, Suite 100

Orange Park, FL 32073

Tel: 904-579-4027

Fax: 904-579-4154

orangepark@ldireproprinting.com

Prime bidders, who will be submitting a bid to the owner, are required to register with the Architect/Engineer their intention to bid and as a plan holder. Any addenda will be sent (electronically) to the known plan holders ONLY. Alternative delivery methods may be arranged with the Architect/Engineer.

Partial sets of drawings and/or specifications are not advised and neither the Architect/Engineer nor owner will be responsible for partial information given to subcontractors by general contractors.

There will be a MANDATORY Pre-bid Meeting at the project site on March 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM per Section 020113, Part 9.2. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid.

Only Contractors having been pre-qualified by the School District of Clay County are eligible to submit bids for this project.

Only pre-qualified Contractors should submit bids for this project (Florida Statutes).

Florida Statutes require that all contractual personnel who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present must meet Level 2 screening requirements as described in S1012.32, F.S.

DISCRIMINATION: An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction nor repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit with this bid a Bid Bond or cashier's Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid price, payable to the owner.

The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted Bid amount.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the Invitation To Bid, Contract Award, or Recommendation for Contract Award, shall file a Notice of Protest with the Superintendent of Schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award, and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the Notice to Protest. Failure to observe such timelines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The School Board requires a protest to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.

Bond Requirement:

With respect to state contracts and bids pursuant to competitive bidding, whether under chapter 1013, relating to educational facilities, or under 2022 Florida Statutes 255.0516, relating to public buildings, if a school board, a community college board of trustees, or a state university board of trustees uses procedures pursuant to chapter 120 for bid protests, the board may require the protestor to post a bond amounting to:

1. Twenty-five thousand dollars or 2 percent of the lowest accepted bid, whichever is greater, for projects valued over \$500,000; and

2. Five percent of the lowest accepted bid for all other projects

conditioned upon payment of all costs and fees which may be adjudged against the protestor in the administrative hearing. If at the hearing the School Board prevails,

it shall recover all costs and attorney's fees from the protestor; if the protestor prevails, the protestor shall recover from the School Board all costs and attorney's fees.

Bid Tabulations shall be posted in the Operations Reception area at 925 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours.
David Broskie, Superintendent
School District of Clay County

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids shall be received by the School Board of Clay County until April 12, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. at the Office of the Purchasing Department, 800 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043, at which time and place all bids received shall be publicly opened. CONTRACT SERVICES FOR SITE WORK BID #23-F-244." All work shall be done according to the bid package. Bid may be downloaded from School Board's website: <https://ba.myoneclay.net/purchasing>. Only Contractors having been Pre-Qualified by the School Board of Clay County are eligible to submit bids. Pre-qualification instructions available on School Board's website: <https://op.myoneclay.net/facility-planning-and-construction> or contact Kelly Moran at (904) 336-6987.

David S. Broskie, Superintendent
School Board of Clay County

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing to consider Application for Variance V-02-2023 to provide relief from Section 2.05.01 of the Town of Orange Park Code of Ordinances to increase the maximum height of a fence in the required front yard from four (4) feet to eight (8) feet for property located at 2425 Dogwood Lane. This public hearing will be held in the Town Council Chambers on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 03/18/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at FIRST COAST TOWING INC - 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.

1FAHP34N5W229130 2005 FORD
2C3CDXC15FH890102 2015 DODG

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Clay County School Board Public Notice

The Clay County School Board will hold its Regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Teacher Inservice Center located at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island, Florida 32003. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at www.oneclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Florida State Nutrition** located at 891 Glendale Lane, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 1st day of January 2023.
GET'EM INC.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSHUA BENJAMIN HALEY
Deceased.
File No.: 2023-CP-000068 Division: Probate

The administration of the estate of Joshua Benjamin Haley, deceased, whose date of death was July 9, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida. Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave., P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043-0698. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is February 23, 2023.
Personal Representative:
Wallie Anne Haley
3417 Ringtail Court
Green Cove Springs FL 32043
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Aliana M. Payret

Florida Bar No. 104377
Robinson, Pecaro & Mier, P.A.
201 N. Kentucky Avenue, #2
Lakeland, FL 33801

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Chris Peterson CPA** located at 4461 Bondarenko Rd., in the County of Clay, in the City of Keystone Heights, Florida, 32656 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 13th day of February 2023.
Christian N. Peterson CPA LLC

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NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE SOUTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Chapters 190 and 120, Florida Statutes, the South Village Community Development District ("District") hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt its revised Suspension and Termination Rules ("Suspension and Termination Rules") which govern the operation of the District's amenity facilities and other properties. The Suspension and Termination Rules will address certain revisions to the District's rules and policies governing the operation of the District's amenity facilities and other properties.

The purpose and effect of the Suspension and Termination Rules are to provide for efficient and effective District operations of the District's amenity facilities and other properties by setting policies, regulations, rates and fees to implement the provisions of Section 190.035, Florida Statutes. Specific legal authority for the rules includes Sections 190.035(2), 190.011(5), 190.012, 120.54, 120.69 and 120.81, Florida Statutes (2020).

A public hearing will be conducted by the District on **April 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.** A copy of the proposed

rules and policies may be obtained by contacting the District Manager at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: (904) 940-5850.
Marilee Giles
District Manager

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Black Creek Paranormal Services** located at 3995 Dowling Road, in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 13th day of February 2023.
Emily Minton

Legal 57259 Published 2/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE SOUTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Chapters 190 and 120, Florida Statutes, the South Village Community Development District (the "District") hereby gives notice of its intention to develop a revised Suspension and Termination of Access Rule (the "Suspension and Termination Rules") related to the use of the District's recreational facilities.

The purpose and effect of the Suspension and Termination Rules are to provide for efficient and effective District operations of the District's amenity facilities and other properties by setting policies and regulations to implement the provisions of Section 190.035, Florida Statutes. Specific legal authority for the District to adopt the proposed Suspension and Termination Rules includes Sections 190.035(2), 190.011(5), 120.54 and 120.81, Florida Statutes. A public hearing will be conducted by the District on April 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.

Additional information regarding this public hearing may be obtained from the District's website www.southvillagecdcc.com or by contacting the District Manager, Marilee Giles, at mgiles@gmsnf.com or by calling (904) 940-5850.

A copy of the Suspension and Termination Rules may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092.
Marilee Giles, District Manager
South Village Community Development District

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SUMMONS

IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE NO: 2022-DR-23-3005
SUMMONS
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE
ABNER CARVAJAL
Plaintiff,

v.
MARTHA MARIA RAIGOSA
Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscriber at 870 Cleveland Street, Suite 2-D, Greenville, South Carolina 29601 within thirty (30) days from the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Linda C. Hayes SC Bar 065227
Attorney for Plaintiff 870 Cleveland Street Suite 2-D
Greenville, South Carolina 29601 (864) 233-3100
(864) 233-6637 facsimile
Greenville, South Carolina August 25, 2022

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2022-CA-000365
DIVISION:
CLAY FINANCE, LLC,
a Florida limited liability company,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LEVI TOMLINSON, STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
a governmental body,
Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure after Default dated February 28, 2023, (Docket No. 36), and entered in Case No.: 2022-CA-000365 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein CLAY FINANCE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, is the Plaintiff and LEVI TOMLINSON, and the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, a governmental body, are the Defendants, that Tara S. Green, Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash by ELECTRONIC SALE AT: www.clay.realforeclose.com, beginning at **10:00 A.M., on the 13th day of March 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure after Default, to wit:

A portion of Sections 35 and 36, Township 7 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the Westerly right of way line of U.S. Highway #17 (State Road #15) as now established, with the North line of said Section 35; thence South 3 degrees 19 minutes 58 seconds East, and along said right of way line, 792.36 feet; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West, 291.44 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West, 145.0 feet; thence

North 4 degrees 52 minutes 02 seconds East, 300.98 feet; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds East 145.0 feet; thence South 4 degrees 52 minutes 02 seconds West, 300.98 feet to the Point of Beginning and to close. Subject to a 12.0 foot easement across the Northerly part thereof for ingress and egress.

Property Address: 805 Country Lane, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, together with 1991 Shad Mobile Home VIN 146M5818A & 146M5818B

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated February 10, 2023.

TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rebecca Crews
As Deputy Clerk
Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) NOTICE

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 269-6350 or Mail@ClayElections.gov at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

If you use assistive technology (such as a Braille reader, a screen reader, TTY, etc.) and the format of any of our website material interferes with your ability to access the information, please contact Mary Justino at 904-269-6337 to be provided with further assistance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, you may call 711 and the Florida Relay Service will assist you with your call to our office.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003
March 7, 2023, at 10:00am
Shawna Michelle Edmiston
3 beds dressers tv stand boxes.
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure date the 7th day of November 2022, and entered in Case No. 2021-CA-000319, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC., is the Plaintiff and SANDRA HUMPHREY A/K/A SANDRA HARRELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANDRA HUMPHREY A/K/A SANDRA HARRELL; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT #2, are the defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for

cash electronically at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at: 10:00 AM on the 28th day of February 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit

LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 60, HIGHRIIDGE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 38 THROUGH 44, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address:
6184 CORNELL ROD, KEYSTONE HIGHTS, FL 32656

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

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

Dated this 8th day of February, 2023..

TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Leigh Lucroy
Deputy Clerk

Legal 56531 Published 2/16/2023 and 2/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 2022-CP-685
DIVISION B
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DAVID SHIER HACKETT, JR., DECEASED.

The administration of the estate of David Shier Hackett, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was 10/12/2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

First publication occurred on February 16, 2023

Alison E. Hickman
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FL Bar No. 085048

1218 Cactus Cut Road Middleburg, FL 32068

PO Box 65935

Orange Park, FL 32065

904-606-2181

Elizabeth Yvonne Wilson,
Personal Representative

748 South Ridgewood Avenue

Ormond Beach, FL 32174

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-46
Division A
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Karen Ann Herbelin, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Karen Ann Herbelin, deceased, whose date of death was October 28, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

First publication occurred on February 16, 2023

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Orange Park, FL 32065 Phone: 904-606-2181

Wilma June Herbelin, Personal Representative

3495 Hoffman Street, Apartment J11
Penney Farms, FL 32079

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 576/2020

Legal Description: LOT 31 BLK 2 HIGHRIIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2521 PG 742

Parcel ID No.: 210823-002376-000-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$1,792.10

Physical Address: 6388 ANTIOCH AVE., KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: MICHELINE DORVAL

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **29th day of March, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this **7th day of February, 2023**

TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller

Clay County, Florida

By: Larry Williams
Deputy Clerk

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SUMMONS, NOTICE OF HEARING [Termination of Parental Right]

IN THE FAMILY COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Case No. 22-DR-02-1384
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AIKEN

South Carolina Department of Social Services
Plaintiff,

vs.
Oscar Daniel Benavides Maldondao
Defendants.

IN THE INTERESTS OF:
Children born in 2011
TO: Oscar Daniel Benavides Maldondao
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Summons, Notice of Hearing, Complaint in and to the minor child in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Aiken County Office of the Clerk of Court at 109 Park Ave., Aiken, SC 29801, on November 16, 2022, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the attorney, Susanna M. Ringle, for the Plaintiff at Post Office Drawer 1268, Aiken, SC 29801, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, the Plaintiff will apply for judgment by default against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you have the right to be present and represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you. It is your responsibility to contact the Aiken County Clerk of Court's Office, 109 Park Ave., Aiken, SC 29801, to apply for appointment of an attorney to represent you if you cannot afford an attorney (take all of these papers with you if you apply). YOU MUST APPLY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY IF YOU DO NOT APPLY FOR AN ATTORNEY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINT, AN ATTORNEY WILL NOT BE APPOINTED FOR YOU.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Hearing will be held in this matter on **March 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Aiken County Courthouse located at 109 Park Ave., Aiken, SC 29801. You should attend this hearing. If you do not attend, the relief sought may be granted in your absence.

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 102023CA000089A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

\$19,706.00 U.S. CURRENCY,

MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF

VS.

DEVON JUSTICE, CLAIMANT

TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY

The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about December 22, 2022, at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Dated this 7th day of February 2023.

MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Jeffrey Davenport

Bar Number 60825

Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel

901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

e-service: jdavenport@claysheriff.com

Telephone: (904) 529-6077

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 2278/2020

Legal Description: PT LOT 45 LIVE OAK FOREST AS REC O R 2071 PG 1415 & 2567 PG 639

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 10-12-857-DR STACY CAPOZZI, Petitioner,

vs. JONATHAN SANCHEZ, Respondent. TO: JONATHAN SANCHEZ 760 Penlon Court Orlando, FL 32807 You are notified that an action for Petition to Modify Child Support has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on

Cassandra Henderson, Henderson Legal Services, PA, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 6571, Brandon, FL 33508, (813) 641-4305, on or before 30 days from the date of publication, which ever is later and file the original with the Clerk of this

Court either before service on the Petitioner's attorney of immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. Dated: January 9, 2023 CLERK OF THE COURT Tara S. Green

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: **Certificate No.: 812/2020** **Legal Description:** LOT 9 BLK 72 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2601 PG 793 **Parcel ID No.:** 220823-003670-000-00 **Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,619.37 **Physical Address:** 7173 COE DR , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS **Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL **Name in which assessed:** ROBIN MORLEY

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 29th day of March, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 6th day of February, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Larry Williams Deputy Clerk

Legal 55750 Published 2/9/2023, 2/16/2023, 2/23/2023 and 3/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinances: **ORDINANCE NO. 0-08-2023** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR ±39.23 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON CR 209, IDENTIFIED AS TAX ID NUMBER 016513-013-00 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A"; FROM INDUSTRIAL (COUNTY DESIGNATION), TO MIXED-USE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **ORDINANCE NO. 0-09-2023** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA REZONING ±39.23 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON CR 209, IDENTIFIED AS TAX ID NUMBER 016513-013-00 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A"; FROM HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (COUNTY DESIGNATION), TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinances: Planning & Zoning Board: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter; City Council: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter; City Council: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, they will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon

which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay – Dial 7-1-1. Said Ordinances are available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing. City of Green Cove Springs Lilly Delvecchio, Development Services Representative 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Steve Kennedy, City Manager

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinances: **ORDINANCE NO. 0-05-2023** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR ±28.81 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON CR 209, IDENTIFIED AS A PART OF TAX ID NUMBER 016513-000-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A"; FROM INDUSTRIAL (COUNTY DESIGNATION), TO MIXED-USE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **ORDINANCE NO. 0-06-2023** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA REZONING ±28.81 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON CR 209, IDENTIFIED AS A PART OF TAX ID NUMBER 016513-000-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A"; FROM HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (COUNTY DESIGNATION), TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinances: Planning & Zoning Board: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter; City Council: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter; City Council: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter; Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, they will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay – Dial 7-1-1. Said Ordinances are available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing. City of Green Cove Springs Lilly Delvecchio, Development Services Representative 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Steve Kennedy, City Manager

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinances: **ORDINANCE NO. 0-02-2023** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR ±3.44 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON CR 209, IDENTIFIED AS A PART OF TAX ID NUMBER 016499-007-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A"; FROM INDUSTRIAL (COUNTY DESIGNATION), TO MIXED-USE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **ORDINANCE NO. 0-03-2023** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA REZONING ±3.44 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON CR 209, IDENTIFIED AS A PART OF TAX ID NUMBER 016499-007-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A"; FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (COUNTY DESIGNATION), TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinances: Planning & Zoning Board: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter; City Council: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter; City Council: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, they will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinances: **ORDINANCE NO. 0-02-2023** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR ±3.44 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON CR 209, IDENTIFIED AS A PART OF TAX ID NUMBER 016499-007-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A"; FROM INDUSTRIAL (COUNTY DESIGNATION), TO MIXED-USE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **ORDINANCE NO. 0-03-2023** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA REZONING ±3.44 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON CR 209, IDENTIFIED AS A PART OF TAX ID NUMBER 016499-007-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A"; FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (COUNTY DESIGNATION), TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinances: Planning & Zoning Board: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter; City Council: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter; City Council: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, they will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon

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will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay – Dial 7-1-1. Said Ordinances are available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing. City of Green Cove Springs Lilly Delvecchio, Development Services Representative 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Steve Kennedy, City Manager

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: BRADFORD WILLIAMS, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: **Certificate No.:** 645/2018 **Legal Description:** LOT 11 BLK 29 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 779 PG 64 **Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,679.06 **Parcel ID No.:** 200823-002826-000-00 **Physical Address:** 6405 BAYLOR AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS **Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL **Name in which assessed:** CARMELO MONTALVO

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 29th day of March, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 2nd day of February, 2023. TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Larry Williams Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 03/10/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 3052 JOE JOHNS RD MID-DLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. AVB29031B000 2000 AVB 1FMZU77E71UB00088 2001 FORD 3FA6P0RU8ER264768 2014 FORD LC2D3J105FC200664 2015 KYMC

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TONY L CULVERHOUSE, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: **Certificate No.:** 2140/2020 **Legal Description:** PT LOTS 6 & 7 BONNEY SHORES UNIT 2 AS REC O R 817 PG 579 & 1535 PG 669 **Parcel ID No.:** 170824-007177-002-00 **Opening Bid Amount:** \$3,088.15 **Physical Address:** W R THOMAS , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS **Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL **Name in which assessed:** VINCENT J & CAROL ANN SHEA

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 29th day of March, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay. realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 30th day of January, 2023 TARA S . GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Jewel Baskin Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: **Certificate No.:** 2069/2020 **Legal Description:** LOT 45 & (1/29 INT)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: **Certificate No.:** 2069/2020 **Legal Description:** LOT 45 & (1/29 INT)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE: 2022-CA-1041 DIVISION: B CR 218 & PINE TREE LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company Plaintiff,

v. ALICE MARIE PASS and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF BILLIE F. DOWNING, DECEASED, et al., Defendants.

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has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Herschel B. Betman, Esq., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 5150 Belfort Rd. Building 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, on or before 30 days from the first day of publication and to file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Dated: 01/25/2023 Tara S. Green Clerk of Court By: Rebecca Crews Deputy Clerk **Legal 53524 Published 2/2/2023, 2/9/2023, 2/16/2023 and 2/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 29th day of March, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay. realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 26th day of January, 2023 TARA S . GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Jewel Baskin Deputy Clerk

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 10-2021-DP-000109 DIVISION: E IN THE INTEREST OF: B.J. K.J. J.L. MINOR CHILDREN THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: **Kenya Soto, Mother** YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named children, B.J. who was born on March 6, 2015, K.J. who was born on August 30, 2016, and J.L. who was born on November 15, 2018. You are hereby commanded to appear before the **Honorable Angela M. Cox**, the Clay County Courtroom, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on March 3, 2023, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. **FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crtintrp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. **WITNESS** my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 24th day of January, 2023. Tara S. Green as Clerk of Said Court By: Denise Haselwood Deputy Clerk

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STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT INVITATION TO BID

Issuing Agency: Dept. of Military Affairs Project Number and Name: 222011 Re-Bid CBJTC Gas Station Project Location: Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Starke, FL General Statement of Work (See MFMP VIP For Complete Details): Construct a new unmanned gas station. Contractor shall furnish and install two gas pump islands with two above ground tanks with containment and new fuel canopy. New 6'x 8' shed with window, door, electricity and data communication utilities (including kiosk) and metal roof. Contractor will also build two dry retention ponds with new storm structure. Estimated Construction Cost (range): \$1,367,000.00 Type of Contractor: See MFMP Vendor Information Portal Date of MFMP VIP Posting: February 23, 2023 Non-Mandatory Site / Pre Construction Visit Date: As stated on the MFMP VIP. Bid Opening Date: As stated on the MFMP VIP (late bids will not be accepted) Point of Contact: Dept of Military Affairs, CFMO Contract Management (904) 823-0255 or e-mail ng.fl.fiarng.list.cfm-contracting@army.mil. FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS PLEASE REFER TO THE MYFLORIDA.COM VENDOR INFORMATION PORTAL (MFMP VIP): https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/ **Legal 56153 Published 2/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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