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Dawn's mission is transforming lives of people with disabilities

By Lee Wardlaw
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Misty Dawn is a woman on a mission.

Dawn works full-time as a job training facilitator at Agency For Life Transformations, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to empowering people 14 and older with disabilities to live productive lives.

The organization is based in Titusville, but Dawn recently moved to Keystone Heights to spearhead the group's plans to reach more individuals in the four-county area consisting of Clay, Duval, Putnam and St. Johns counties.

Agency for Life Transformations made its first Clay County appearance in December. It has several offerings available for special needs students and adults, including pre-employment services, job training, continued education and assistance in finding a job following high school graduation.

The nonprofit got off to a splashy start in the county just two months ago



Misty Dawn



Jeffery Fry

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CLAY JOINS INTERCEPT TO TARGET, PUNISH AND ELIMINATE ABUSED, TRAFFICKED CHILDREN



Seven law enforcement agencies create largest task force in country

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Sheriff's Office receives "hundreds" of tips about sexually abused and trafficked children. More alarming is the fact those represent a small portion of the victims.

OPERATION LIGHT SHINE

That's why the Clay County Sheriff's Office became one of seven law enforcement agencies to join forces to create the largest task force in the country to combat human trafficking and child exploitation.

Operation Lightshine is a group organized by former U.S. Marine Matt Murphy, whose sister was murdered by

a man who sold women and drugs.

Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook, Murphy, Sheriffs Gator Deloach of Putnam, Bill Leeper of Nassau, T.K. Waters of Duval, Robert Hardwick of St. Johns counties, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Science Applications International Corporation's Mike Williams, Homeland Security Investigations Tampa Special Agent John A. Condon, Florida Rep. Sam Garrison, U.S.

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Augusta Savage Arts Festival celebrated

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Thousands of residents came to Spring Park to celebrate art, food, music and vendors during the Augusta Savage Art Festival last Saturday.

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Orange Park, BCC push talk of ambulance extension to March 14

By Lee Wardlaw
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A public hearing and vote on the Town of Orange Park’s application for an extension of ambulance service and a final public hearing and vote to consider the adoption of CPA 2022-22 were forefront issues during an over five-hour Clay County Board of County Commissioners’ Meeting on Tuesday night.

Orange Park town manager Sarah Campbell had a long and productive discussion with county fire chief Lorin Mock, town mayor Randy Anderson and county commissioners, the board decided to move a vote to March 14 for further discussion.

During talks, both parties expressed a whole-hearted interest in creating a compromise to continue bringing the best possible rescue services to the town and county.

“There’s some things that the Town would obviously be giving up, and we’d be giving up, I think that’s what works best as a compromise. Certainly, it’s a signal of wanting to move forward and try to figure out the best for both entities and at the same time, keep our citizens’ safety in mind. I think it’s a good place to start,” said Commissioner Mike Cella.

Cella said concerns for the budget still exist, but the town and the county agreement has worked well.

The town runs 45% of its calls outside the town limits, so the county benefits from decreased response times. Campbell said if the agreement were to end, the county would incur new expenses, such as staffing additional rescue personnel.

Mock said that the potential agreement could allow Orange Park and the county to work together to provide a better benefit of service for everyone in the area where there are holes in service such as northern



STAFF PHOTO BY LEE WARDLAW

Orange Park town manager Sarah Campbell delivered compelling comments from the lectern during the Clay County Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday.

Fleming Island.

Then, the public hearing and later vote were held to amend the future land map to change the future land use designation for a waterfront 5.42-acre property on Black Creek at 3255 Manatee Point Road from BF-PCN (Brannan Field Primary Conservation Network) to BF PCN (Brannan Field Master Planned Community).

The owner wants to build a dwelling on the property.

Despite concern for the environment and wetlands and the rights of the property owner were examined at length, the motion passed, 5-0.



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Thousands have a blast at MVPA’s Winter Rally

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Residents on the county’s south end were reminded not to worry if their windows rattled and their routines were interrupted by loud blasts last weekend. That’s because the First Florida Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation’s Winter Rally was on display at the Military Museum of North Florida. Thousands of fans of military equipment filled the fields around the museum at Reynolds Industrial Park to see Jeeps, tanks, cannons and helicopters on static display. Starting on Friday, Feb. 25, there were displays of tank and cannon fire at 1 p.m. for three days, prompting the Green Cove Springs Police Department to issue a “Boom Alert.”



Sen. Jennifer Bradley files bill to appoint courtroom animal advocates

For Clay Today

TALLAHASSEE – Sen. Jennifer Bradley (R-Fleming Island) and Rep. Lindsay Cross (D-St. Petersburg) filed bills to allow for the appointment of either an attorney or certified legal intern to act as an advocate for the interests of justice in cases of animal neglect or abuse.

Laws permitting the appointment of guardians *ad litem* to serve in the interests of children and victims are

standard. Still, no such law currently exists in Florida for animals who cannot advocate for themselves. The bill would empower the appointed advocate to monitor the case, aid in fact-finding, attend hearings and present recommen-



Jennifer Bradley

dations to the court.

“As an animal lover, I’m pleased to sponsor legislation that allows an advocate to participate in proceedings regarding animal neglect or abuse,” Bradley said. “These advocates will ensure an informed process and, especially in cases of hoarding, provide helpful resources for the judicial process. I’m proud to support this legislation.”

The bill has the support of The Humane Society.

“The Courtroom Animal Advocate Program will allow for much-needed support and assistance to prosecutors and judges in cases of animal cruelty while providing a voice for the animal victims. At the discretion of the presiding judge, the volunteer lawyers will also help alleviate the burden of crowded dockets on both judges and prosecutors by assisting with the animal welfare aspects of each case,” said Kate McFall, Florida Senior State Director of The Humane Society.

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Spring Cleaning: Don't toss that 'junk.' It may be valuable

By StatePoint Media
For Clay Today

It's time to hit the garage, attic and closets for that age-old task of spring cleaning. Before hauling unwanted possessions to the curb, you may be surprised to learn they might be valuable – especially if you have sports cards and memorabilia gathering dust.



With prices of sports cards rising in recent years, take time to determine if yours are valuable and how to best sell them.

“Older sports cards and memorabilia aren't just highly collectible; they can be worth lots of money. Recent sales of scarce vintage cards have topped anywhere from thousands of dollars to tens of thousands, even hundreds of thousands. And really rare cards can go higher,” says Al Crisafulli, Auction Director at Love of the Game Auctions, an internet sports auction house that helps families identify and sell valuable items.

Crisafulli has assisted people in selling such keepsakes as a grandparent's autograph collection and an uncle's childhood baseball cards, for tens of thousands of dollars. In one life-changing event, he helped a family determine that Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig used a baseball bat that spent decades protecting their home – Love of the Game Auctions sold it for almost half a million dollars. Today, that bat could bring more than \$1 million.

The key is understanding what makes old sports collectibles valuable. To help, Crisafulli is sharing some tips:

Older is usually pricier

Cards from the 1960s and earlier are collectible, and those from before the 1940s can be worth a lot of money, especially those depicting stars. Do you have cards of Hall of Famers, such as Mickey

SEE DUST, 5

OPINIONS



Reality: Orange Park Mall is a safe place to shop

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

ORANGE PARK – It's unfair when a group of unruly children makes it difficult for everyone.

A handful of punks turned the Orange Park Mall parking lot into a mosh pit and ultimate fighting ring on Feb. 19. They jumped on cars, ran between vehicles like they were being chased by a snake and threw wild punches in an adrenaline-induced outburst.

The initial report suggested as many as 2,000 were involved. That's what happens when you get caught in the moment and rely on social media for facts.

The truth is a small group of teens was involved. However, two troublemakers is too many.

The mall doesn't allow anyone younger than 18 after 8 p.m. If a younger person wants to go to the movies, they must be accompanied by an adult. The rest were supposed to leave. For most, that means taking their rage back home to the other side of Interstate 295 in Jacksonville.

Outbursts like two weekends ago are one reason why the mall continues to battle against a perception that it's not a safe place.



Don Coble

The mall doesn't allow anyone younger than 18 after 8 p.m. If a younger person wants to go to the movies, they must be accompanied by an adult. The rest are supposed to leave.

“The reality is, we've had two incidents at the mall involving youth in the last year,” said Sheriff Michelle Cook. “What happened there (two weeks ago) centered around five people.”

Nonetheless, mall and sheriff's office officials met this week to consider a more-proactive plan to eliminate any after-hour problems.

“It's a perception issue with Orange Park Mall, not a reality issue,” Cook said. “I don't want the perception to become the reality.”

Mall General Manager Randy Bowman said the shopping center at the corners of Wells Road and Blanding Boulevard has been “battling” the belief that it's unsafe.

“It's one of the biggest challenges I've had in five years since I've been here,” Bowman said.

The sheriff's office started its “Gateway to Clay” initiative in 2021 to clean up the Wells Road area near the mall. Deputies, officers and government officials have gone door-to-door twice to talk with residents and business owners about their biggest concerns. Many of the streets and medians have been cleaned,

SEE SAFE, 5

Word OF THE WEEK

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

Eradicate: a verb that means to completely destroy.

“Keystone Heights Junior High's Rena Reddish correctly spelled ‘eradicate’ last week to win the Clay County District Schools Spelling Bee.”

This Week In History

Five years ago, 2018

- Oakleaf High's Alexandria Ashanti Summerset and Oakleaf Junior High's Rose Toledo are charged with making a false report of the use of a firearm at school.

- The Board of County Commissioners set up a public workshop to consider allowing teachers and staff members to bring weapons to schools for protection.

- Hundreds attend the annual Scottish Games at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

10 years ago, 2013

- The Clay County Education Association is challenging the termination of an Orange Park Junior High teacher for having a stun gun locked in a cabinet in her classroom.

- The traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will make a stop in Green Cove Springs.

- Oakleaf High history teacher Mark Miller received the most donations in the Second “Kiss the Donkey” contest for the school's Future Farmers of America club, and he had to kiss a donkey named “Bubba” as the prize.

20 years ago, 2003

- Clay County voters defeated a plan for a half-cent sales tax for Clay County District Schools.

- Orange Park Mayor Garry McIntyre denies allegations he imprisoned and fondled a town employee in the presence of two eighth grade students.

- Orange Park High's Josh Maulsby (140-pound division) and Clay High's Cy Wainwright (heavyweight) win state wrestling titles.

30 years ago, 1993

- Orange Park High's Jeremy Minewea-

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Opinions ...

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Safe

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and trees have been planted. The agency said it's improved its line of communication with everyone on Wells Road, and as a result, more businesses have moved in and dilapidated buildings and homeless camps have been swept away.

And violent crime dropped by 45% in one year.

If the mall were such a dangerous place, why are tenants clambering to do business there? Of the 147 retail and restaurant spots in the mall, 146 are occupied. And there's a letter of intent for the final spot. In the past year, the mall gained nine new tenants.

One area that's now being addressed is the old Sears and Sears Automotive stores. The empty buildings have a prominent spot on the southwest corner of the property and the abandoned stores create the appearance the rest of the mall is blighted.

However, Bowman said there are plans to knock the buildings down and replace



them with Orange Park Plaza. That will be open to smaller tenants and two outtake buildings for restaurants.

"That side of the mall makes the mall look dead," Bowman said, "but that's going to change. We hope to start the project in 2024."

Cook and Bowman agree the mall is a vibrant hub of commerce for the county.

Not only does it have the county's largest tax base, but as many as 3,500 are employed there.

"When you have a property like this at 99.5% occupancy, that's phenomenal in our business," Bowman said.

While places in Jacksonville like Regency Square Mall and Gateway Town Center and the Ponce DeLeon Mall in St. Augus-

tine have either closed or have a limited number of tenants, Orange Park Mall flourishes.

It just needs a solution between the mall, security, sheriff's office and, most importantly, the parents who don't pick up their children on time to stop the infrequent problems – and misleading videos – caused by a handful of unruly children.

Dust

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Mantle, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner or Ty Cobb? Even non-stars from the early days of a sport can be worth big bucks, especially if the cards have no creases and retain sharp corners and original gloss.

If you have very old cards from the 1880s through the 1930s, look for tobacco, gum and candy brands, such as Old Judge, Piedmont, Sweet Caporal, Goudey or American Caramel.

If you want to sell sports items for the most money, consider a specialty auction, such as Love of the Game, which has the expertise to properly research sports ephemera and maintains bidder lists of collectors specializing in sports. More information is available at loveofthegame-auctions.com.

Postcards and photographs

We all have keepsakes of vacation destinations, but most aren't valuable. However, photographs and postcards depicting sports stars and ballparks can be significant. Look for early "real photo" postcards from the 1900s through the 1940s, which are photographs printed on postcard backs.

As with sports cards, star power mat-

ters, so preserve those Babe Ruths as opposed to images of your great grandma's baby cousin once removed. And when it comes to photos, look for old markings on the back, such as photographer, publication and date stamps.

Memorabilia

Set aside old advertising posters depicting sports stars, food, tobacco, or sporting goods brands. Ads from magazines aren't valuable, but those used as store displays and for other marketing purposes can be pricey. Tin signs from the 1960 and earlier can be highly prized, but reproductions aren't.

Your family's sporting goods, such as balls, gloves and bats, can be valuable. Pre-1950s uniforms, catcher's masks, helmets and other equipment are highly collected, especially when endorsed by star players. Top condition brings the highest prices, but even used equipment can be valuable.

"The golden rule is the older the sports card or item, the more valuable it usually is. Pre-1975 pieces start to get interesting and are worth researching," Crisafulli said.

Don't just clean out your "junk" this spring; examine it closely to potentially maximize its value.

40 years ago, 1983

- Despite cold, rainy conditions, athletes competed at the Clay County Special Olympic Games at Orange Park High.

- The Village Improvement Association in Green Cove Springs celebrates its 100th birthday.

- The Clay High softball team beats Middleburg, Keystone Heights and the Orange Park junior varsity team to win the county softball tournament.

History

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ser will represent Clay County at the Envirothon at Ronnie Van Zant Park.

- Sheriff Scott Lancaster grounds attempts to create a Clay County Sheriff's Office "Air Force."

- St. Johns Country Day's Caryn Anne Hart correctly spells "cyclical" and "wanderlust" to win the Clay County Spelling Bee.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Half-conscious states
- Unnatural
- Deep regret
- Rogue
- Taken without permission
- An alternative
- After B
- Partner to flowed
- Weekday
- Body part
- World's longest river
- One of the Greats
- Make clean
- C. Canada
- Japanese seaport
- Most unclothed
- Small grouper fish
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Distinguishing sound
- French realist painter
- Popular beer brand
- Views
- God depicted as a bull
- Relieve
- Residue after burning
- Habitation
- Poe's middle name

CLUES DOWN

- Clues
- Do again
- Current unit
- Neither
- Corporate exec (abbr.)
- Second sight
- The absence of mental stress
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Stop for good
- College dorm worker
- Bones
- Most supernatural
- Spanish island
- Unlimited
- Where golfers begin
- No charge
- Print errors
- Professional drivers
- Kiss box set

- Short, fine fibers
- Administers punishment
- Czech city
- Normal or sound powers of mind
- The academic world
- Crustacean
- Currency
- Pastoral people of Tanzania or Kenya
- Cloth spread over a coffin
- Grouped together
- On land
- Glistened
- A type of extension
- One who assists
- College sports conference
- Zero
- Midway between northeast and east
- Type of screen
- The 13th letter of the Greek alphabet

Community celebrates groundbreaking for new St. Simon Church

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – Pastor Moyenda Ambakisye sunk a shovel into the dirt and hoisted freshly tilled soil to symbolically mark the beginning of the rebuilding process for St. Simons Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Before the dust settled, he yelled, “Hallelujah!”

He yelled it again. And again. And again – each time getting louder. By the fourth “Hallelujah,” his word echoed through the whispering oaks like a thunderclap.

Nearly two years after an arson burned the historic Black church to the ground, the church’s congregation, community leaders and other Baptist pastors rejoiced as the church moved forward.

“It’s taken awhile because there’s so much paperwork,” Ambakisye said. “We put what happened behind us. We’re looking ahead. We hope construction can start in the next couple of months.”

Ambasisye said faith would have to make up what insurance won’t cover in the rebuilding process.

Fire ripped through the church on March 25, 2021. Originally built in 1965, the building was “80% through” a massive expansion project when it was reduced to rubble.



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

ORANGE PARK - Pastor Moyenda Ambakisye was inspiring when the congregation, Orange Park official and residents joined in groundbreaking ceremonies to replace St. Simons Missionary Baptist Churh, two years after the church burned down.

The big lot on Miller Street is now covered with grass. Any reminder of the arsonist’s ire has long been plowed away.

Officials with the Orange Park Police Department don’t believe the fire resulted from racial hatred.

“We decided a long time ago we would pray for whoever did it,” Ambasisye said.



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Obituaries

Shaun Ryan Bowman Burniston

Shaun Ryan Bowman Burniston, 44, lifelong resident of Orange Park, FL passed away peacefully Wednesday February 8, 2023. He was born August 23, 1978 in Orange Park, Florida to his parents Kathy Lee and John Burniston.

Shaun was affectionately known as "Bernie" to his friends and family and will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him. Shaun attended Clay County schools where he developed lifelong friendships. After high school, Shaun went to nursing school and dedicated 23 years of his life to helping others as an LPN in the medical field while also owning and operating a successful lawn maintenance company.

Shaun was a devoted father who poured his heart and soul into raising his daughter, Bre. Shaun was full of life, enjoyed the beach, boating, music, sports, and was an avid Miami Hurricanes fan. He was known for his sense of humor, lit up the room everywhere he went, and was the life of every party.

Shaun is preceded in death by his mother, father, and grandparents. He is survived by his only child, Breanna Burniston; brother, Jacob (Carla) Hangen; fiancée, Stephanie Lindsay; Uncle and Aunt, Scott and Lisa Henderson; cousins, Stacy (Wendle) Baxley, Heather (Erik) Gibson, and numerous other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Family and friends are welcome to attend a graveside service on March 8th at 3:30 p.m. It will be held at Jacksonville Memory Gardens, 111 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL 32073. A celebration of life will be held on March 11th from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club located at 9010 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

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Beth Ann Erdman

Beth Ann Erdman, 58, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away peacefully at home on February 23, 2023. She was born in Meridian, Mississippi on September 20, 1964.

Beth will always be remembered for her extreme love of family and friends and always wearing a smile. She loved to watch wrestling and being surrounded by family.

Beth was preceded in death by her father, Reichert Barton Erdman.

She is survived by her mother, Judy M. Erdman of Green Cove Springs, FL; sisters, Gale Harris of Fayette GA, Lee Lambert {Kenny} of Jacksonville, FL and Traci Kemp {Joey} of Interlachen, FL; nieces and nephews, Brandis Harris, Taylor Lambert, Bryan Silverthorn, Ashley Silverthorn, Shane Moody, Kyle Moody, Sofia Silverthorn, Rose Moody, Eden Moody and Sorin Martinez.

She will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

Private service will be held March 3, 2023

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Beth Ann Erdman



Jason Daniel Campbell

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jason Daniel Campbell on January 25, 2023, at the age of 42.

Jason was born November 4, 1980, in Vancouver, Washington. He spent most of his early years in Oregon before moving to Florida. He was a hard worker and a loving father that enjoyed outdoor activities.

He is survived by his wife, his children Amber (22), Justin (18), Matthew (16), David (8) and Charles (4), and four step-brothers Robert Aanerud (AR), Randy and Erik Winter (FL) and Ronnie Winter (CA). His parents Cindy Campbell (Middleburg, FL) and John and Karen Campbell (Decatur, AR) are feeling the deep loss of their only son.

Jason will be cremated at Helm-Gallagher Funeral Home, Green Cove Springs. His family is organizing a celebration of life to be held at a later date.



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Vernon A. Bender

Vernon A. Bender, 83, of Jacksonville Beach, FL, passed away February 23, 2023

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Barbara M. Gehrlein

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Margaret Mae Glens

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Thomas L. Gibson

Thomas L. Gibson, 85, of Orange Park, FL, passed away February 22, 2023

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Nancy Malone

Nancy Malone, 81, of Jacksonville, FL, passed away February 25, 2023

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Community, bikers rally to support Robert Boozer's fight against cancer

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – Robert Boozer had a heart attack six months into his ownership of his motorcycle repair shop, Boozer's Bike Shop.

But that wouldn't end up coming close to the challenge that he is currently facing.

Now in a fight for his life, Boozer is facing terminal esophageal cancer. Doctors said he has two years to live.



Robert Boozer

Robert's battle with cancer is a struggle each day. Boozer is required to receive chemotherapy every other week. After he completes the treatment, he goes home with a pump for 48 hours.

Then, Boozer receives surgery every four weeks where tumors are frozen, which allows him to swallow.

The cancerous cells have now spread into Robert's back, bones and hips.

After Robert, a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, was informed of the heartbreaking news, he gave up his repair shop to start treatment. The business is something that Boozer embraced for six years. The



The Clay County and motorcycle communities came out to support the longtime owner of a small repair shop who is battling esophageal cancer.

mechanic believes his family relationships with his customers are the most significant thing he gave up.

"The biggest thing I'm giving up is the connection with my customers. I love them, and I loved what I did. My customers are first and foremost," he said.

Boozer tended not to charge some customers for basic services.

"They would say, 'What do I owe you?' And I would say, 'Don't worry about it. Come back and see me when you have a real problem. Well, they all came back at one time,'" Boozer said.

Boozer was referring to the recent "Cruizin For Boozer," a fundraising motorcycle ride event that turned out to be an emotional and powerful display of support

from the biker community. Hundreds gathered for a 30-mile ride from Locals Pub in Orange Park to Boogerville Hideout in Green Cove Springs. The fundraising event honored Boozer.

The proceeds went directly to Boozer's family, which will pay for his 2018 Dodge Ram 1500 truck. The vehicle is a crucial mode of transportation, allowing Robert to get the necessary care to fight the terminal disease.

"I want to thank everybody that was involved in this and the key people, Lorri (Gette-Ralph), Shelly (Zurvalec), Tim (Prentice), and Chris (Collier). They broke their back, going out of their way for us. I don't care if you gave us \$5 or \$500. Words can't describe the love and appreciation from my

customers and the biker community. Thank you is not enough," he said.

It was an emotional day for Boozer and the large biker community.

"I can't tell you how many times I cried," Boozer said.

In the fight for his life, one overriding mantra sparks the flames of fire for hope: spending every possible moment of the day with his 27-year partner.

"Spending as much time with her as I can. That's the bottom line," he said.

The process has been painful for Robert and his wife, Dawn Boozer.

"It's very depressing. It's hard," she said. But the Boozers aren't giving up their fight.

In fact, there's not the slightest chance they will contemplate waving the white flag.

"We're just not going to give up. We fight every day. It's not even an option. There's no 'poor me.' We're not doing that. We'll get up and take a pain pill or go for a walk or ride," Boozer's wife said. In the meantime, a furry, protective friend provides much-needed emotional support: Daisy Mae, a beautiful white Maltese.

"That's the best decision we made for him, was to get a little lap dog that he could pet. She's done wonders for his spirit," Dawn said. If you would like to donate, visit www.GoFundMe.com/f/Cruizin-For-Boozer.

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KHJH's Rena Reddish 'eradicates' competition at Spelling Bee

By Don Coble
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LAKE ASBURY – The word eradicate means to destroy. For Keystone Heights Junior High's Rena Reddish, it's a word that clinched the Clay County District School's Annual Spelling Bee at Lake Asbury Junior High on Feb. 21.

The eighth grader survived 12 rounds of words and 35 other competitors to advance to the Northeast Florida Regional Spelling Bee with a chance to move to the Scripps National Spelling Bee on May 28 in Maryland.

"I guess I've always been a good speller," Reddish said after winning the county title for the second consecutive year. "The only word I was worried about was the one in the second-to-last round."

But she still spelled "reverberate" without any problem.

After Reddish correctly spelled "succumb" in the 11th round, Orange Park Junior High's Andreas Alvarez missed "follicle." Reddish easily spelled "eradicate" to earn the applause of Superintendent David Broskie, school board members Mary Bolla and Beth Clark, school district teachers and families.

As the defending champion, Reddish



Rena Reddish

said she was more comfortable this year.

"I was a little more nervous last year because it was my first year, and it was the first time I won," she said.

Seven spellers were eliminated in the first round. The field was whittled to 18 after 11 missed words in the second round.

The field narrowed to eight for Round 7 and six misspelled their words to leave Reddish and Alvarez. They correctly spelled their words for three rounds before



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

And then there were two: Rena Reddish and Andreas Alvarez were the final two spellers.



Third-place St. Johns Country Day's Max Rivera joins runner-up Andreas Alvarez of Orange Park Junior High and winner Rena Reddish of Keystone Heights Junior High at last week's Clay County District Schools Spelling Bee at Lake Asbury Junior High.



Alvarez's miss in Round 11.

Reddish said she studied words she believed would be called. Another factor is where particular words fell in the rotation.

For example, words like "Masovian" and "incontrovertible" were asked in the first round, while words like "bushy" and "masa" were part of the second round words.

Another key to success was not over-

thinking the process.

"I picture the word in my head, and then I spelled it. I went with what I thought was right," Reddish said.

News of Reddish's accomplishment got back to Keystone Heights before she did. The School Board recognized her at its March 2 meeting, and the Keystone Heights City Council honored their speller at its March 5 monthly meeting.

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Pizza or fried rice?

Bambino's Pizza/Panda Wok offers worldly options to satisfy picky eaters

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

DOCTORS INLET – Everyone knows that picky eaters can make family meals difficult, if downright impossible, some weeks.

After navigating football practice, band recitals, homework requirements, and juggling a long day at work, the last thing you

want to consider is what to fix for dinner. But “what sounds good?” can be impossible when one child wants pizza and the other wants hibachi.

But there is a solution.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-21-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY, R-1A ZONING DISTRICT AND CREATING DIVISION 3, ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 117 OF THE CITY CODE THEREBY RENUMBERING THE CURRENT DIVISION 3-5 ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR AN INTENT, PERMITTED USES, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS AND DENSITY CONTROLS; AMENDING THE SPECIFIC ALLOWED USE TABLE IN SEC. 117-3 TO INCLUDE THE R-1A ZONING DISTRICT, AMENDING THE LOT REQUIREMENTS TABLE IN SEC. 117-6 TO INCLUDE THE R-1A ZONING DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

City Council: Tuesday, 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 Council with respect to any matter considered at these scheduled public hearings, they will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay – Dial 7-1-1.

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

All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

City of Green Cove Springs
Lilly Delvecchio, Development Services Representative
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Steve Kennedy, City Manager

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STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Chinese chicken on a stick or Italian pizza, owner Tracy Nguyen has you covered as the unique Bambino's Pizza and More/Panda Wok in Doctors Inlet.

baked spaghetti, baked ziti, baked lasagna, loaded calzones, and Mongolian beef, bourbon chicken, teriyaki chicken, sweet and sour chicken, hibachi, traditional Filipino and Chinese blends. Their top sellers are teriyaki chicken, bourbon chicken and lo mein.

The restaurant's owner, Tracy Nguyen, bought Bambino's Pizza in 2022. She was a long-time customer of Bambino's and a part-time employee.

“I began working with her for about four months. The business was doing okay, but the owner's family got ill, so she had to step down to take care of family matters. She mentioned selling the business, so I told my husband that night that I was interested in buying it,” Nguyen said.

Nguyen took over the business the following month. Nguyen's well-known chef husband left his previous position at another restaurant to work alongside his wife.

“He's been cooking for 30 years. He's cooked Chinese, Japanese and Asian food. He's done it all,” Nguyen said.

Despite their best efforts, business was slow.

“So we had to come up with an idea to boost revenue. We thought, why don't we do pizza and Chinese food?”

Pizza and Chinese are the top two most popular takeout foods in America. Why not combine the two culinary traditions that have dominated takeout for hundreds of years?

At first glance, Chinese and Italian have very little in common.

“They require separate prepping, separate seasoning, separate cooking. It's two completely different methods. That's why it's so different. It's easy to blend Asian

food with different Asian food rather than Western or European foods,” Nguyen said.

However, they share similarities in noodles with rich sauces, homemade oils, vegetables and garlic with greens.

Nguyen embraces their similarities and differences, staying true to the spirit of both traditions.

“We did a customer survey, and people were really excited about the idea,” Nguyen said. “I added a few appetizers and a couple of Italian dishes. It's a strange concept, but we felt like it was creating a place of local convenience for customers.”

Patrons welcomed the new concept with open arms.

“We have a lot of seniors that dine in at our restaurant, as well as families with little kids. It's a very family-focused atmosphere, but our dining is very small, and people know that. Sometimes people will call ahead and ask if there is a table available because we only have four tables, seating about twelve people in total.”

Takeout is 75%-to-80% of their business.

Nguyen's husband prepares most Asian food, while their two daughters “do the pizza side of the business.” When one side is slow, they reinforce the other side.

“It's a family job. What is unique about us is not only that we do Italian and Asian Food, but our hours are strange as well. We are only open from 4-8 (p.m.) and closed Monday,” Nguyen said.

With flexible hours, Nguyen can prioritize spending time with her family and caring for relatives.

“We're not looking to expand. It's very family-focused. We just want to be supportive and convenient for the local community that we live in,” she said.

Fair's top executive selected as a 'Top 40 Under 40' professional

Hyder's tireless work for annual fair, local causes recognized by Jacksonville Business Journal

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Agriculture Fair isn't what Tasha Hyder does. It's who she is.

The merry-go-round, agriculture barns and giant pretzels are reasons why more than 130,000 will attend this year's 11-day event at the Clay County Fairgrounds. But for Hyder, the impact lasts all year.

Residents in Clay County know a lot about the Fair's Executive Director. In addition to the Fair, she worked to rescue animals and provide much-needed relief to hurricane victims in Southwest Florida.

Now her work is being recognized throughout Northeast Florida after her nomination as a "Top 40 Under 40" professional by the Jacksonville Business Journal.

Part of the process included a lengthy questionnaire, including the question: "What's the best advice you've received in your professional career?"

"I told them you get out of your community what you put back into it," she said. "And that is why I'm so big about giving



Tasha Hyder

back to our community. Because it is, you know, the Clay County Fair. Our people love our fair, and they give back to our

community. They support us when we need them."

They also wanted to know about her beliefs and theories.

Soon after Hurricane Ian ravaged the Fort Myers area, Hyder and Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook organized a massive relief effort at the fairgrounds to collect supplies. Their original goal was to fill two tractor-trailers with water, food and cleaning supplies.

The plan was to collect donations from residents for five days. The response was so incredible, Hyder and volunteers worked into the following week collecting, sorting and loading supplies on pallets.

Hyder and Cook soon were joined by

the Mercer County (Ohio) Fair, which sent another trailer stuffed with much-needed supplies to Clay County. In all, more than six loads, including trailers of hay for displaced animals, were sent to Southwest Florida.

"We use the word overwhelming. And heartwarming," Hyder said. "We knew our community and our fair board were awesome, but they went above and beyond for us. They really knocked it out. They understood the assignment and they got an A-plus-plus."

Hyder said the best celebration for her honor would come between March 30 and April 9 with happy families enjoying what she believes will be the best Fair yet.

Bob Warren shows Garden Club how to grow from seeds



The Garden Club of Fleming Island meets monthly at the Fleming Island High library. This month, they heard from Bob Warren, below, on how to grow plants from seeds.

For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – The Garden Club jumped on its Spring Gardening with an excellent talk from Bob Warren on Planting from Seed.

Do you know the chief advantages of growing from seed? It saves lots of money, and you can pick your flowers and veggies.

So as a gardener, if you want your selection of plants – at a fraction of the cost – look into seeds.

Bob is an experienced gardener. Along with his wife, Carolyn, Bob created a community butterfly garden within Homeowners Association guidelines, which he supplies with vibrant plants grown from seed. Pictures of this garden thrilled his audience and inspired garden club members to start their plants. Part of Bob's presentation included giving away already-grown plants to garden club members, which is always a bonus.

Besides the meeting, garden club members also got to experience a travel experience this month vicariously. One of our members just returned from a three-month cruise to Africa. She brought her pictures, and we went out to lunch to learn about her trip. Her pictures were also shown at the meeting for members who couldn't join us at the restaurant. It was amazing, and we shared a lot of fellowships.

Next month, on March 13, at 10 a.m., the garden club will feature Cotton Morlock with a talk on Pruning and Tool Sharpening. Cotton is a Master Gardener and veteran Landscaper. Now is the time to cut those frost-bitten plants back to allow the plants to renew themselves and make room for all the new plantings.

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Art Guild of Orange Park offering Courtenay Hunt scholarship

ORANGE PARK – Courtenay Hunt was a prominent local artist recognized as Jacksonville's portrait artist of choice. In 1967, he was commissioned to paint a portrait of Andrew Jackson which hangs in Jacksonville's City Hall. He was a founding member of the Art Guild of Orange Park.

Since 1992, the Art Guild of Orange Park has awarded the Courtenay Hunt Scholarship to a qualified and deserving Clay County senior. The annual award will be presented this year at the May meeting of the Art Guild of Orange Park on May 2 at the Lion's Club in Orange Park.

Students who plan to major in Visual Fine Arts or Art Education at a college of their choice are encouraged to submit their applications for the 2023-2024 academic school year.

The applications for this year's scholar-



Portrait of a young girl by Courtenay Hunt

ship are now available online at www.artgildoforange.org.

The AGOP Scholarship Committee will interview applicants and also view their portfolio submissions. Other considerations for awarding the scholarship are the applicant's academic record, extracurricular activities, employment, community service, and awards and recommendations.

In addition, the Art Guild will award the winner's art teacher \$100 for art supplies for the classroom. The deadline is April 1.

For more information, contact Nancy Page, AGOP Scholarship Chair, at starlady01@comcast.net or call her at (904) 945-0687.

Vietnam Veterans of America to award pair of \$1,500 scholarships

CLAY COUNTY – Vietnam Veterans of America Col. William G. Byrns Clay County Chapter 1059 is offering two \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Clay County high schools, homeschoolers, private schools and the Camp Blanding Youth Challenge. The scholarship, named in honor of former VVA 1059 member Sid Newberg, also is open to relatives of current members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1059. All applicants, except for VVA Chapter 1059 family members, must be residents of Clay

County and planning to attend any post high school accredited university, junior college or vocational/technical school.

An applicant must have:

- A letter telling us about yourself, your life goals, and your plans for the future. Include: name, address, phone number and email address.
- An official, original letter of acceptance to an accredited four-year university, two-year college, or trade school on official letterhead.
- An essay, with a minimum of 500 words, based on an interview with a veteran, or active-duty member, from any branch of the U.S. military. The interview should include a veteran's experiences while serving either here or abroad or a significant mission in which he/she participated. An essay is comprised of the introduction, the main points, and the conclusion. The essay will be judged on originality, grammar and spell-

ing.

- A letter of recommendation from a school faculty member who is a school counselor, principal or teacher.

- A list of your community service, awards and recognitions received during grades 9-12. Provide copies of documentation. If any of the above attachments are missing, the application will be unqualified and will not be considered.

The deadline for the completed application is on or before April 30. Recipients of the scholarship will be announced at the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1059 meeting on June 3.

Please mail completed application on or before the deadline to: Vietnam Veterans Scholarship, P.O. Box 626, Orange Park, FL 32067-0626.

For more information, email Joanne Byrns at jobyrns@bellsouth.net or call (904) 705-1074.

Clamour Theater is Back:

See 'Clay & Water 2023' live at Penney Farms

By Martha K. Mayes
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PENNEY FARMS – Clamour Theatre Company's Fifth Annual Playwright's Retreat, "Clay & Water 2023," will be live this year after having virtual retreats for the past two years.

Partnering with Penney Farms Retirement Community this year, Clamour continues to participate in the development of new work for the stage with a new group of five playwrights selected through a nationwide application process. The writers will stay at PRC, and their works-in-progress will be read by local actors at McCormick Hall, the fellowship hall at Penney Memorial Church, from March 5 through March 9 at 7 p.m. A different play will be read each night.

The subject matter of this year's plays again covers an array of themes and genres: A mother and daughter spend 25 years exploring their version of love. A graduate student won't stop making awkward comments about race, class, and family dynamics during her first visit to the home of her professor. An exploration of the relationship between two pairs of sisters living in sister cities a thousand years apart. An Italian grandma unexpectedly goes viral when her grandson secretly quotes her on social media. And a contemporary romance about young thespians that throws the idea that plays need to choose one genre out the window.

Writers Christine Benvenuto, Bill D'Agostino, Erin Proctor, Katherine Vondy, and Maggie Wilson will meet with area students to talk about the craft and business of playwriting. They will also be available for audience feedback sessions after each reading.

Benvenuto has been writing nearly everything for a long time – essays, fiction and newspapers – but she had always wanted

to write a play. When she finally wrote one, she found it incredibly exciting to see things on stage coming to life with real actors and staging instead of writing in a room by oneself. She plans to continue all her writing, including plays. Her play is called "Destination Wedding."

As a teenager, Agostino started writing plays at a summer program and became hooked on playwriting. He got his Master's in Theater at Villanova and plans a future of doing lots of plays for kids. His play, "@ my Italian Grandma," is a light comedy. He wants to encourage theater aficionados to more readily go to readings – instead of thinking, "It's just a reading."

D'Agostino said readings are like a compressed version of the play without all the visuals, kind of a "radio play," and are extra fun.

Proctor, who started as an actor and still writes plays for her peers in school, started during the pandemic when nearly all their work dried up. They decided to create their work and started writing plays. Most of her peers have returned to acting, but she still is writing plays. Her play, "Overlap," is a romance/ghost story.

These readings are free and open to the public. Reservations are required due to limited seating. To get the full schedule and reserve a seat, go to Clamour's event page or call (917) 902-7210.

More details can be found on Clamour's website: www.clamourtheatre.org.

Clamour Theatre Company is a nonprofit whose mission is to inspire and nurture a love for theatre in northeast Florida, to educate and challenge a diverse community with theatrical productions of new and classic plays and musicals, and to train and support aspiring theatre artists of all ages, genders and ethnicities through exposure to and involvement with theatrical experiences.



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STAFF PHOTOS BY MARTHA MAYES

Thousands descend on Spring Park for Augusta Savage Cultural Arts Festival

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Spring Park was busy last Saturday with the Augusta Savage Arts Festival. Thousands of residents, art lovers and a community who embraced Savage’s artistic and civil rights work converged to the park for a day of music, show, art, food and crafts. It also capped the city’s Black History Month recognition. The festival also had arts 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 and Art Displays by Augusta Savage Mentoring Center Art Classes. The festival honors Savage’s focus on teaching children the beauty of art. She once 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.”



HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital appoints new board members

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital announced the appointment of four new board members, including a long-time Clay County Cardiologist and a former Florida State Senator and Florida Commissioner.

The board serves as the local governing body delegated with authority and responsibility to ensure quality medical care for the community.

They also aid the medical staff and hospital administration in an advisory and oversight capacity.

The new board members include the hospital’s Chief of Staff, ER physician, and Medical Director for Freestanding Emergency Services, Dr. Michael Euwema; Former Florida State Senator and Florida Commissioner of Education, and Partner at Strategos Group Jim Horne; St. Johns River State College Executive Director of Strategic Communications

Michelle Sjorgren; and First Coast Cardiovascular Institute Cardiologist and Director of Clay County Operations Dr. Youssef Al-Saghir.

Other members of the Orange Park Hospital board include the hospital’s Chief Executive Officer, Lisa Valentine, Anesthesiologist Dr. Deevide Miller, Real Estate Executive Wendell Davis, Retired U.S. Navy and Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll, Retired Gynecologist Dr. Roland Powers, Healthcare Executive Bridget Roberts, Rear Admiral Jack Scorby and retired Neurosurgeon Dr. Mark Spatola.

Also this year, four board members were termed off of the board, including Clay County Tax Collector Diane Hutchings after serving 10 years; Clay County Attorney David King after serving 30 years; Dr. Robert Kulchinsky after serving one year; and Dr. Rajesh Vishen with 10 years of service to the board of trustees.



STAFF PHOTOS BY MARTH MAYES

Brides-to-be get ideas, inspiration at Clay Bridal Spectacular

ORANGE PARK – With June weddings quickly approaching, prospective brides had an opportunity last Saturday to shop for dresses, entertainment, catering and honeymoon ideas at the Thrasher-Horne Center. The Clay Bridal Spectacular attracted 35 vendors who put dresses, cakes, reception menus, travel plans, disc jockeys and music selections on display. Brides-to-be were treated to treats, photo spreads of receptions and honeymoon getaways – all with spectacular white wedding dresses as a backdrop.





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Business is *Blooming* at Pat's Nursery on Fleming Island

Homeowners eager to play in dirt with springtime projects

By Lee Wardlaw
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FLEMING ISLAND – As many believe the danger of another frost has melted away, residents are shifting from a surprisingly cold winter to an already warm spring. And that's good for business at Pat's Nursery.

When you drive on U.S. Highway 17 on Fleming Island, you've probably already noticed business is blooming at the full-service, independent nursery providing products and services like delivery, installation, landscape design, mulch, sod, palms, flowers, fertilizer and anything in between.

Pat's has been so busy that customers

sometimes cause traffic delays – especially on warm weekends. Last Saturday, vehicles couldn't fit in the nursery's parking lot and were forced to park alongside the road's shoulder.

One employee, James, loads nursery items in customer cars, stacking things like sod, garden tools, plants and more.

But during this time of year, he is also responsible for directing traffic, leading cars into the space and helping them back out of tight, crowded spots as they exit the garden center.

That's because Pat's Nursery has become a hub for garden lovers throughout Northeast Florida.

If you've stepped outside recently, you can feel spring in the air, and in an ever-so-perfect area for a wide array of plants to survive and thrive, it's the perfect time to be in the yard.

Customers are greeted with a psyche-



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Business is blooming at Pat's Nursery on Fleming Island as weather shifts to warmer springtime temperatures.



A sea of ceramic pots is available for 50% off at busy nursery.



At fork in the road at Pat's Nursery, a patch of Muhly grass neighbors a group of banana trees, showcasing just one small example of the diversity of plant life.

delic rainbow of color by flowers, shrubs, plants and trees that seemingly cover all forest floor levels.

Plants, big and small, are readily available.

Depending on which section a customer is in, they may momentarily forget they are on Fleming Island and mistakenly believe they're in New Hampshire, South Florida, Georgia or Japan.

When facing a fork in the shop's path, Muhley grass, commonly found in North Florida scenes like golf courses and swamps, neighbors a group of banana

trees. That is just one small example of the range of plants on display at the facility.

Employees said fruit trees had been trendy, with citrus trees being a particular item of interest.

Crepe myrtles, maples, dogwoods, River birches, Japanese maples and junipers have also been popular.

"Dogwoods are really popular," one employee said. "We haven't had those in a while. Junipers (have also sold well) because it's an evergreen. There are so many varieties, so it's hard to tell. It's really everything. There's not one that's more popular than the other."

The space resembles a giant maze to the wandering eye and can feel more like an arboretum or botanical garden.

Regardless of what level of garden or yard mastery they are looking to attain, clients will likely leave with the answers. That's because a friendly and knowledgeable staff member will happily answer if they need assistance.

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Dealing with accused criminals, desperate families presents challenges

Bail bond companies provide get-out-of-jail releases

By Lee Wardlaw
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CLAY COUNTY – The bail bonds industry is often mistaken for the Wild West.

Usually, business goes as planned for “Call James” Bail Bonds and Absolute Bail Bonds, which operate within two-tenths of a mile of each other in Green Cove Springs.

But in rare instances where clients don’t appear in court, rack up additional charges or have another arrest warrant while out on bond, the bond agent is sometimes unaware of the crazy scenarios.

Laws for licensed Bail Bounty Hunters vary by state. Carry and conceal permits, weapons and badges are legal in Florida.

But when a client decides to run, it’s game on for bondsmen and bondswomen.

“Sometimes, we get to see things that police don’t even see,” said James Branning, who kickstarted “Call James” Bail Bonds in 2014.

Dreama Quimby has been a bail bond agent at Absolute Bail Bonds since 2006.

Once, she posted a \$2,000 bond in Bradford County for George Lopez, who had a suspended driver’s license. However,

Lopez did not appear in court. Dreama and two others tracked Lopez to Tampa. When they found the fugitive, he decided to pull out a pistol on Quimby and her team.

“Do you remember me? You didn’t go to court,” Quimby said as he drew his weapon.

Quimby wasn’t concerned about Lopez appearing in court. She just wanted her money. But it wasn’t worth it.

“I’m not going to lose my life over \$2,000,” she said.

He didn’t pay, and she walked away. Tampa police found him soon later. Quimby would quickly learned there was more to the story.

“It turned out that his name was actually Christopher Ramirez, and he was wanted for murder in California,” Quimby said.

Branning served as an intern for Quimby in 2010 before he kickstarted his business across the street soon. The woman he worked under helped him prepare to expect the unexpected.

And that’s what he got.

Once in Green Cove Springs, Branning had no choice but to grab a young woman right after she was getting out of the show-



Dreama Quimby has enjoyed a long and prosperous career as a bail bond agent at Absolute Bail Bonds in Green Cove Springs since 2006.

er. He wrapped her in a beach towel and carried her away.

Another client was on the run as James and his wife, Kim Branning, who works alongside her husband while running her agency, Hippy Chick Bail Bonds, were returning from a vacation.

After tracking the client, the couple followed in hot pursuit.

Branning attempted to handcuff the client, but the fugitive tried a unique version of bailing out from a bond. It didn’t end well for the criminal.

James had already called local authorities, but a good break came as the runner barreled toward the north side of town. The client was eventually tackled and taken back to jail.

“We hold lots of liability. We have 80-100 people on bond throughout the year. Bonds will be exonerated, but then we will gather more incoming clients and obtain more liability. Each bond company could run between \$1-3 million in liability throughout the year,” James said.

Bail bond agencies must pay the full bond if the payment is not honored.

A common bond written is a general surety appearance bond, a three-way contract often secured by someone else, like a family member, friend or partner. The person contracting for that bond pays a 10% fee and must take responsibility for the remainder of the bail posted by the bond agent if bail is forfeited.

After the contract is executed and the fee is paid, the bond agent deposits the full amount of bail to the court, where the defendant can be released. The court will hold funds until the case is concluded unless the defendant forfeits the bond by either failing to appear in court or violating other terms of pretrial release.

After bail is forfeited, the defendant can return to jail or be allowed to bail out again on new terms of the release. Even af-

ter missing a court date, judges often show graciousness for the defendant, who may have missed due to human error or forgetting the scheduled date.

The bond agent loses money in this case, however.

In a worst-case scenario, only second to running from the law, a defendant may return to jail pending their trial and be on the hook for the total amount of the bail posted by the agent.

A bond agent always sticks to their insurance policy and has the option to acquire collateral like real estate during the process to make sure that they can recover funds if bail is forfeited. The agent can sue the third party that guaranteed the bond or attach the property which was offered as a security.

In most cases, the money is returned to the issuing bond agent.

Bond agents can decide whether to pick up a case, and many factors go into that decision.

One major factor at Call James and Absolute is whether the defendant and family are from the Green Cove Springs area.

Then, many other elements come into play. Status as a student, employee or current or former member of the U.S military can help. The standing of the third party can also come into play.

“Does (the defendant) work? Does the (defendant) contribute to their family?” Branning said.

Branning and Quimby said they are often willing to sign a bond alongside a family member or friend, but they can be wary if the other party is a boyfriend or girlfriend.

“If the family is sincere, that is good. A boyfriend or girlfriend is 50-50 because relationships can wither in minutes,” Branning said.

A criminal record doesn’t help. If a defendant records a second charge while on bond, it leaves the agent at a crossroads. Here, they can choose to either continue to help them or cut ties.

Quimby has learned to keep a trained eye and ear on clientele through trial and error. The deal is unlikely to go through if they are talking too fast or treating her with little respect.

“I can tell when I’m being conned. There are lots of liars in the industry,” she said.

Other than that, key aspects of the industry include providing guidance and comfort to the defendant and third party as the process unfolds and establishing excellent relationships with jailers, judges and law enforcement.

“People don’t know what to do most of the time. The first thing they do is say ‘What do I have to do to get them out?’ They’re not exactly sure what to do and who to talk to. You have to tell them that everything is going to be fine and (explain) the process. These are the steps and nothing is going to happen too quickly,” Quimby said.



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Artisan Shoppe to offer affordable high-end products in Keystone

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A new retail shop called the Artisan Shoppe opened its doors on March 1.

It will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and have various affordable high-end quality products made by local vendors.

Handmade body care products, gemstone jewelry, resin accessories and floral arrangements are some of the many items the shop will feature.

The shop will have art classes where individuals can craft various art forms like mixed media art and alcohol ink art. However, the shop will not only sell handmade art, but it also will have select antiques, refinished furniture and décor. The Artisan Shoppe plans to do customized items such as tumblers, cups, wreaths, birthday banners and redo furniture for customers.

“It’s a unique shopping experience in a charming store,” Betsy Rosander, one of the co-owners, said.

The idea to start a shop resulted from a social media platform called the Nextdoor App. Rosander and her friends Tammy Lee, Brandy Richardson, Lisa Thwing and Darlene Godwin first met through the app. They met in person at Keystone Inn after discovering a shared passion for artistry.

“It was amazing. It was like we found each other. We found our people,” Rosander said. After the success of the initial meeting, the group continued to grow closer as friends and eventually began talking about opening a shop where they could sell their crafts. Within a year, everything fell into place for the group’s new shop the Artisan Shoppe. “It was just like dominoes falling into place,” Richardson said.

Although the Artisan Shoppe won’t be open until next Wednesday, the group looks forward to its future success and growth.



From left, Tammy Lee, Brandy Richardson, Betsy Rosander and Lisa Thwing make up the driving force behind the Artisan Shoppe in Keystone Heights.

They look forward to providing antique auctioning at the shop in the future. They are considering offering children’s programs such as an after-school program and an art camp in the summer. Also, they look forward to bringing positivity to people’s lives

as they meet the community. “We’re very excited. We can’t wait to meet people from the community and be a source of light and positivity,” Rosander said.

To learn more about the Artisan Shoppe, visit www.theartisanshoppefl.com/.

St. Leo University to close Oakleaf campus

For Clay Today

OAKLEAF – Saint Leo University President Ed Dadez, Ph.D., announced several operational changes for the 134-year-old nonprofit Catholic institution on Feb., including the closure of its Oakleaf campus.

The changes are part of his plans to create a reimagined vision for the university that will make a Benedictine Catholic, value-based education more accessible to people everywhere.

“Throughout its history, Saint Leo University has continually evolved to meet the needs of students – from opening education centers on military bases to being one of the first to offer online degree programs,” Dadez said. “The future vision for our university will continue on this course, including more educational partnerships with businesses and organizations, customized pathways for earning degrees, and new investments in our online learning program. We will continue innovating our offerings to support the new learning needs of students and today’s workforce.”

A thorough audit of the university’s enrollment trends revealed an opportunity to improve efficiencies and enhance its future student offerings.

- Over the next six months, the university will discontinue operations at the following education centers: Oakleaf, Charleston, SC; Joint Base Charleston-Naval Weapons Station, SC; Columbus, MS; Corpus Christi, TX; and Lake City, Ocala and Mayport. Students currently taking classes at these centers will transition to the university’s online program to continue their coursework.

- The university will discontinue the following academic degree programs: Bachelor of Arts in international hospitality, Bachelor of Arts in human services, and the Master of Science in human ser-



vices. Students currently enrolled in these programs will be assisted with a plan to achieve degree completion. As part of this change, all degree programs in the College of Education and Social Services will become a part of other colleges, effective at the end of the academic year.

Part of the university’s future focus will include growing the university’s bachelor’s degree program in nursing and many of the programs in its newly established School of Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Data Science. There is high demand for professionals in these sectors and high interest from prospective students.

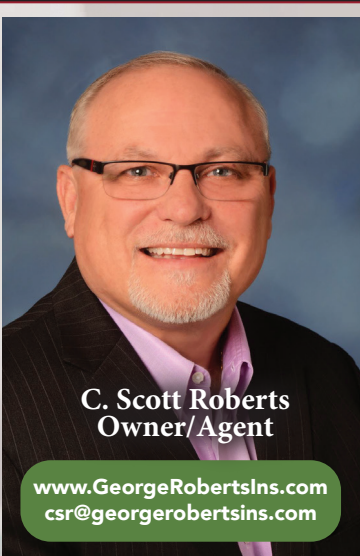
Another area of focus will include working with businesses and organizations to support their professional development needs and establish new talent pipelines for skilled employees in high-demand fields.

“The university already maintains strong partnerships with many school districts, law enforcement agencies, faith-based groups, and other organizations,” said Dr. Mark Gesner, vice president of Community Engagement & Communications. “We look forward to growing our community partnerships and being a full-service education and training partner for many more businesses, nonprofits, and groups of all sizes.”



Ortho One opens new office on Blanding Boulevard

ORANGE PARK – Clay County Commerce Ambassadors celebrated the opening of Ortho One Jacksonville’s Orange Park office at 794 Blanding Blvd. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Providing comprehensive and personalized care, doctors Dr. Fady Bahri, Dr. George Bahri and Dr. Ralph Rizk have treated countless patients recovering from sports injuries, workplace injuries, and chronic pain-causing conditions. The Ortho One Jacksonville team has been recognized in national orthopedic publications for developing and implementing state-of-the-art orthopedic procedures to alleviate pain and help patients regain joint mobility. Operating six Northeast Florida offices, the Ortho One Jacksonville team’s number one goal is to improve each patient’s quality of life through appropriate conservative and surgical methods to get patients back to their favorite activities, pain-free.



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Yaldi! Scottish Games bring Gaelic traditions, day of fun to fairgrounds

By Lee Wardlaw
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – In what was yet another successful rendition of the Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games and Festival, participants, spectators and organizers celebrated the

28th annual rendition at the Clay County Fairgrounds was a day of activities, music and clan gatherings.

Residents celebrated Scottish culture and traditions through athletic games, food, music, beer, and so much.

The festival lasted from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., but festivities really didn't get fully ramped up until after the introduction ceremony at noon. During that time, 29 clan sponsors were introduced with a special walk-through into the Cattleman's Arena, featuring traditional dress such as scarves and quilts, accompanying pets like dogs, capes, shields and more.

Then, after a speech from president Audie Gibson, a national anthem playing, and a bone-chilling performance and march-out of a bagpipes and drum band with musicians dressed head-to-toe in quilts, caps, long stockings and black dress shoes.

Festival-goers waited in lines to bite into traditional Scottish table fares like bridies, meat pies, sausage rolls, fish and chips, and



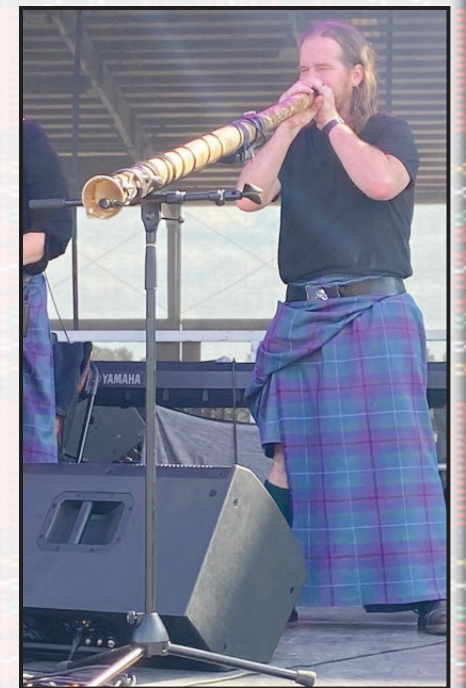
fresh, hand-crafted treats such as Scottish tart and whiskey cake loaf, lemon shortbread and almond shortbread.

Top athletes took their talents to the games, with traditional sports from the motherland showcasing strength, such as Clancheart, Hammer and the Sheaf Toss. However, one event that especially stood out was the Caber, which requires balance, strength and timing. With a running start, participants balanced a 100-to-140-pound,

18-20 foot pole on their shoulder and then threw it in the air. It was quite a challenge.

Several other avenues of action continued inside and around the fairgrounds. A petting zoo featuring Clydesdale horses, sheep, and clan tents with representatives ready to answer questions and speak about their group's history.

Among the melee of fun honoring Scottish heritage, 7 Nations and Albannach performed throughout the afternoon.



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The bagpipe and drum band played an excellent rendition of the U.S. national anthem for fans in attendance at the big event honoring Scottish heritage in Northeast Florida.



Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register
True Life Church
Clay County

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February is over! Spring is here! You may not notice the difference in temperatures with all these beautiful Florida days. Spring is a beautiful time. After the winter, the world seemingly comes back to life. In the spring things begin to grow. Sunlight and water facilitate this. The world blooms with color once again. Flowers spring forth, the birds sing their songs, and the world is active once again.

We can liken this process to our spiritual growth. Throughout our lives, we go through seasons as well. There will be times when we are in the “winter” of our faith. We are cold and stagnant, struggling toward a new rebirth. But rest assured, that spark arises, and we enter a new and exciting season of our faith. To make this happen, we need to put forth some effort to grow in our relationship with God!

Psalm 1:3 says, “They [Upright Men & Women] are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”

To bloom in our faith, we must practice the spiritual disciplines, including but not limited to reading of scripture, prayer, and fellowship. These basic yet foundational tenants of our faith are what it’s all about. When we engage in these practices on a daily, consistent basis, we follow a steady and sure path of spiritual development.

It’s just like the old adage of separating the wheat from the chaff. The chaff is the inedible part of the wheat that must be separated from the wheat in order for the wheat to be used for its intended purpose. In our own process of spiritual growth, we must also separate the wheat from the chaff in our lives. This means that we must remove the traits of the world and trade them for godly ones.

Spring is coming, and it’s a time for new growth. Not just in the world around us, but within our own souls as well. This Spring, make it a goal to draw nearer to God than ever before. You will see wonderful fruit “spring forth” in your life!

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Clay County Tourism Industry professionals recognized

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CLAY COUNTY – More than 130 front line and behind the scenes team members, including eight from Clay County, were honored at the 14th Annual Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association ROSE (Recognition Of Service Excellence) Awards, where the entire Northeast Florida region celebrates stories of exceptional service.

Luis Villacis, a maintenance man and engineer at Courtyard Orange Park, became the first winner for Guest Service from Clay County.

Others from Clay who were nominated were:

- Lynn Boykins, Courtyard Orange Park
- Sara Severns, Courtyard Orange Park
- Bonita Haynes, Courtyard Orange Park
- Colton Ferrin, Grumpy’s Restaurant Orange Park
- Margaret Murphy, Grumpy’s Restaurant Orange Park
- Khrystal Luntsford, Hampton Inn & Suites Middleburg
- Andrew Shaw, Hampton Inn & Suites



From left, Thayer Kern, FRLA Northeast President; Luis Villacis, Courtyard Orange Park; Alliah Bradburn, Healthy Hospitality; and Alfredo Garcia of Sight & Sound Productions at the ROSE Awards.

Middleburg

“I couldn’t be prouder to be part of Clay County’s hospitality and tourism industry,” said Kimberly Morgan, Director of Tourism.

“It’s professionals like this that make a difference in someone’s visit. Next year, we hope that we get to celebrate even more of our Clay County industry members.”

Scholarship News

Vietnam Veterans of America to award pair of \$1,500 scholarships

CLAY COUNTY – Vietnam Veterans of America Col. William G. Byrns Clay County Chapter 1059 is offering two \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Clay County high schools, homeschoolers, private schools and the Camp Blanding Youth Challenge.

The scholarship, named in honor of former VVA 1059 member Sid Newberg, also is open to relatives of current members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1059. All applicants, except for VVA Chapter 1059 family members, must be residents of Clay County and planning to attend any post high school accredited university, junior college or vocational/technical school.

An applicant must have:

- A letter telling us about yourself, your life goals, and your plans for the future. Include: name, address, phone number and email address.
- An official, original letter of acceptance to an accredited four-year university, two-year college, or trade school on official letterhead.
- An essay, with a minimum of 500 words, based on an interview with a veteran, or active-duty member, from any branch of the U.S. military. The interview should include a veteran’s experiences while serving either here or abroad or a significant mission in which he/she participated. An essay is comprised of the introduction, the main points, and the conclusion. The essay will be judged on origi-

nality, grammar and spelling.

- A letter of recommendation from a school faculty member who is a school counselor, principal or teacher.
- A list of your community service, awards and recognitions received during grades 9-12. Provide copies of documentation.

If any of the above attachments are missing, the application will be unqualified and will not be considered.

The deadline for the completed application is on or before April 30. Recipients of the scholarship will be announced at the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1059 meeting on June 3.

Please mail completed application on or before the deadline to: Vietnam Veterans Scholarship, P.O. Box 626, Orange Park, FL 32067-0626.

For more information, email Joanne Byrns at jobyrns@bellsouth.net or call (904) 705-1074.

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. Schol-

arship 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 Cruzer meeting to introduce themselves and describe their plans.

Applications and essays should be mailed to: Clay County Cruzers, PO Box 65691, Orange Park, 32065-9998.

Each applicant will be notified once their application is received. The winners will be announced in April.

Garden Club offering \$500 environmental scholarship

FLEMING ISLAND – The Garden Club of Fleming Island wishes to assist an individual graduating student of Fleming Island High who plans on pursuing a career in Environmental studies, Forestry, Horticulture, Agriculture, Marine sciences or a related field with the opportunity to apply for a \$500 scholarship.

The graduating student must have at least a 3.0 GPA and have chosen a college to attend. Contact your Guidance Counselor at your school for the application form. The deadline is April 15.

Cirque Italia delights audiences with its contemporary water circus

Traveling show treated fans with seven shows at Orange Park Mall

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – If case you were wondering who dropped an enormous, oversized carnival tent in the Orange Park Mall parking lot last week, it was the Cirque Italia Water Circus, a spectacular, awe-inspiring traveling circus event.

Patrons of the temporary mega-tent got a glimpse of the spectacle and were treated to a European-style rollercoaster of fun, with a wide range of emotions experienced during several acts of marvel.

Shock, excitement, and plenty of laughter were all to be expected during its four-day run that ended on Sunday afternoon.

Anticipation focused on a giant, circular stage which held 35,000 gallons of water.

The stage begins around gigantic, temporary netting, which will soon become the focal point for the show's introduction.

As fans wait for the opening act, the makeshift arena remained dark. The introduction is a display within itself.

After a long wait, Cirque Italia started.

In a flash, electric college band-style music provided a rush similar to a live performance at Ben Hill Griffin and Doak Campbell stadiums during football season.

Then, a goosebump-raising, oceanic-themed display unfolded on the giant blue screening.

It depicted high-definition images of sea creatures for spectators with an unbeatable view of the action in the closely-configured seating arrangement. Clownfish, manatees and all that swim the deep blue was on display.

Hammerhead sharks that seemingly swam into the crowd's faces came into view.

If that's not enough for an opener, it was followed by a state-of-the-art light show.

Then the real action started.

Finally, the curtain rose, and the head clown and four women in long dresses snapped into a dance routine.

After that, buckle up because things were about to get wild. The next two-and-a-half hours provide entertainment to keep the audience on the edge of their seats.

A clumsy, loveable clown with a fearless attitude and bizarre, pointed, unicornesque hairdo led the crowd, like bouncing on a giant trampoline with a diving board.

He accidentally pointed a bow and arrow toward the crowd while wearing a blindfold, and in between performances, the clown picked contestants from the audience.

He also performed other random, wild and bizarre stunts that helped make the show special. He rubbed the foreheads of bald men, danced, cracked jokes on demand, providing cringeworthy and hilarious entertainment.



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Any good circus performance has a balancing act, especially at Cirque Italia. The traveling show was in town last week at the Orange Park Mall.

Cirque Italia is a wild display of entertainment that can only be seen in person.

Several high-energy actors pushed the limit of human ability, performing feats such as swinging from ropes; balancing on four-wheeled unicycles that can only be accessed from a six-step ladder; juggling with laser focus; and balancing and stacking chairs all simultaneously, only using



A clown kept spectators entertained with jokes, dancing, and a no holds barred banter.



Running full speed across a state fair-style ride as it spins up and down is just one of the acts at Cirque Italia that pushed the limit of human ability.

the core strength of the upper body to perform the maneuver.

The most enthralling moment is when a giant ring of water rose from beneath the stage.

Once the contraption rose to the top of the stage, a seemingly endless stream of water rained down underneath, creating a dome of water around the performers.

The water cycled through a psychedelic combination of colors during a series of acts: blue, green, purple and yellow – all in different shapes and images.

In two water acts, a woman twirled, flipped and hung upside down from a hoop. Others performed similar feats while in-

side a plastic ball. A woman also hung from that plastic ball, spinning from a rope attached to her head.

The unique scene is a large portion of Cirque Italia, but not the entire show.

There were other wild acts to see. A blindfolded performer shot arrows at balloons ordained on a board. His partner was also attached to the board and was dangerously close to the firing range.

The performance was fun for the entire family, but you must see it to believe it in person.

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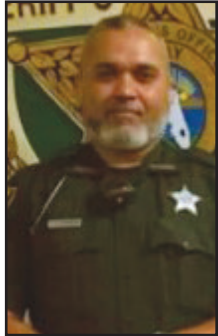
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Police Briefs

Former CCSO deputy sentenced to 25 years for sexually abusing a 12-year-old girl

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A former Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy pled guilty to three counts of sexual assault on a child and one count of child molestation.

Paul Sergio-Ferreira Mauricio, 50, was sentenced to 25 years on Feb. 22 in prison after a 12-year-old girl told her mother about being assaulted on April 12 of last year.



Paul Sergio-Ferreira Mauricio

Mauricio was initially charged with six counts of sexual assault of a child and one count of lewd and lascivious behavior of a child when he was arrested on April 14.

According to the arrest report, the abuse started when the girl was 11 and she told her mother she wanted it to stop. She entered the mother's bedroom and said, "I don't want to tell you. It's going to break your heart." She told investigators it happened more times than she could remember.

The mother called the Florida State Department of Children and Families, which alerted CCSO. According to the arrest report, during an interview, Mauricio admitted to making a "big mistake."

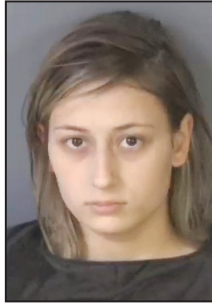
CCSO: Woman jailed for trying to run over deputy

FLEMING ISLAND – A Fleming Island woman was arrested on Feb. 26 after a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy said she tried to back over him at a high rate of speed at Black Creek Park and Trail.

Rylie Elizabeth Barker, 19, was charged with aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer following an off-and-on chase on U.S. Highway that ended when she ran off the road and crashed into a street sign, according to the arrest report.

Barker was driving so erratically dispatch told the deputy to turn off his emergency lights and follow her from a safe distance. According to the arrest report, she ran off the road twice and nearly into the back of a trailer with a boat.

Barker's bond was set at \$150,006.



Rylie Barker

Seatbelt violation results in significant drug bust

ORANGE PARK – A traffic stop for a seatbelt violation led to a litany of drug charges against an Orange Park man, including trafficking fentanyl and cocaine.

In addition to the trafficking charges, Lemuel Henry Crowder, 52, was charged on Feb. 26 with possession of methamphetamine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a firearm by a convicted felon after a

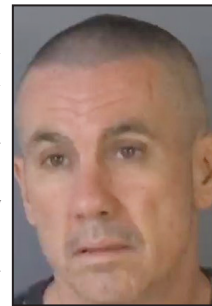
Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy stopped a car on Wells Road because the woman driving wasn't wearing her seatbelt.

When the deputy approached the car, he smelled marijuana. CCSO dispatched K-9 Ory to the scene, and the dog alerted deputies of the likely presence of drugs inside the car.

According to the arrest report, Crowder admitted to smoking marijuana. He also said there was more marijuana in the center console. During the search, deputies recovered 29.1 grams of cocaine in the driver's shorts. Crowder told deputies he asked her to hide the drugs when they were stopped.

The search also led to the discovery of a loaded handgun, 21.4 grams of fentanyl, 9.1 grams of cocaine in multiple packages, 3.5 grams of marijuana, 2.8 grams of methamphetamine and 1½ methylphenidate pills.

Crowder, who had 12 prior felony convictions, remains in the Clay County Jail with a \$775,014 bond.



Lemuel Crowder

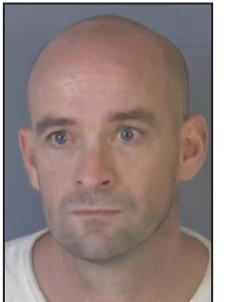
Man back in jail after failing probation drug test

CLAY COUNTY – A man on probation was arrested in Plant City and returned to the Clay County Jail after he flunked a drug test when he reported to his probation officer.

Scott Donald Dodd, 38, is being held without bond after he was convicted in 2021 of breaking into four businesses, including the Girl Scouts of America, on Blanding Boulevard on Sept. 14, 2020.

He was sentenced to two years in jail, followed by two years of probation. Counting his time served, he did one year and nine months. When he reported to his probation officer on Jan. 23, his eyes "were bloodshot and he appeared agitated and nervous," according to the Florida Department of Corrections' violation report.

He was ordered to take a drug test, and it detected methamphetamine.



Scott Dodd

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. 28

Larry W. Hegwood, 42, Fleming Island, shoplifting
Archie D. Damon, 35, Fleming Island, shoplifting
Susan I. Stephens, 53, Middleburg, battery
Mercedes D. Blunt, 22, Green Cove Springs, FTA
Chase McMillian, 37, Middleburg, domestic battery
Kyle A. Loffer, 28, Middleburg, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Monday, Feb. 27

Gary V. Lamb, 25, Green Cove Springs, non-support
Markeisha N. Brooks, 32, Green Cove Springs, FTA-leaving scene of accident, FTA-DWLSR
John O. Doster, 35, Middleburg, burglary
Jamara N.M. Stephens, 20, Oakleaf, DUI

Sunday, Feb. 26

Shawn D. Sieling, 49, Keystone Heights, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, battery, two counts violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Heidi L. Rodriguez, 51, Orange Park, domestic battery
Janet M. Mahler, 64, Middleburg, battery
Jordan T. Van Wingerden, 20, Fleming Island, violation of pretrial release conditions against domestic battery
Albania A. Martinez-Nunez, 33, Orange Park, shoplifting
Lemuel H. Crowder, 52, Orange Park, trafficking-fentanyl, trafficking-cocaine, possession-methamphetamine, possession-marijuana, possession-controlled substance, possession-ammo/firearm by convicted felon
Nylene D. Modlin, 20, Fleming Island, shoplifting
Rylie E. Barber, 19, Fleming Island, aggravated assault on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, failure to obey law enforcement order to stop
Audrey N. Hughes, 43, Orange Park, VOP-community control
Malik M. Ally, 23, Middleburg, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Saturday, Feb. 25

Dayneshia D. Ellington, 27, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR
William T. Griffin, 34, Orange Park, petit theft
Marquita S. Bell, 39, Orange Park, misuse of 911 system
Christy A. Carter, 45, Middleburg, child abuse
Jaylen A. Muller, 22, Orange Park, trespassing
Jean Wesner, 45, Orange Park, battery

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Operation Green Light Drivers can get break on outstanding tickets, suspended licenses

ORANGE PARK – Since 2019, the Clay County Clerk of the Court and Comptroller's Operation Green Light event has helped hundreds of customers become eligible for driver's license reinstatement.

Many Clerks of Court are participating in coordinated events this spring, including Clay County on Saturday, March 11.

The upcoming event at the Orange Park Branch is an opportunity for people with suspended driver licenses to pay overdue court obligations, including traffic tickets, while saving a significant amount on additional fees that generally accompany delin-

quent payments.

The in-person event at 1478 Park Avenue in the Park Central Plaza will be from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Clerk and Comptroller's Office encourages interested parties to call our Compliance/Payment Plan office in advance for more information on their case and related outstanding fees.

Anyone looking to save on fees and have a suspended driver's license reinstated – except for child support nonpayment cases – is eligible.

For more information, call (904) 278-4772.

Over the last several years, the Clay County Clerk of Court's Operation Green Light event has helped more than a thousand customers become eligible for reinstatement.

Again, this year many Clerks of Court are participating in coordinated events in March across the state. This upcoming local event allows Clay County residents with suspended driver licenses to pay overdue court obligations, including traffic tickets, while saving substantially on additional fees that would typically apply.



Arrests

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Gladys J. Roberts, 45, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, domestic battery

William T. White, 30, Middleburg, shoplifting

Noel P. Nuqui, 52, Oakleaf, domestic battery

Friday, Feb. 24

Deborah S. Wills, 54, Orange Park, violation of pretrial release conditions against domestic violence

Beau D. Cook, 40, Fleming Island, violation of pretrial release conditions against domestic violence

Sierra B. Fowler, 31, Middleburg, domestic battery

David W. Arnett, 52, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control

Rhett T. Martin, 27, Green Cove Springs, grand theft

Scott D. Dodd, 38, Green Cove Springs, five counts VOP-burglary

Jeffrey O. Davis, 40, Orange Park, failure to report change of residency/name

Thursday, Feb. 23

Jason T. Stamer, 45, Orange Park, possession-crack cocaine, possession-methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

David A. Johns, 35, Green Cove Springs, VOP

Lea M. Simon, 38, Middleburg, battery

Kevin A. Foster, 20, Green Cove Springs, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Vincent L. Myers, 40, Orange Park, shoplifting

Vincent L. Robinson, 37, Orange Park, petit theft

Aaron B. Best, 26, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, FTA-possession-methamphetamine, FTA-possession-drug paraphernalia, FTA-DWSLR

Glen S. Burgess, 72, Middleburg, failure to report county of residence

Misty A. Cardenas, 48, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWSLR

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Daniel S. Palmer, 36, Middleburg, DUI

Marcos D.D. Das Neves, 18, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA

Taylor S. Brown, 35, Middleburg, FTA

Nehemiah Braddy, 51, Middleburg, FTA

Tip-A-Cop to raise cash for Clay County Special Olympics

By Don Coble
don@claytodayonline.com

ORANGE PARK – Don't be surprised when your steak is served by a person wearing a badge and semi-automatic handgun next week at Texas Roadhouse.

The annual Tip-A-Cop program will raise money to send Clay County athletes to the Florida Special Olympic games in May. Law enforcement employees will be refilling glasses, serving meals and greeting hungry customers at the door at the popular steakhouse at 550 Blanding Blvd. from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7 through March 9.

"Tuesday is kids' night, so we'll have our Cops Unit out in the parking lot," said Clay County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Zachary

Cox, who organizes the county's Special Olympics organization. "We will add to what Texas Roadhouse already does. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Cox said that deputies and agency civilians would volunteer to work at the restaurant, and all tips they receive will go toward Special Olympics. A year ago, Clay County finished among the top 10 in the state for donations toward Special Olympics.

"Every year, we want to exceed what we collected a year ago," Cox said, "and that's our goal again this year."

The only other fundraising project for Special Olympics is the sale of T-shirts for the Torch Run. The torch will pass through all 67 counties in Florida, including Clay County on April on Fleming Island.

Today, more than 97,000 law enforcement members carry the "Flame of Hope" annually, symbolizing courage and the celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe.

But it's more than a symbolic gesture, Cox said. Each step is a chance to "light" the way for millions of intellectually challenged athletes and shed light on the games' powerful message of inclusion and togetherness. Cox said that the Flame of Hope is something we all carry, a spark to do good in our community wherever we go.

This year's State Games will be May 19-21 at the Wide World of Sports complex in Lake Buena Vista. Money collected will go toward travel, hotels and meals.

Operation

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U.S. Attorney for Middle District of Florida Roger Handberg and Tim Tebow jointly announced the creation of the INTERCEPT Task Force to "protect our most vulnerable," Cook said.

The task force's purpose is for law enforcement agencies in Northeast Florida to pool their resources and information to catch and punish people who exploit children.

"We are putting ourselves in a position to protect our children, our most vulnerable," Cook said. "We will have investigators assigned to this, and together we can have a more-involved investigation."

Cook said another aspect of INTERCEPT is attracting more attention to the horrific child exploitation industry. By making a "big splash," Cook said she hopes more people will be willing to report suspected abuse. And since agencies will work together, tips can be handled more efficiently – and quickly.

"We need to be successful," Cook said. "We need to provide very safe places for our children."

According to Operation Lightshine,



there were more than 132 million child sexual exploitation incidents reported in the United States in 1998. By 2002, that number grew to more than 363 million.

INTERCEPT also will work to tear down the barriers known as sextortion. Operation Lightshine said sextortion is a form of child sexual exploitation where children are threatened or blackmailed, often with the possibility of sharing with the public nude or sexual images of them by a person who demands additional sexual content, sexual activity or money from the child.

The National CyberTipline monitors social media and emails for sexual images of children. Many of Clay County's cases

started with such a tip.

According to CyberTipline, it received 262,573 reports of online enticement in 2016. Between 2019 and 2021, those numbers more than doubled.

Also, more than 3.8 children have been forced into sexual exploitation – and less than 1% of those cases have been investigated. Tebow, who won the Heisman Trophy and was a national champion while playing quarterback at the University of Florida, joined the announcement because he runs the Tim Tebow Foundation, which is committed to "engaging, inspiring and equipping others in the fight against human trafficking."

Coming to Thrasher Horne



John Michael Montgomery to perform on August 18

ORANGE PARK – John Michael Montgomery turned an uncanny ability to relate to fans into one of country music's most storied careers.

Behind the string of hit records, the roomful of awards and the critical and fan accolades that have defined his phenomenal success lies a connection that goes beyond his undeniable talent and his proven knack for picking hits. Since the days when "Life's A Dance" turned him from an unknown artist into a national star, Montgomery's rich baritone has carried that most important of assets--believability. Few artists in any genre sing with more heart than this handsome Kentucky-born artist.

Montgomery will at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Aug. 18 for a show that starts at 7:30 p.m.

It is readily apparent in love songs that have helped set the standard for a generation. Songs like "I Swear," "I Love the Way You Love Me" and "I Can Love You Like That" still resonate across the landscape – pop icon and country newcomer Jessica Simpson cited "I Love The Way You Love Me" as an influence in a recent interview. It is apparent in the 2004 hit "Letters From Home," one of the most moving tributes to the connection between soldiers and their families ever recorded, and in "The Little Girl," a tale of redemption that plumbs both the harrowing and the uplifting. It is apparent even in the pure fun that has always found its way into John Michael's repertoire--songs like "Be My Baby Tonight" and "Sold (The Grundy County Auction Incident)," where John Michael's vocal earnestness takes musical whimsy to another level.

Tickets start at \$39 and are available at thcenter.org.

Champions of Music at Thrasher-Horne on May 1

ORANGE PARK – Break away from the screen and experience live entertainment like never before with Champions Of Magic – an evening of impossible illusions and spectacular special effects. Described as "The avengers of magic," catch the only team of magicians in the world as they present their original, phenomenal ensemble illusions.

They've sold out shows across the globe, been featured on network television and racked up more than 50 million views online ... but you haven't seen magic until you've seen it live.

That opportunity will come on May 1, when the ensemble performs at the Thrasher Horne Center. The show will start at 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss this unbelievable show to entertain the entire family and see why fans return to see one of the world's biggest touring illusion shows time and time again. Tickets for Champions Of Magic are on sale now and can be purchased at www.ChampionsOfMagic.co.uk and thcenter.org.

Tickets start at \$22 and an additional \$50 VIP package is available.

Thrasher-Horne to host Chicago tribute band, Brass Transit

ORANGE PARK – Brass Transit was formed in 2008 and brought together eight of the most talented and accomplished award-winning musicians. Their sole purpose was to pay tribute to one of the world's greatest and most successful pop/rock groups of all time, Chicago.

Since then, the group has toured North America dazzling audiences with their flawless performances and spectacular attention to every detail of the Chicago songbook. The band will make a stop at the Thrasher-Horne Center on March 23.

Hits like: "Saturday in the Park," "25 or 6 to 4," "If You Leave Me Now" and "You're the Inspiration" have left crowds in awe and on their feet more than once during a show, evoking comments like "spine-tingling," "brought me back to my youth" and "perfect in every detail."

Brass Transit goes far beyond just imitating the songs, they embody the music.

They recently produced their first CD taking top hits from the 70s and recording them with horns in the CHICAGO style. A result is a fresh approach to some of the greatest hits of that era. They have also just recently scored their show for full Symphony with luscious orchestral arrangements that are truly spellbinding. Brass Transit will bring you back to the most memorable times of your life.

Tickets are available at THcenter.org or at (904) 276-6815. Prices range from \$59 to \$29.

Beatles cover band '1964' coming to Thrasher-Horne on April 13

ORANGE PARK – The band "1964" focuses on the quintessential moment in history when The Beatles played before a live audience. The Beatles toured the world in the early 1960s, but now only a precious few remain who saw them live, who felt the "mania" that brought them to world acclaim.

Today, all that remains are a few scant memories and some captured images in pictures and on poor-quality film and video.

The cover band hopes to rekindle those magical moments with a one-night show on April 13 at the Thrasher-Horne Center. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

"1964" meticulously re-creates the live Beatles' performances with artful precision and unerring accuracy. For those that have never seen The Beatles live and always wanted to know what it must have been like ... this is as close as anyone could get to feeling the magic.

For more than 30 years, "1964" has thrilled audiences with what is considered to be the most authentic and endearing tribute to The Beatles. For tickets, which start at \$29, visit thcenter.org.

Sara Evans to play at Thrasher-Horne on May 4

ORANGE PARK – Multi-platinum entertainer Sara Evans is at the top of her game. As the fifth most-played female artist on country radio in nearly the last two decades — her five No. 1 singles include "No Place That Far," "Suds In The Bucket," "A Real Fine Place To Start," "Born to Fly" and "A Little Bit Stronger," which spent two weeks in the top spot and was certified platinum by the R.I.A.A.

Evans will feature most of her hits when she plays at the Thrasher-Horne Center on May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Evans' "stunning, country voice" has earned her the prestigious Academy of Country Music Top Female vocalist accolade as well as numerous American Music Awards, Billboard Music Awards, Country Music Association, CMT and Grammy Awards nominations. In addition, the CMA awarded Video of the Year honors for her hit chart-topping single, "Born to Fly" from her landmark double-platinum album of the same name.

Evans' discography also includes the platinum-selling studio albums Real Fine Place and Restless as well as the gold-certified projects Stronger and No Place That Far. Sara has continued to forge her bold, creative path with Copy That, which opened at No. 1 on the iTunes Country chart, and released on her own Born To Fly Records on May 15, 2020. The 13-song collection, spanning six decades, showcased Evans' distinctive creative stamp on some of the most iconic songs in country and pop music, songs that have inspired her life and career, as well as shining a spotlight on some little-known gems.

Tickets, which start at \$39, are available at thcenter.org.

Rick Springfield to hit Thrasher-Horne stage on May 26

ORANGE PARK – During the past four decades, Rick Springfield has worn many hats as an entertainer and performer. The creator of some of the finest power-pop of the 1980s, a Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and musician who has sold 25 million albums and scored 17 U.S. Top 40 hits, including "Jessie's Girl," "Don't Talk to Strangers," "An Affair of the Heart," "I've Done Everything for You," "Love Somebody" and "Human Touch."

He's an accomplished actor who starred opposite Meryl Streep in the feature film "Ricki and the Flash" and gave a chameleonic performance as the creepy Dr. Irving Pitlor in HBO's prestige drama "True Detective," earned great reviews for his portrayal of Lucifer on the CW hit "Supernatural" and most recently played the insane Pastor Charles on FX's worldwide hit series "American Horror Story."

It has been a long and fruitful affair, and one that has gifted him with a powerful connection to his legions of devoted fans, who pack his annual fan getaway events, as well as the nearly 100 shows a year he performs both with his band and solo in an intimate "storyteller" setting that he captured on the 2015 CD/DVD and concert film, "Stripped Down."

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Fleming Island wrestler Ronan Bozeman will lead a contiguity of 11 region champions to the Class 2A championships on Saturday in Kissimmee.

Fleming Island wrestlers grab region title; 11 winners

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

TALLAHASSEE - With a meteoric shift in team scores from a 20-point lead prior to the semifinal rounds of the region 1-2A wrestling championships to a final 265-134.5 shelling of runnerup Lincoln and third place finisher Clay (119), the Fleming Island High wrestling team displayed their expected prowess with power and finesse in repeating as region champions.

"We talked about guys being on the bubble; you want to be average or above average," said Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert. "I told them we would get 11 guys into the finals and, if the guys on the bubble proved themselves, we could send 13."

Clay had one individual champion with

sophomore Jacob Bucci winning at 106 while the Blue Devils advanced six wrestlers. Middleburg, with four to state, edged Oakleaf, with four to state, for seventh place 92.5-88.0 with Ridgeview 12th with 44 points and Orange Park 26th with seven points.

In 2022, Fleming Island obliterated the region field again; Lincoln runnerup as well, with a 249-115.5 point total. Fleming Island eventually finished fourth in Class 2A behind Jesuit, Charlotte and Lake Gibson.

"Just got to wrestle, you control matches with wins," said Cobbert. "It doesn't matter what jersey they are wearing. You win, you keep wrestling. My dad used to

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Spartans 11-year streak halted in title game

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

DELAND - St. Johns Country Day School's girls soccer played about as good a game as expected, according to coach Mike Pickett, but several factors and bounces denied the 11-year state title streak from becoming 12 and 59 straight playoff wins along the way as the Lady Spartans lost

2-1 in the Class 2A championship game against long-time Final Four rival Lakeland Christian Academy. The win for Lakeland was the first for them in 10 Final Four opportunities against St. Johns. Lakeland moved to Class 3A and had won two straight titles prior to the Wednesday final in Class 2A.

SEE STREAK, 30



Title number one of 11 in row for the Lady Spartans started in 2011 with a win over Palmer Trinity with Mike Pickett as coach and daughter Carson, center, as the Gatorade Player of the Year.



Champs in town

Keystone Heights High's boys weightlifting team, the defending two-time Class 1A champions under coach Lantz Lowery, visited Ridgeview High, here Tyler Anthony Rozier powering up, as area lifters start flexing to a state championship target in two months. *See more hard-working faces, page 31.*

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NEW ARRIVALS

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Fleming Island baseball coach Gilbert "Gil" Morales brings a resume filled with state title runs to the Golden Eagle diamond in 2023.

Morales brings state title firebrand to Fleming Island

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND - A 5-1 loss to visiting Providence on February 24 did little to dampen the enthusiasm for this season at Fleming Island, the first under new head coach Gilbert "Gil" Morales.

Morales, one of the most successful baseball coaches in Northeast Florida history, comes to the northern Clay County school after a one-year stint at Pedro Menendez in St. Augustine. He has won four state titles as a head coach—three at Eagle's View Academy and one at Trinity Christian. Fleming Island Athletic Director Travis Cunningham is thrilled to have secured a coach with Morales' pedigree, especially since the Golden Eagles were unexpectedly left without a coach at the end of last summer. Cunningham had hired former professional baseball pitcher Andy Toelken in late June, only to have Toelken withdraw from the position a few weeks later. With most viable candidates having accepted other positions, Cunningham was in a bind.

"We are very excited to have Gil," said Cunningham. "The choice was a no-brainer. He is very detailed, and has a complete vision of what he wants to do with the program, from the way the playing field should be to the way the locker room should look and how players should be."

Cunningham said that he hopes to have Morales, who is only in his upper forties, for many years.

For his part, Morales jumped at the chance to build a program at a school he feels has a lot of potential.

"One of the hardest things to do at a private school is to build a community, since all the kids come from different places," said Morales, who has spent all but one of his 21 years of coaching at private schools. "Fleming Island is already a community."

"We are very excited to have Gil. The choice was a no-brainer. He is very detailed, and has a complete vision of what he wants to do with the program, from the way the playing field should be to the way the locker room should look and how players should be."

— Travis Cunningham

Morales also cited the ability to spend more time with his children by living in Fleming Island as an additional motive for making the move.

Friday's game against Providence, which boasts five players committed to continuing their careers at colleges or junior colleges, was a stiff test for the Golden Eagles.

Brett Dennis, who will be playing for the University of North Florida next year, hand-cuffed the Golden Eagles for four and two-thirds innings, allowing no runs while scattering six hits. The 6'1" senior also had two hits, including a two-run double that broke a scoreless tie in the third inning.

The Stallions scored all of their runs with two outs, while the Golden Eagles had hits in the first five innings and left two men on base in the third, fourth and fifth innings without scoring. Fleming Island totaled eight hits, just one less than Providence had.

"They had two or three timely hits with two outs," said Morales. "When we had men in scoring position, we did not get that timely hit. And that's baseball."

Fleming Island's Danny Sakowski matched Dennis with scoreless frames in the first and second innings, but ran into trouble in the third. Stallions' catcher Ben Barrow doubled down the left field line, moving Andrew Johnson, who had lined a

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Giving back to the game that was so good to me

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Ridgeview High softball has had a series of coaching transitions that have each amplified the previous with Roger Harvey entering the Panther dugout and leading the team to a district title, then Casey Thompson entering to take the team to multiple deep playoff runs including a few Final Fours.

Now, the next face in the vaunted Panther lineup is former Oakleaf High 2017 state champion catcher Angela Agurkis; also twice an All State catcher selection, who takes over in 2023 with Thompson taking an athletic director spot at rival Middleburg High School.

"How's it feel? It feels like a full circle," said Agurkis, a freshman starter in 2019 at Florida Atlantic University after graduating Oakleaf High School. "It is an amazing feeling that I get the opportunity to do this. It's undescrivable."

Agurkis, who played alongside area athletes Ashleigh Jennings of Keystone Heights and Fayth Davis of Oakleaf Junior High and Bartram Trail High School while at FAU, continued the final three seasons of her playing at the University of West Florida with two other Oakleaf teammates; pitcher Kelsey Sweatt and shortstop Mika Garcia after her high school days. Agurkis was a hard-hitting; near .300 batting average, with power to be a team leader in homers, hits and runs batted in, including a grand slam homer her senior season against West Georgia.

"The biggest challenge so far has been me buying into the family tradition that has been established here at Ridgeview," said Agurkis. "I'm brand new and young and the team and the parents have been very gracious to accept me."

Agurkis opened on fire with wins of 8-3 and 10-2 over area powers in Palatka and Yulee. Against Palatka, it was the bat of junior Kyeira "The Hammer" Torrence who hit for four runs batted it with a triple and senior outfielder Mary Girgis who had an RBI off a double and triple. Against Yulee, it was junior catcher Haylee McCrae with four hits in five at bats leading the bats for Ridgeview.

"Senior centerfielder Mary Girgis has been kind of my wingman out here because the team follows her," said Agurkis. "A great leader, great senior and great teammate."

Agurkis figures the team has by now googled her and read about her accomplishments as a player and hopes that that research will benefit her in the long run when her team needs advice in tight situations.

"I look at it as me giving back to the game that was good for me," said Agurkis. "I take from my experiences from being an athlete and then being a coach is always the little things. I worked on the basics of each position and coach



Angela Agurkis brings a smile and wicked competitiveness to the Ridgeview dugout as the Panthers' new coach.



At West Florida, Angela Agurkis was a team-leading basher with a bat.



At Florida Atlantic University, Angela Agurkis was a freshman starter on an NCAA power program.

Thompson (then Oakleaf coach Christina Thompson) taught us the extremes; game situations and our reactions. Mainly, keeping the game simple and fun. I want them to take that away from my playing days."

Ironically, Agurkis noted that her playing days with Christina Thompson and now replacing brother Casey Thompson and also having dad Rob Thompson in the dugout at Oakleaf has made her experience even more enriching.

"I think following in the Thompson footsteps; playing with them and watch-

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Clay High first baseman Nick Ranck gets ready for swipe of pick-off play for Blue devils in win over Episcopal.

Clay High opens with hot bats

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - After a Thursday 10-0 smack down of the Baker County Wildcats, the unblemished Clay Blue Devils hosted the Episcopal Eagles for a Friday evening baseball showdown where the Eagles were still looking for that first victory. The Blue Devils used the steam roller technique, coming out early with a two run first inning, and a five run second inning to build and ride a 7-0 lead through the rest of the game to continue their season record flawless and dashing the hopes of the Eagles to finally get a W.

"I just don't like seeing all those zeros," said Clay Head Coach Josh Persinger, referring to the early two innings of scoring and not racking up more runs. "Last night we had some success over at Baker (County) but it was two, one, two, one (runs). I believe those are the kind of games that will last. You don't want to do like we did in Keystone where we went up four to nothing, and then found ourselves in a game in the fourth and fifth inning, giving them new life. I always say once your turn it off, you can't turn it back on, so you have to be careful."

Persinger was cognizant of the upcoming March 10 game against rival Fleming Island, now with a new coach; Gilbert Morales (see Mike Zima's story).

"This year's group, has a lot of new faces," said Persinger. "Last year we had the same seven, eight, nine guys in the lineup with only one or two returners. It's exciting and we're still trying to figure out the different guys in different places, but they are fun. They are scrappy and they have some grit to them which is what I think we can use to go along way with."

After quickly disposing of the Eagles to start the game, it was time to get the ball rolling early for the Blue Devils as Cole Carnell led off, taking the first pitch

to center field for a stand-up double. After one out, Parker Lowrance stepped up, took the first pitch and went yard into left field, hitting the roof of the outbuilding on the softball field with a huge bang for a two run homer, 2-0.

Holding the Eagles to another quick offensive visit, the Blue Devil bats were right back at work in the bottom of the second. Before he could use his bat, Sean Alvers made it to first by getting hit with a pitch. Alvers stole second and used a passed ball to get to third. Carnell grounded out to score Alvers, 3-0.

After a Reef Johnson single, Lowrance poked an RBI line drive to center which scored Johnson, 4-0. Joshua Rouw singled to center and Merrick Rapoza was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Aidan Hampton walked to bring Lowrance home, 5-0. Nick Ranck took advantage of an Eagles error to safely reach first base, and drive both Rouw and Rapoza home for the 7-0 final score.

Clay would load the bases with Alvers, Ranck and Hampton in the bottom of the fourth, and Chase Haggard and Rouw in the fifth without finding a way to bring them around.

Aidan Hampton was the winning pitcher for Clay going four innings with only two hits, two walks, striking out eight. Austin Szala went two innings striking out four and walking two. Joshua Rouw closed up shop for the night in the seventh, striking out two and walking one with 21 pitches.

Discussing the great showing on the hill for Clay, Persinger talked up his closer. "His brother came through and played football and baseball.

As a freshman, you see these kids come in around four foot tall and end up about six feet. Hard worker. He's a great kid, good in the classroom, changed his body completely. He's a 500 pound dead lifter now. He's worked hard for everything he's got. It's really cool to watch and see."

Blue Devil douse Broncos



Middleburg High third baseman Kaelyn Hagan was emotional leader of Bronco state title run in 2022.

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - After less than 24 hours since the Middleburg Lady Broncos took their first loss of the season against University Christian, with the Christians using a five run sixth inning to take and hold onto the lead, the Broncos took their Friday night fight into the backyard of Clay High, taking on the yet defeated Lady Blue Devils. Through five innings, the Broncos built up a 3-0 lead as the Blue Devils were blanked out, not able to find a chink in the armor of the Bronco defense.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Blue Devils got a single run across the plate to finally get on the board, 3-1. Back at bat after holding the Broncos in the top of the sixth inning, the Blue Devils drove four runs across the plate to get ahead and stay ahead 5-3, handing the Broncos their second consecutive loss as the Lady Blue Devils stayed perfect in this early part of the 2023 season, 5-3.

"We talk about it and preach it in practice, just give ourselves a chance to win in the late innings," said Clay Head Coach Matt Lewis. "Hang tight and play our defense. The one run in the fifth inning was huge because it gave a little bit of a taste. We could put one on her.

Then in the sixth inning, the bottom half of our lineup came through in the clutch. They got on and allowed us to push people around, just exactly what we needed to do. This never die mentality, I kind of like it."

Middleburg High coach Ashley Houston, who turned an improbable 11-11 midseason record into a Class 5A championship last year, contemplated the loss and the first week of having a big target on her back.

"We knew this first week was going to be really tough when you face two teams, back-to-back nights, that were in the Final Four last year," said Houston. "It was a tough challenge and we were up to it. We are a very young team with one senior. We are playing really

well early and we just have to learn how to finish. We have to figure out how to execute earlier throughout the game and at the end of the day, get the job done."

Early in the game, it was all Broncos as Brooke Cooper and Ariana Seibel made their way onto the bases with two outs. Kaelyn Hagan pumped a line drive right field to score both runners in the top of the third. Again, in the bottom of the fourth inning, just like the prior innings, the Blue Devils would get no more than a single runner on before the Bronco defense would snuff out the attack. The Broncos again pulled another run across when Clay made an error, allowing Cooper to score again, 3-0.

In the bottom of the fifth, Clay would get two runners on via walks, to set up an RBI single with a line drive to center field by Kendyll Mann. Gabrielle Ellis put the initial run on the board and even with the inning ending 3-1, she threw gas on the Blue Devil fire.

With a three up, three out defense and back at the plate, the Clay rally hats seemed to be working as the runners were on early. With one out and a walk, Clay had the bases loaded and caps on inside out. After the second out, and the game nearing the close, it was now or maybe never. Ellis hit a seemingly routine grounder to the Bronco shortstop which scored the run and all others safe on base, 3-2. "Adjustments were big," said Lewis. "

We're going to be in most ballgames no matter what. We just have to figure out, are we going to try and do it in the beginning or are we going to wait until the end of the game to do it. Staying in the area, Clay went back to the shortstop for a Serena Wilimon grounder which scored Grace Miller and McKinsey Bardroff, 4-3 with Clay now in the driver's seat.

Kendyll Mann followed with a line drive single to again score Ellis to bring the game to the conclusion 5-3.

The final at bat for the Broncos could produce no more than a single runner on-board to complete the game, 5-3. "I think we just need to continue to work hard and get them to buy-in that it is a process and learning from the process," said Houston.

James' 26 not enough; Knights' run ends

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

LAKELAND - The expected fast start of the Oakleaf High girls basketball team never materialized as Charlotte took hold of a 20-12 early lead and never let the Lady Knights dent the lead en route to a 54-47 Class 6A state semifinal win Wednesday in Lakeland. Note: Charlotte eventually lost in the Class 6A final to defending champion St. Thomas Aquinas, 67-43.

"We just didn't play well and turned the ball over uncharacteristically," said Oakleaf coach Fred Cole. "Most of them were unforced turnovers. We had two people foul out and we just didn't play well."

The loss was the second state semifinal loss in four years for the Cole, who will see his senior leaders; Fantasia James, Kaylah Turner and Kamiyah Jones, all leave a legacy of their high-energy attack on the court the past four years.

Cole had had the much-talented services of guards Kaylah Turner and Fantasia James at his behest to battle enemy lineups with their fast starts, suffocating defense and smooth shooting while Jones had a late season car wreck that ended her season with injuries to her legs, neck and torso.

"Fantasia is probably the most gifted shooter that I have ever coached," said Cole. "I don't think as an end of an era with Kaylah (guard Kaylah Turner) and Fantasia (forward Fantasia James) leaving us, but I don't think the program will fall off a cliff."

Cole noted Charlotte's attack was a little more intense than what the Knights have faced en route to the Final Four ticket and that may have been a factor.

"I call them run stoppers and run starters; both could stop the other team's best player while also starting runs to keep our games going," said Cole. "They both thrive

Knights' rolls stops at G-ville

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE - Oakleaf High's 19 game win streak, dating back to before Christmas, ended Thursday night in Gainesville with the Gainesville High Hurricanes staging dramatic fourth quarter surge to win 47-42 in the region 1-6A semifinals.

Knowing they were to be in a defensive battle, Gainesville's defense stung back with Oakleaf scoring their third lowest point total of the season to finish 24-2. Gainesville advances to the Final Four with a state semifinal against Ponte Vedra whom Oakleaf beat for the district title two weeks ago.

Oakleaf held off Gainesville until a decisive three point shot with four minutes to go ignited the Gainesville High gym to a comeback frenzy as the Hurricanes registered a final 12-4 scoring run.

on the challenge and that final segment where we got to five points showed off their grit. Those two brought a leadership to the team that will be hard to find."

Charlotte, with their own Final Four trips of the last two years, fought off the Knights late fourth quarter run that got the score to five points, but with foul shots keeping Oakleaf at bay. Charlotte, 22-6, was to face defending 6A champion St. Thomas Aquinas in the final. St. Thomas Aquinas beat Lake Gibson 77-35 in their semifinal.

For Cole, it was James who emerged as the firebrand for the Knights with 26 points leading all scorers with 11 rebounds.



Oakleaf High's senior leaders; Kaylah Turner, above, and Fantasia James, below, earned two trips to the Final Four in their four years together.



Turner and guard Trista Brown eventually fouled out to stifle any late game heroics. In total, the Knights, known for their steal

and deal to layup scheme, shot an unorthodox 26 percent for the contest. Oakleaf finishes at 26-3.



Track Action

The Danny Brown Memorial Invitational at Bishop Snyder High School featured a slew of fast sprinters and relays from Orange Park and Oakleaf high schools with a 100 meter tie with Oakleaf's Evan Brown and Bolles' Kavon Miller, a Doctor's Inlet Elementary School star athlete, tying at 10.82 seconds.



Left: Clay High's Jacob Bucci, in white, battled to a win over Fleming Island's Matthew Newman in the 106 weight division for the Blue Devils lone title. Right: Fleming Island's Ronan Bozeman and Clay's Dominic Martin had yet another epic battle at 170 with Bozeman winning the region title.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY JOCELYN DUHAYLUNGSOD

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say 'one match at a time.' I was never looking ahead and all of sudden, I was in the final."

In the 2023 Duals Final Fours, Charlotte beat Jesuit but lost to Lake Gibson while Fleming Island defeated Lincoln and Merrit Island to get to the final.

"That Duals final told us that we need to perform on the day," said Cobbert. "Duals against Individual tournaments are different because more than one team is who you face. When I won my titles (four state titles at Clay High), I focused just on the guy in front of me," said Cobbert. "Sometimes the kids get to thinking about who they might have in the semis or the quarters and they lose focus. This meet, we were very focused on the guy in front of us."

Fleming Island garnered 11 individual champions along the way to match the 11 champions and region team title to Class 2A 2023 Duals champion Lake Gibson to set up a showdown of sorts with Lake Gibson who beat Fleming Island for the Duals state title just two months ago.

"We just come back and grind, work and

get better," said Cobbert. "We want them to think they are never doing enough. Keep pushing."

With just two wrestlers not in the championship matches in Tallahassee, Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert will repeat his 11 battlers to state as last year's with unbeaten senior Jhoel Robinson continuing his trek to avenge his state finals' loss at 220 from last year.

Also with Robinson, at 132 now, sophomore Jayce Paridon repeated as region champion; at 113 last year, and is on the same trek to avenge a state championship loss from 2022.

"Jhoel just has to keep wrestling," said Cobbert. "There are guys at the state meet that want to make their season by beating Jhoel and breaking his unbeaten record."

At Tallahassee, Fleming Island got region titles to sophomore Shane Duhaylungsod at 113, sophomore Laird Duhaylungsod at 126, sophomore Jayce Paridon at 132, junior Kaden Schaefer at 145, junior Chris Chop at 160, senior Ronan Bozeman at 170, senior Joshua Sandoval at 182, senior Jhoel Robinson at 220 and senior Ethan Hoffstetter at 285.

"We had a couple get regions titles and also a couple who won last year that didn't

get it this year," said Cobbert. "We just have to wrestle to win. Ronan Bozeman is a great example as a three year wrestler that just brings his lunch pail and clocks in. Nobody is going to outwork him."

From the Fleming Island lineup, the repeats as region champions were both Duhaylungsods, 106 and 120; Paridon 113; Schaefer 138; Kotler 145 and Robinson 182. Fleming Island got team points from runnerup finishes to junior Matthew Newman at 106 who lost in a tiebreaker to Clay's Jacob Bucci, who is now 53-1.

Junior Matthew Kotler, at 152, lost a 5-3 final to Lincoln's Connor Edwards at 152.

At 160, Chris Chop, and, at 170, Sandoval, added points with their championship wins after both finished third in 2022. Hoffstetter won his title at 285 after a runnerup finish in 2022.

For Clay, with Bucci's win, the Blue Devils stayed in the top five for most of the day with a handful of wrestlers getting the coveted top four finishes; freshman Drew Holmquist, fourth at 113; sophomore Brady Glavin, second at 126 to Laird Duhaylungsod; senior Dominic Martin, second at 170 to Ronan Bozeman; senior Kedtric Wilbourn, fourth at 220, and junior Will Kelly, third at 285. Oakleaf, with a district title to first-

year coach Mark DeToro, will send sophomore Ian Hortinea, third at 120; freshman Sebastian Bonachea, third at 126; junior Keon Barrientos, fourth at 132 with loss to Wyatt Leduc of Middleburg via medical forfeit, and senior Isaiah Shevchook, second at 220 with overtime loss to Ft. Walton Beach's Darius Brundidge.

Middleburg will finish a strong season with four wrestlers to state; junior Grady Woodard, runnerup at 120 after third period pin in semifinals over Lincoln's Jashawn Washington; sophomore Wyatt Leduc, third at 132; senior Logan Moore, third at 145, and junior Tucker Cody at 285, who lost in overtime to Fleming Island's Ethan Hoffstetter in the final.

In region 1-1A, St. Johns Country Day School eighth grader Matthew Braddock's first-ever wrestling season as a Spartan ended with Braddock finish with one win and two losses in his region debut. Braddock finished his season at 24-7.

Also in region 1-1A, Keystone Heights ended their season with four wrestlers advancing to the region meet; Autrey Contes at 1-6, Riley McGorty at 120, Alyx Nichols at 170 and Steven Raab, who finished at 23-9, at 220. McGorty and Raab both won one match at the region meet.



Two region titles that put more points on the board for Fleming Island, left, Joshua Sandoval, and right, Chris Chop, were significant as both were third placers last year.

Spartans fourth quarter surge falls short

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

LAKELAND - With All-American guard Taliah Scott taking 36 of the 56 shots for the St. Johns Country Day School girls basketball team, the Lady Spartans could not overcome three players in double figures; one with 35, from Faith Christian Academy as Faith won a 77-65 Class 2A semifinal Tuesday night in Lakeland.

Note: Faith Christian Academy, 16-11, won the Class 2A championship with a 53-37 win over Horeb Christian Academy.

"Taliah does do the bulk of our scoring, we have to think about the rest of the team that gets the rebounds, plays defense," said St. Johns Country Day School coach Yolando Bronston, who finished at 19-6. "Juliet Moody committed to defense, Mary Kate Kent committed to picking up the

slack when Taliah was double and triple teamed; Kendall Proffitt, just a seventh grader, committed to being a better shooter on the floor. When people say Taliah is the whole team, it takes five people on the court; eight and nine to get to where we finished."

The Final Four finish for Scott, who finished with 47 points (11 three pointers), was her second in three years with the Arkansas-bound guard guiding Oakleaf High School to the same finish two years ago.

St. Johns, 19-5, got to their first Final Four ticket since 1987 on the smooth shooting of Scott, but had no answers to parallel Faith's three-man front. St. Johns had just five points from Ashantil Williams and Juliet Moody as Scott's wingmen.

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River Run 15K

Three of the infamous Fleming Island Pavement Killers running club; Holly Kaplan Sanford, Chiqui Deleon Harmon and Cinzia Rothrock, get a quick pic amongst 20,000 runners heading over the Hart Bridge "The Green Monster" in last year's Gate River Run 15K running race throughout Jacksonville. Area runners will head to TIAA Bank Field for this year's start on Sat., March. 4.

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"We had our chances; Sydney Schmidt's shot that hit the cross bar could have changed the game," said Pickett, noting also a 25 miles per hour afternoon in Deland. "They had four shots in the game and all were late. Their corner shot was just dumb luck and a lot of wind."

With game locked at 0-0 with a heavy cross wind being advantageous to a point, the Spartans gave up a corner kick near the 10-minute mark that Lakeland forward Lilly Harrington bent into the far upper corner of the Spartans goal for the first of two quick goals in succession by Harrington.

Harrington, just two minutes later, took a feed pass deep in St. Johns territory and created a three-on-one attack on Spartans goalie Roxie Matthews that put Lakeland up 2-0.

"That corner kick was just dumb luck with the wind," said Pickett. "The second goal was us pushing forward too much and them getting behind us. Roxie made a save,

but she put the rebound in."

After the second goal, near the 35 seconds to go mark, CeCe Nowicki put St. Johns on the scoreboard in a frenzy in front of the Lakeland goal.

"I was most proud that the team kept fighting to the very end," said Pickett. "That was a life lesson moment for the team that things go wrong quickly and you have to respond."

With St. Johns coming in as a heavy favorite to get a 12th consecutive title, Lakeland coach Jason Streets, a long-time rival and coaching cohort to Pickett in Florida, executed a game plan that looked a lot like a mirror image of the Spartan game with quick defensive pokes; short, efficient passing downfield, and timely throw-ins that moved possession downfield in 10 yard chunks.

"They just sat in, defended and kicked the ball low to the ground," said Pickett. "It is a smart way to play us. They made it difficult and we had our looks but we missed some wide open looks that nine out of 10 times, we score on, but not on that day. Unfortunately, in soccer, if you have a 60-40 percent possession advantage, but unless



St. Johns forward Sophia Pontieri will return as one of two strong scoring machines for coach Mike Pickett to ramp up yet another state title streak.

you score, you will probably lose."

With five seniors, led by Lauryn Mateo, with four state champion rings, Pickett will likely reload; 11 titles in a row, 14 total, and restart the process.

"You are not going to continue to win,

it was a ridiculous run," said Pickett. "The amount of texts asking what happened was crazy. We were a victim of our own success because it was expected all the time. We made a lot of teams in Florida happy with our loss."



Weightlifting





More signees

Left: Fleming Island High softball ace Alexis Bucklew signed to play at Converse College, an NCAA Division II program in South Carolina. Right: Keystone Heights volleyball hitter Riley Barry will bring her striking prowess to Enterprise State Community College in Enterprise, AL.



Keystone Heights High volleyball hitter Kori Jennings joined two Lady Indian teammates to sign a scholarship to play at Enterprise State Community College in Enterprise, AL.



Keystone Heights volleyball player Sarah Siebert signed a scholarship to play at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, NC.

Agurkis

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ing them coach, has created a standard of high expectations in what I do both on and off the field,” said Agurkis. “They have all had my back for a long time and this is the big step for me.”

Agurkis cited her coach Christina Thompson reliance on playing as a family as a key to success.

“Play as one; play as a family,” said Agurkis. “As a teenager, we maybe did not get it at first, but as time goes on, it has become an important part of the game. She said that a lot in our huddles.”

With two dominating wins in her first two games, Agurkis was rudely handed a 7-0 home loss to unbeaten 5A rival Ponte Vedra on Fri., Feb. 24. Ridgeview had just three hits; two by Girgis, in 24 at bats against the Sharks.

“What I see on the field now is that my catcher Haylee McCrae (leader of the Clutch Much bunch) is almost a “Mini-Me” of me out there and that’s kind of neat,”

District 2-5A

- Ridgeview 2-1
- Columbia 3-0
- Orange Park 2-1
- Lincoln 1-1
- Middleburg 1-2
- Gainesville 0-2

said Agurkis. “She’s a leader; I tried my hardest to be a leader in my playing days.”

Agurkis wants to take the keys to the Ferrari and keep it fast and furious.

“I’ve inherited a great program and want to keep it there,” said Agurkis. “These kids have all experienced the best of high school sports already behind coach Casey Thompson and I hope to build on that.”

One of Agurkis’ biggest challenges as the season progresses is 5A defending state champion Middleburg (who snagged district title from Ridgeview last year) with traditional powerhouses; Gainesville (lost to Middleburg region semifinals), Columbia and Lincoln (lost to Middleburg region finals) also in the district.

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single under the glove of Fleming Island shortstop Gavin Billingsley, to third. Dennis drove in Johnson and Barrow with a double to left field, and scored when Nove Masci singled on an 0-2 count.

The three runs were the only runs allowed by Sakowski, who struck out five in four and two-thirds innings.

“I thought he did great,” Morales said of his senior lefthander. “He missed a couple of locations in the wrong moments, but he has three pitches and I am really excited for what he is going to do this season.”

Providence tacked on two insurance runs off of Fleming Island reliever Shane Upton in the sixth to take a commanding 5-0 lead. After a 2-2 pitch that had the Fleming Island defense walking off the field thinking it was strike three was called a ball, James Wells singled between Billingsley and Golden Eagles third baseman Ben Abram to drive in Jimmie Broughton, who had started the rally with a two-out walk. Then Waz Rollings, a Daytona State commitment, singled to drive in Mason Wortmann, who

had been hit by a pitch.

Fleming Island scratched out a run in the seventh when Abram led off with a walk, moved to second base on a wild pitch and to third on a passed ball. The next pitch from Ryan Walls, who had relieved Dennis in the fifth inning, was in the dirt and bounced just far enough away from Barrow to allow Abram to slide in safely.

Senior catcher Jackson Mercer had two hits for the Golden Eagles, earning praise from Morales.

“Jackson has been working really hard, and literally just last night we made adjustments [to his swing],” said Morales. “We have been telling him to shoot through the middle, and tonight he did that.”

Billingsley also had two hits for Class 6A Fleming Island, which lost its first game of the year after opening with victories over Class 4A Toco Creek and Class 6A Nease.

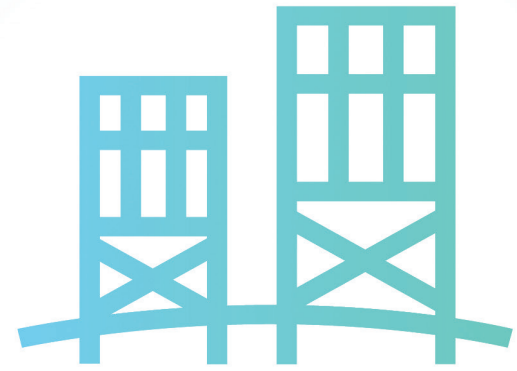
“For us to start 2-1, I am happy with it,” said Morales. “If the players learn the system and we continue to do what we are doing, then we are going to be very tough to beat at the end of the season.”

Class 3A Providence improved to 3-0.



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Fleming Island High lacrosse have a 2-4 season record thus far with wins over Flagler Palm Coast and Providence and losses to Nease, Bartram Trail, Ponte Vedra and, most recently on Sat., Feb. 25, to Pope High of Georgia. Next up is a home game against Toco Creek on Tues., Feb. 28, an away game at Episcopal on Wed., March 1 and a home game against Bolles on Thurs., March 2. x



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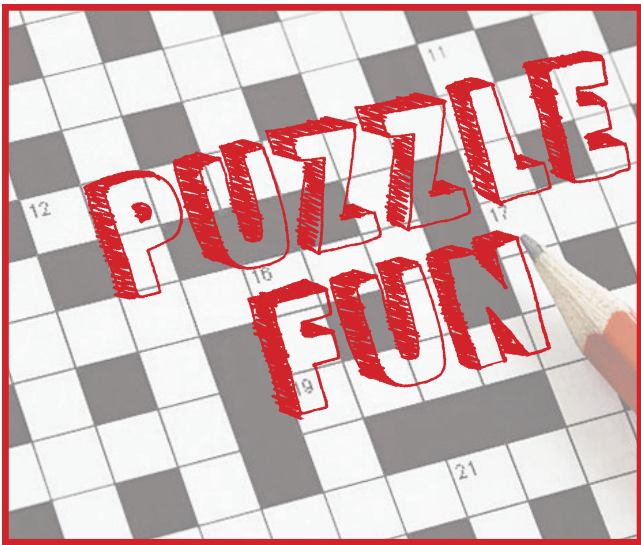
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For Faith, lead scorer was sophomore Hol-lard Harris with her 35 with junior Leah Barnes at 14 and sophomore Kylee Kitts at 17 with all three shooting just under 50 percent for the contest.

Although Faith built a commanding 44-27 first half lead, St. Johns made a game of it with the Lady Spartans outscoring Faith in the third 20-15 and equaling Faith in the fourth at 18-18. Guard Mary Kate Kent gallantly returned to the floor after an apparent knee injury early in the game and seemed to energize the second half Spartan surge.

“Mary Kate came down hard on her knee in the third quarter and she couldn’t get any lift on her shots so she committed to defense for that final quarter.”

Bronston had a gut feeling that Kent’s return could energize the lineup.

“I had 100 percent confidence that we could close down the game,” said Bronston. “We have had a tough schedule and have had some tough, fourth quarter finishes. We lost by 12 without Mary Kate injured.”

In the Maxpreps team rankings, Faith Christian was second to Central Florida Christian Academy in Class 2A with the Spartans at third. Faith Christian had the top strength of schedule rating (18.5) for Class 2A with St. Johns 10.5 and Florida Christian at 15.0. Faith Christian beat Central Florida in their region final, 61-52.

Scott finishes her basketball career with 2,735 points.

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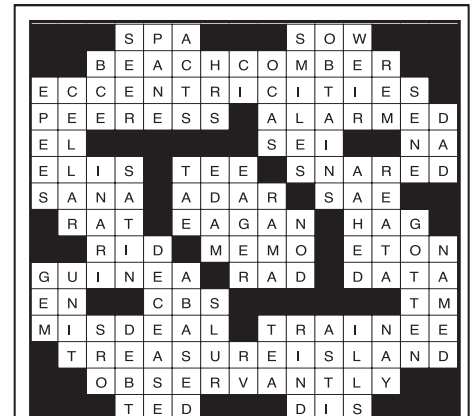
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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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 Surfside Lawn Services located at 3589 Shinnecock Ln, in the County of Clay, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 27th day of February 2023.
Jesus Figueroa

Legal 59897 Published 3/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

The Town of Penney Farms, Florida is requesting proposals from qualified individuals or firms to provide grant administration for a FFY 2021-2022. Florida Small Cities CDBG Application for Funding, in the neighborhood revitalization category. Interested parties should send an e-mail or FAX to the attention of Anita Cooper, Town Clerk, at penneyfarms@bellsouth.net or FAX # (904) 284-4405 to request a copy of the Request for Proposals Document. Sealed proposals shall be mailed or delivered by 2:00pm, March 13, 2023. Sealed proposals should be mailed or hand delivered to the Town of Penney Farms, P.O. Box 1041 or 4100 Clark Avenue, Penney farms, FL 32079 and clearly be marked "CDBG Grant Administration Services Proposal".

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Thursday the 23rd day of March, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 996 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL, 32065 Joyce, Grace 257 Laundry Baskets, Clothes, Mattress, Dresser, Guitars, Radio, Hoverboard, Misc Items, . Joyce, Grace 358 Records, Suite Cases, Laundry Baskets, Mailbox, Amplifier, guitar, Misc Items, Radio, Extension Cords, Bookbag, . Sheaper, Anita 604 Office Chair, Entertainment Center, Curio Cabinet, Fan, Shelves, Desk, Desk Chair, Mirror, Misc Items, . Kerkula, J. Manston 713 Chairs, CDs, Totes, Suitcases, Shelves, Side Table, Shark Steam mop, Office Chair, Movies, Bedding, Pictures, . Tatem, Karen 864 Mattress, Wheelchair, Misc Bags, Dresser, Misc Boxes, Table, Office Chair, Couch, Crutches, Walker, Bench, Dolly, . All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Legal 59895 Published 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Thursday the 23rd day of March, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL 32073 Clay County Harnden, Joel 601 Couch, Rugs, Boxes, Vacuum, Mattresses, Laminate Flooring, Bags, Bar, Island Bar, Hedger, Fan, Tool Box, Misc Items. Crawford Parker, 119 Speakers, Pictures, Flat Screen TVs (2), Bean Bag, Misc Items. Green, Lashad 273 Bed Frame, Mattress Set, Dressers, Shoe Boxes, Back Packs, Basket of Clothes, Totes, Boxes, TV, Baseball Bat, Lamp wShade. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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heater, shop vac, cushions, tackle box, saw blades, misc . Forch,Robert E293 totes, bags, remote control car, speakers, clothing, Sawyer,David A012 couch, loveseat, chairs, boxes, tools, fishing poles, mattress, toys, dresser, end table, bed frame, lamp.All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Legal 59893 Published 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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 MedPro Revenue located at PO Box 833, in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida, 32050 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 27th day of February 2023.
Novrelle Susie Kent
Legal 59892 Published 3/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2020-CP-000650
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL RYCHAK Deceased.
The administration of the estate of Paul Rychak, deceased, whose date of death was July 18, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N Orange Avenue, #308, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is March 2, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative: /s/ Michael Newman Michael Newman Attorney Florida Bar Number: 0090114 1540 International Parkway, Suite 2000 Lake Mary, FL 32746 Telephone: (407) 204-9848 Fax: (407) 536-5301 E-Mail: mike@attorneynewmanlaw.com E-Mail: Carole@attorneynewmanlaw.com Katherine Llewellyn Moldenhauer 2742 Kingsfisher Village Deland, Florida 32720

Legal 59890 Published 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 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: 23-CP-065
In Re: Estate of CECIL HUGH OUTLAW, Deceased.
The administration of the estate of CECIL HUGH OUTLAW, deceased, whose date of death was OCTOBER 3RD, 2022 is pending in the Circuit Court for CLAY County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representatives' 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.

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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 March 2, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Brant Hargrove FL BAR NO.: 0498874 16039 Sunray Rd Tallahassee, FL 32309 850/422-1003 office hargrovelaw@embarqmail.com Attorney for Petitioner Personal Representative: Janet F. Outlaw, Petitioner 5895 County Rd 352 Keystone Heights Florida Legal 59889 Published 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

We Stor of Middleburg, LLC will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder. The sale will take place online at selfstorageauction.com in enforcement of Florida Statutes section 83.806 ending Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 4:30pm on the following units. The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted: Brian Blanton, Valerie N. Craven, Joseph DeArman, Angelina Deriggi & Daron Zapata, Douglas & Debra Elbon, Patricia Johns, William McKinley Jr., James R. Mosley, Tina L. Qualls, Michelle L. Sidders, Mandy Tedder, Buck Vaughn & Carrie Strickland. Legal 59888 Published 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 03/17/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 4360 CR 218 MID-DELBURG, 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. 1FMCU9ICKA32862 2012 FORD 2T3WF9REV4FW130904 2015 TOYT 5NMSH13E47H071968 2007 HYUNDAI Legal 59298 Published 3/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-21 Division B IN RE: ESTATE OF WAYNE DUNCAN WALKER, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of WAYNE DUNCAN WALKER, deceased, whose date of death was November 5, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue (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.

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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 March 2, 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: Patricia D. Walker 10820 Griffing Boulevard Miami, FL 33161 Legal 59297 Published 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003 March 21, 2023 at 10:00am Heather Barnes Household Items

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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PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 1939 East West Parkway, Fleming Island, FL 32003

March 21, 2023 at 10:00 am Jesse Johns-Household Goods Crystal Pasley-Household Goods

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

Legal 59295 Published 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on March 16, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to SUBSECTION 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. 2005 Chrysler ID# 2C4GP64L65R213808 Legal 59294 Published 3/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2022 CA 739 DIVISION: B LAWANDA BARBER, as Trustee of the Barber Family Trust Dated July 8, 2011, Plaintiff, vs.

MARY J. SUTHERLAND an individual, Defendant.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment entered in Civil Case No. 2022 CA 739 in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein LAWANDA BARBER, as Trustee of the Barber Family Trust Dated July 8, 2011, Plaintiff, obtained judgment against MARY J. SUTHERLAND an individual, I, Tara S. Green, Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash using the following method: by electronic sale at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 a.m. on March 29, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Please see the attached Exhibit "A" 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.

Tara S. Green, CLERK OF THE COURT By Leigh Lucroy Deputy Clerk Lot 11, Block 79, Jacksonville South Unit Two, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 11, pages 1 through 13, of the public records of Clay County, Florida. Parcel No.: 160524 005954 644 00 Together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining. "A"

Legal 59293 Published 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 10-2022-DP-000018 DIVISION: JV-E IN THE INTEREST OF: S.H. MINOR CHILD THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Brandi Crowder, Mother 418 Hanson Avenue, Orange Park, Florida 32065 Last Known Address Brandon Horne, Father 418 Hanson Avenue, Orange Park, Florida 32065 Last Known Address YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent

commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child, S.H., who was born on January 9, 2022. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on April 4, 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 OF THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PETITION FILED IN YOUR DEPENDENCY CASE. 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 crtnrtp@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 23rd day of February, 2023. Tara S. Green as Clerk of Said Court By: Denise Haselwood As Deputy Clerk Legal 59289 Published 3/2/2023, 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023 and 3/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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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 crtnrtp@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 23rd day of February, 2023.

Tara S. Green as Clerk of Said Court By: Denise Haselwood As Deputy Clerk Legal 59289 Published 3/2/2023, 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023 and 3/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on February 23, 2023. Lennar Homes, LLC permit# 183292-1. The project is located in Clay County, Section 10, Township 5S South, Range 25E East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 17.63 acres for a single-family subdivision known as Russell Road Development. The receiving water body is Bradley Creek.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwm.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)(4), and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at www.sjrwm.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).

If you wish to do so, please visit http://www.sjrwm.com/nor_dec/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Office of Records and Regulatory Support, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177- 2529, tele. no. (386)329-4570. Legal 59288 Published 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. O-22-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM LOW DENSITY DENSITY LAND USE, R-1 AND INSTITUTIONAL TO LOW DENSITY LAND USE, R-1A FOR SELECTED PARCELS, TOTALLING 46.08 ACRES IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT A, GENERALLY LOCATED ON PINE AND CYPRESS AVENUE BETWEEN GOVERNORS STREET AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD AND FOR SELECTED PARCELS, TOTALLING 46.08 ACRES IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT C, GENERALLY LOCATED BETWEEN MARTIN LUTHER JR BLVD TO THE NORTH, GOVERNORS CREEK TO THE WEST, FORBES ST STREET TO THE SOUTH AND OAKRIDGE AVENUE TO THE EAST; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING 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: 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 *Tentative

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 Legal 59287 Published 3/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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 **Petals and Plates** located at 3667 Oakworth, 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 10th day of February 2023.
Rodney C. Herring, The Best Herring LLC Legal 59102 Published 3/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY BY EXTENDED FAMILY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE# 2022-DR-1754 Division F Jacob Baker Wanda Baker, Petitioner and Jeremy Wilkinson Julie Wilkinson, Respondent. TO: Jeremy and Julie Wilkinson 6165 Lottie St. Jacksonville, FL 32216.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Temporary Custody By Extended Family has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jacob and Wanda Baker whose address is 2628 Loopridge Dr, Orange Park, FL 32065, on or before April 9, 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 Fam-

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

ily 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 23, 2023.
 Tara S. Green
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: Rebecca Crews
 Deputy Clerk
Legal 59101 Published 3/2/2023, 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023 and 3/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 2020CA000884
 DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED, PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-QS13,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 GEORGE SAMANIEGO A/K/A GEORGE W. SAMANIEGO; SILVIA J. SAMANIEGO A/K/A SULVIA SAMANIEGO; SILVER CREEK OF CLAY COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; , ET AL.
 Defendants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Cancelling the February 1, 2023 Foreclosure Sale and Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered February 1, 2023, and entered in Case No. 2020CA000884, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED, PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-QS13 (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and GEORGE SAMANIEGO A/K/A GEORGE W. SAMANIEGO; SILVIA J. SAMANIEGO A/K/A SULVIA SAMANIEGO; SILVER CREEK OF CLAY COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are defendants. Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court for CLAY County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via the Internet at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on the 22nd day of March, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 510, SILVER CREEK, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGE 52-72, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

"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 ADA Coordinator, Phone no. 904-255-1695, via Email crtrintpr@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." "Si usted es una persona minusválida que necesita algún acomodamiento para poder participar en este procedimiento, usted tiene derecho, sin tener gastos propios, a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Tenga la amabilidad de ponerse en contacto con ADA Coordinator, ADACoordinator, Phone no. 904-255-1695, via Email crtrintpr@coj.net por lo menos 7 días antes de la cita fijada para su comparecencia en los tribunales, o inmediatamente después de recibir esta notificación si el tiempo antes de la comparecencia que se ha programado es menos de 7 días; si usted tiene discapacidad del oído o de la voz, llame al 711."

"Si ou se yon moun ki andikape ou enfim ki bezwen akomodasyon pou w ka patisipe nan pwosedi sa, ou kalifye san ou pa gen okenn lajan pou w peye, gen pwovizyon pou jwen kèk ed. Tanpri kontakte ADA Coordinator, ADA Coordinator, Phonenumber. 904-255-1695, via Email crtrintpr@coj.net nan 7 jou avan dat ou gen randevou pou parèt nan tribinal la, oubyen imedyatman apre ou fin resewva konvokasyon an si le ou gen pou w parèt nan tribinal la mwens ke 7 jou; si ou gen pwoblèm pou w tande oubyen pale, rele 711."

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2023.
 Tara S. Green
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY Gracie Moore
 As Deputy Clerk

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.: 831/2020
Legal Description: LOT 21 BLK 77 HIGHLRIE ESTATE AS REC O R 1064 PG 573 & 1557 PG 628
Parcel ID No.: 220823-003797-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,615.90
Physical Address: 6110 HARVARD AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: BECKY PRATER
 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 19th day of April, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
 Dated this 22nd day of February, 2023
 TARA S. GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
 Clay County, Florida
 By: Larry Williams
 Deputy Clerk

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Flagler/Clay County Housing Authority will be accepting applications online for the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List beginning at 8:30 AM on Monday, April 10, 2023. It will remain open until 150 applications have been received. Applications can be accessed online and must be submitted online at: <https://flaglercoff.housingmanager.com/> or the link may be accessed through our website at: www.flaglercountyhousingauthority.org
 Applications can only be provided online or by advanced written request to the Flagler County Housing Authority, P.O. Box 188, Bunnell, FL 32110-0188. Paper applications are offered as a Reasonable Accommodation for elderly and disabled applicants only with verification of Social

Security Income (letter must be dated within 60 days) and current ID. The submission deadline for paper applications given out as a reasonable accommodation is April 07, 2023.
 Once the waiting list is closed, applicants will be placed in ranking order according to date and time of application.
 ACCESS TO INTERNET AND COMPUTERS
 To ensure availability and access to the online system, the Flagler County Housing Authority will have 2 computers available at our Flagler Office Resource Center, 502 South Bacher St. • Bunnell, FL 32110 from 8:30am-10:30am.

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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 **3D FORCE** located at 3296 Citation Dr, in the County of Clay, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043-5221 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
 Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 23rd day of February 2023.
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 10-2022-CA-000502 LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ANGELA SMITH A/K/A ANGELA M. SMITH, et al.,
 Defendants.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed February 15, 2023 entered in Civil Case No. 10-2022-CA-000502 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Green Cove Springs, Florida, the Clerk of Court, TARA S. GREEN, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 19th day of April, 2023 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit: **LOT 107, HAMILTON GLEN AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 50, PAGE 52, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
 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 this 16th day of February, 2023.
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 As Clerk of the Court
 BY: Gracie Moore
 Deputy Clerk

Legal 58868 Published 3/2/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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.: 831/2020
Legal Description: LOT 21 BLK 77 HIGHLRIE ESTATE AS REC O R 1064 PG 573 & 1557 PG 628
Parcel ID No.: 220823-003797-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,615.90
Physical Address: 6110 HARVARD AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: BECKY PRATER
 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 19th day of April, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
 Dated this 22nd day of February, 2023
 TARA S. GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
 Clay County, Florida
 By: Larry Williams
 Deputy Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

A request for rezoning has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located at 1324 Kingsley Avenue between Orange Avenue and

Hopkins Street. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019501-000-00.
 The Town Council will hold a public hearing for the proposed rezoning application on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public.
 Information regarding the proposed change is noted below.
Application No. R-1-2023
Acreage: 9.83+/- Acres
Current Zoning District: Planned Unit Development (PUD)
Proposed Zoning District: Commercial Professional Office (CPO)
Owner: PIV Kingsley, LLC Applicant: St. Johns Classical Academy, Inc.
 Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board 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.
 Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 2022-CC-00852
 CHARM-B INC.
 VS.
 PLAINTIFF:
 HOA PROBLEM SOLUTIONS 5 INC.,
 DEFENDANT(S)
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 28, 2022, and entered in 2022-CC-0852 of the County Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Charm-B, Inc. is the Plaintiff and HOA Problem Solutions 5 Inc. is the Defendant. Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00AM, on **March 22, 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **Lot 341, Silver Creek, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 44, Page 52 through 57, Public Records of Clay County, Florida.**
More commonly known as: 2348 Creekfront Dr., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
 ("Property").
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.
 Dated this 21st day of February, 2023.
 TARA S GREEN
 CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT
 Robbin Tefft
 Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact the Administrative Office of the Court as far in advance as possible, but preferably at least (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or other court activity of the date the service is needed: Complete the Request for Accommodations Form and submit to 800 E. Twiggs Street, Room 604, Tampa, FL 33602. Please review FAQ's for answers to many questions. You may contact the Administrative Office of the Courts ADA Coordination by letter, telephone or e-mail: Administrative Office of the Courts, Attention: ADA Coordination, 800 E. Twiggs Street, Tampa, FL 33602, Phone: 813- 272-7040, Hearing Impaired: 1-800-955-8771, Voice Impaired: 1-800-955-8770, e-mail: ADA@fjud13.org.

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NOTICE OF ACTION – FORECLOSURE OF REAL PROPERTY

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.:2022CC001994
 DIVISION:
 HUNTERS TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ADELA POWERS; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,
 Defendants,
 TO: ADELA POWERS; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.
 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2022 HUNTERS TRACE CIRCLE, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068.
 HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST YOU, AND YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR WRITTEN DEFENSES, IF ANY, ON PLAINTIFF THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEY, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS: Sean Murrell, Esq., Murrell Law, LLC, 35 Durbin Station Court, Unit 106, St. Johns, Florida 32259 on or before thirty (30) days after the first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 DATED on February 15, 2023, CLAY COUNTY, Florida.
 Tara S. Green
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: Robbin Tefft
 As Deputy Clerk

LEGAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a lien on the following real property located in Clay County, Florida:
LOT 46, HUNTERS TRACE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31 ON PAGES 60-65 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

More commonly known as: 2022 Hunters Trace Circle, Middleburg, FL 32068.
 has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Plaintiff through their attorney, whose name and address is: Sean Murrell, Esq., Murrell Law, LLC, 35 Durbin Station Court, Unit 106, St. Johns, Florida 32259 on or before thirty (30) days after the first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 DATED on February 15, 2023, CLAY COUNTY, Florida.
 Tara S. Green
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: Robbin Tefft
 As Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 2022 CA 001261
 WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F,
 Plaintiff, VS.
 UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEE, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF TOMI B. HEWELL A/K/A TOMI HEWELL, DECEASED; et al.,
 Defendant(s).
 TO: Unknown Heirs, Beneficiaries, Devisees, Surviving Spouse, Grantees, Assignee, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and All Other Parties Claiming An Interest By, Through, Under, Or Against The Estate Of Tomi B. Hewell A/K/A Tomi Hewell, Deceased
 Last Known Residence: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida:
LOT 1, BLOCK 20, BIG TREE LAKES SECTION C, AN UNPLATTED SUBDIVISION, WHICH LOT IS DESCRIBED WITH MORE PARTICULARITY IN THE EXHIBIT TO THAT CERTAIN DECLARATION OF INTERPRETIVE DATA RELATING TO LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS DATED JUNE 1, 1983, AND FILED AT O.R. BOOK 749, PAGE 418 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2000 MERIT DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING FLORIDA TITLE NUMBERS 81917558 AND 81917820 AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS FLHMLCB53722648A AND FLHMLCB53722648B SITUATE THEREON
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, Plaintiff's attorney, at 5300 West Atlantic Avenue Suite 303 Delray Beach, FL 33484, on or before April 7, 2023, 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.
 Dated on February 21, 2023.
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: Leigh Lucroy
 As Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068 at date and time listed below.
 CLAY COUNTY TOWING AUCTION:
 March 24, 2023, AT 10:00 AM
 2005 TOYT vin# 5TDZA23C75S382022
 2015 Niss Vin # 5N1A22MHXFN241741
 Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on February 3rd, 2023. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/toles/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on March 15th, 2023 and end at 10AM on March 22, 2023. The public sale will take place on www.storageasures.com.

KO Storage of Keystone Heights, FL 7350 Florida 100, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, (352) 448-6561 Time: 10:00AM CST
 SO33, Linda Ellegood,
 Public sale notices, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storageasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 2023CA000053
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 SAMUEL L. THOMPSON, ET AL.
 Defendants.
TO: JAMES JONES, JR.,
 Current residence unknown, but whose last known address was:
 1713 HAGANS RIDGE CT, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043-8591
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida, to-wit: **LOT 8 OF HAGANS RIDGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 53, PAGES 17, 18 AND 19, 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 eXL Legal, PLLC, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Avenue, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043-0698, 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 petition.
 WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 7th day of February, 2023.
 Tara S. Green
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Gracie Moore
 Deputy Clerk

If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance.
To Request ADA accommodations at the Clay County Courthouse contact: Family Court Services, Room 1035; (904) 255-1695 (or 711- Florida Relay Service); Crtrintpr@coj.net

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MECK TECH CORP, 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.: 1630/2016
Legal Description: (SUBJ TO CONSV ESMIT O R 2115 PG 944) LOT 9 BLK 117 JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT 2 AS REC O R 2072 PG 960 & 2073 PG 1452
Parcel ID No.: 160524-005955-503-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,352.26
Physical Address: 2535 SNAPDRAGON AVE, MIDDLEBURG
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: ROBERT B WILSON
 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 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, GRANTEEES, AS-

SIGNEES, 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 BERTLSHOFFER; 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, GRANTEEES, 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 BERTLSHOFFER; 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 327.00 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 R/W 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

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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

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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE# 2022DR001237
Melissa Hughes, Petitioner 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 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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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, GRANTEEES, 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, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND A LL 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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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 crtntrp@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 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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SECTION 00 11 12 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@tocoiconline.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@ldireprinting.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 002113, 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 much 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 protestor 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-2-2023 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 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 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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NOTICE OF RULEMAKING BY THE SOUTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the South Village Community Development District ("District") on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.

In accord with Chapters 190 and 120, Florida Statutes, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its revised Suspension and Termination of Access Rule ("Suspension and Termination Rules") which govern 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 amenities facilities and properties by setting policies, regulations, rates and fees to implement the provisions of Section 190.035, Florida Statutes. Prior Notice of Rule Development was published in The Clay Today on February 23, 2023.

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.

Specific legal authority for the rule includes Sections 190.035(2), 190.011(5), 190.012, 120.54, 120.69 and 120.81, Florida Statutes (2020).

Any person who wishes to provide the District with a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), Florida Statutes, must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:
TIME AND DATE: 6:30 p.m. on April 4, 2023

PLACE: Eagle Landing Residents Club 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway Orange Park, Florida 32065

This public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearing. If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at a public hearing held in response to a request for such a public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

One or more Supervisors may participate in the public hearing by telephone. At the above location, if a public hearing is requested, there will be present a speaker telephone so that any interested party can attend the public hearing at the above location and be fully informed of the discussions taking place either in person or by speaker telephone device.

A copy of the proposed Suspension and Termination Rules and Parking and Towing Rules 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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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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

Legal 57072 Published 2/16/2023, 2/23/2023, 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 03/17/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 3052 JOE JOHNS RD 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.
 1W80HAD442925 1980 CHEV
 1GNCE16Z83J178351 2003 CHEVROLET
 1J4GK48K03W619862 2003 JEEP
 1J8GR48K87C646583 2007 JEEP
 WDDGF4HB2DG016861 2013 MERZ
 3N1CN7AP6FL955578 2015 NISS

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LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing to consider an appeal of the Town of Orange Park Planning and Zoning Board's denial of Application No. V-1-2023, requesting relief from Section 2.04.13.02(a) of the Town of Orange Park Code of Ordinances in order to increase the maximum height of a building in the Kingsley Avenue Character Overlay from one (1) story to two (2) stories for property located at 1419 Kingsley Avenue. If granted, the variance request on appeal would allow a 2-story building within the Kingsley Avenue Character Overlay. This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue, at 7:00 P.M.
 Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings, said record to include all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of all records on file with the Town of Orange Park may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.
 Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 56530 Published 2/16/2023 and 3/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 03/20/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
 1C4PJLLB3MD214974 2021 JEEP

Legal 56165 Published 3/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: ROBERT WRIGHT, the holder of the following 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 HIGHRIDGE 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

Legal 56159 Published 2/16/2023, 2/23/2023, 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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 APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following 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
Parcel ID No.: 360823-007852-065-05
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,982.90
Physical Address: LEANNING OAK DR, MELROSE
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: JOE WILLIAMS & REBECCA BROWNLEE
 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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following 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.: 948/2020
Legal Description: LOT 18 BLK 108 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3148 PG 1060
Parcel ID No.: 160823-004476-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,874.41
Physical Address: 7058 SEWANEE ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHT
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: WINDER VI LLC
 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 **19th day of April, 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

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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, whichever 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 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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The online bidding and auction for Storage Rentals of America, 369 Blanding Blvd. will be held online at lockerfox.com through March 23, 2023, at 11:00AM.
 The entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien and other charges according to FL Statutes 83.801.
PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:
Unit # Tenant or Business Name
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D08 Charles Carter
D29 Adam Moffitt
D73 Sofia Robinson

E05 Raymond Villa
G30 Tiffany Phillips
J10 Evelyn Robinson
J29 Evelyn Robinson
Total Units: 8
 Sale being held to satisfy Landlords' lien. The seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. CASH ONLY. Contents to be removed within 72 hours.
 Storage Rentals of America
 369 Blanding Blvd.
 Orange Park, FL 32073
 904-977-6400

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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 RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Chapters 190 and 120, Florida Statutes, the Cross Creek North Community Development District ("District") hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt its RV Park Rental Rates ("RV Park Rates"), its revised Suspension and Termination of Access Rule ("Suspension and Termination Rules"), and its Rules Relating to Overnight Parking and Parking Enforcement ("Parking and Towing Rules") all of which govern the operation of the District's amenity facilities and other properties. The RV Park Rates, Suspension and Termination Rules and Parking and Towing 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 RV Park Rates, Suspension and Termination Rules and Parking and Towing 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 11, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at Cross Creek North Amenity Center, 2895 Big Oak Drive, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.** A copy of the proposed rules and policies may be obtained by contacting the District Manager at 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tam-

pa, Florida 33614, Ph: (904) 436-6270.
 Lesley Gallagher
 District Manager

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs. G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
 2015 MAZDA VIN# 3MZBM-1M7XFM220209
 auction will be held at 9:00 a.m. 3/20/2023
 G & M Towing Inc, located at 4995 Highway 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 CASE NO.: 2022-DR-2002
 DIVISION: E
 IN RE:
 LISA ZEIGLER, F/K/A LISA LAUDIANO
 Petitioner,
 And
 JEREMY LAUDIANO,
 Respondent.
 To: JEREMY LAUDIANO
 164 Tomahawk Drive
 Livingston, Texas 77351
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Petitioner's attorney, **ELIZABETH HASLETT, ESQUIRE**, 415 North Palmetto Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, on or before 30 days from the 1st day of publication, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, before service on the Petitioner's counsel or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Verified Petition for Registration and Domestication of Foreign Order and Motion for Contempt and Enforcement.**
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 Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office.
 Clerk of Court
 Clay County Courthouse
 Gracie Moore 2/27/2023
 Deputy Clerk
 /s/ Elizabeth Haslett
ELIZABETH HASLETT, ESQUIRE
 Florida Bar No.: 6089
 415 N. Palmetto Avenue
 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
 (904) 363-2100

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