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An overhead view of the plant's central operation and the freshwater pond nearby.

## Commissioners, legislators demand environmental study of former Lake Asbury

*Residents met to disclose illnesses they believed were related to toxic conditions 27 years ago*

By Lee Wardlaw  
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LAKE ASBURY – Michael Zelinka is a former employee of Solite, an aggregate kiln company that had more than 40 years at Country Road 209-A from the 1950s to the 1990s. He worked at the Lake Asbury area-based plant from 1990-1991 and 1992-1995 and resided at the nearby Russell Baptist Church, which was a half-mile from the site.

He was one of the three ex-employees who provided recent testimony to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in a phone meeting that included County Commissioner Kristen Burke, County Attorney Courtney Grimm and County Manager Howard Wanamaker.

In a recent interview with Clay Today, Zelinka provided a corroborating statement, with his claims exposing the company to several potentially heinous safety and environmental malpractices.

"If you want to know anything about the safety history of the place, it was nonexistent."

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## Clay County commissioners get preview of needs by CCSO, CCFR, CCEM

By Lee Wardlaw  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A big-ticket meeting took place between the officials and the community during the Clay County Board of County Commissioners workshop on Tuesday morning, with funding streams and five-year and 10-year project plans discussed for the following categories: capital improvement projects, mobility and impact fees, bonds, restricted fund projects and monies from American Re-

cuse Plan Act.

One crucial item raised during the impact fee portion of the meeting was the future of the facilities for the county's police department, with Sheriff Michelle Cook speaking adamantly in an assertion the department needed an upgrade with a more centralized operation.

"I know the county was hit by some very difficult times financially and I understand. We are very flexible, fluid and operative with the county, and are trying

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Sheriff Michelle Cook speaks with the commission about the needs of the department.

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# Drivers take advantage of Operation Green Light to get back on the road

**Program helps reduce fees, create payment plans for outstanding tickets**

By Don Coble  
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ORANGE PARK – Richard Edwards' luck ran out last June when he was stopped and charged for driving during the previous 18 months with a suspended license.

Mounting fees, collection costs and penalties made it more difficult for the Green Cove Springs man to pay his fine and get back on the road – legally.

Then he heard about Operation Green Light.

"I heard about it last year, but I never gave it much thought," Edwards said after he made arrangements to settle his debt and get his license reinstated during last Saturday's unique program at the Clerk's Office on Park Avenue. "I decided to check it out this year."

In the process, Edwards learned the county agreed to drop more than \$900 of his penalties. In about five minutes, he also discovered the clerks were willing to set up a payment plan to settle the original ticket.

"I couldn't believe how it turned out," Edwards said. "I realize if you don't know something, all you have to do is ask. You know, a driver's license isn't a right. It's a privilege. I know it now."

According to Chief Operations Officer Tracie McRae of the Clerk's Office, a long line of Clay County drivers was in line more than an hour before the doors opened at 8 a.m.

The Clerk's Office sent out postcards to everyone who had a delinquent ticket ahead of the program. The office also set



**"The goal is for us to set up a plan where we can help them get their tickets resolved ... On criminal tickets, we don't want to make it impossible for them to pay. It has to be something that's not overwhelming. We want to get people back on the road."**

up 90-day payment plans for civil tickets like speeding and red-light camera violations. Criminal tickets were decided on a case-by-case basis.

"The goal is for us to set up a plan where we can help them get their tickets resolved," McRae said. "On criminal tickets, we don't want to make it impossible for them to pay. It has to be something that's not overwhelming. We want to get people back on the road."



The response was so overwhelming Clerk Tara Green decided to extend the forgiveness period to regular business hours all week at the Orange Park and Green Cove Springs offices.

"By 8:30 (a.m.), there was someone at every window, and people were still waiting in line," McRae said.

More than 120 drivers had their licenses reinstated in 2019 and 2020. McRae also said there hasn't been a repeat driver since the program started in 2018.

McRae said the Clerk's Office may consider moving Operation Green Light earlier in the year when drivers are receiving their income tax refunds.

For more information, visit the Clerk and Comptroller's Office website at clay-clerk.com.

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to maintain the sheriff's office needs, fire needs, county needs, and citizen needs. But we have to move forward," she said.

That's because the sheriff's department is currently paying approximately \$1 million annually to maintain the more than 20 buildings, she said, some of which are overcrowded with storage items.

Cook compared Nassau County's current use of the campus-style model as a potential path for future buildings, bringing a print-out photograph of the regional county's building with her to the meeting. The sheriff said that she would like to build

**One crucial item raised during the impact fee portion of the meeting was the future of the facilities for the county's police department, with Cook speaking adamantly in an assertion the department needed an upgrade with a more centralized operation.**

a Sheriff's Operation Center and that the campus model is something that both the county police and fire departments could look further into utilizing in the future.

Cook said she would only keep necessary service deputies to operate out of substations in places like neighborhood malls, where officers spend little time with only a few employees, including an administrator and a few to complete tasks like creating fingerprint copies and filing paperwork.

At a new building, Cook would seek to

house police personnel, while the current building could be repurposed to provide more jail space for the next five to seven years. The county would hopefully seek to build a jail, which is high cost, in a 10-year or 11-year plan, where \$9 million would be set aside for the project.

Cook said she would likely need about 100,000 square feet to house her department's operations in the future. She hopes to move away from the inefficient model that leads to crowded storage areas but

that the space could expand between two or three buildings.

Clay County Fire Rescue also presented their plans to build four new firehouses.

John Ward, County Director of Emergency Management, also said the issue of storage was an issue.

Among other items also discussed at the meeting were mobility fees. Projections are based on last year's data and are on target again in 2023, as demonstrated by the BCC in a slideshow. The projections are based on 1,700 homes.

Also, several necessary road and trail projects will be funded through development fees, impact fees, and mobility fees throughout the county.

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## Poll: Florida voters high on recreational marijuana, school choice

By Jacob Ogles  
For FloridaPolitics.com

Days after the start of the Legislative Session, the University of North Florida's Public Opinion Research Lab released survey results on the opinion of registered voters on a variety of topics, including the use of recreational marijuana and universal school choice.

The findings could fire up supporters of a proposed change to Florida's constitution to legalize adult personal use of marijuana. About 70% of voters said they would support such a measure, while just 29% felt harsh on the proposal.

That compares to 76% who backed the proposal when UNF polled voters last spring and is much higher than the 64% who favored legalizing recreational weed in late 2019.

The level of support could be consequential as Florida requires 60% of voters to support an amendment at the ballot box to amend the state constitution.

"Efforts to put recreational marijuana in front of voters in 2024 are in the beginning stages, but support for it is high across the political spectrum," said Dr. Michael Binder, Research Lab faculty director. "If it makes it onto the ballot next year, and that's a big 'if,' it has a good chance of reaching the 60% supermajority needed to pass."

Voters also weighed in on matters state lawmakers expect to take up in the coming weeks. While members of the state Senate debate the cost of the school voucher measures, voters seem to favor the plan regardless of a potentially high price.

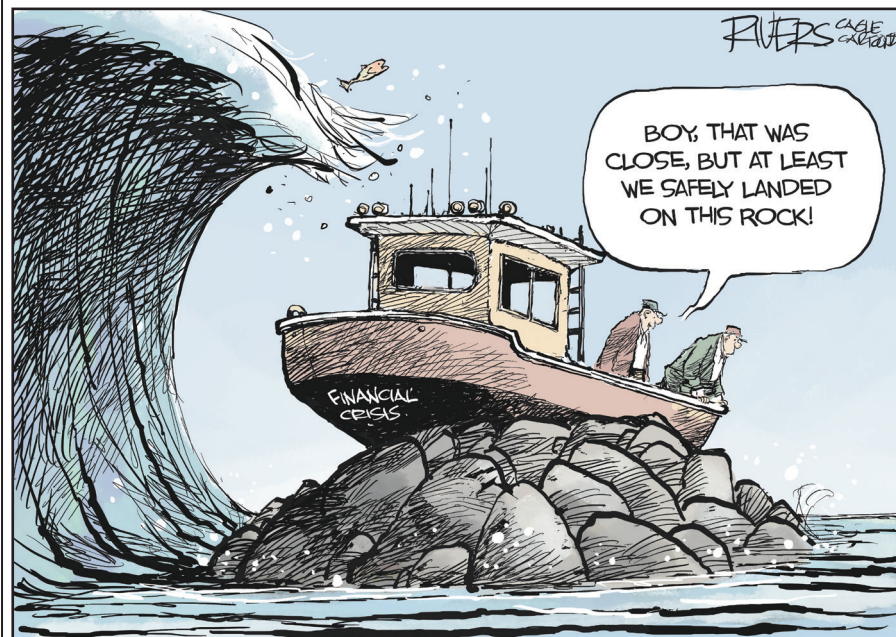
Asked whether they support all K-12 students becoming eligible for public funds that cover private school tuition, about 53% voiced support and 39% expressed some level of opposition. That was after pollsters gave respondents an estimate of \$2.5 billion as the cost of such an expansion, which is much more than House estimates but more than \$1 billion less than some outside analysts expect such a program would cost.

Of note, 50% of Democrats support the plan, closely aligning with the 52% support found among Republicans. But it's voters unaffiliated with either party who show the most enthusiasm, with 58% supporting the voucher expansion and 33% strongly supporting it.

Pollsters also asked about a controversial proposal to make School Board seats into partisan positions, something that also would require amending the state constitution. But here, the 60% threshold seems a far-off target. About 65% of voters oppose such a change, and just 26% favor the

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## OPINIONS



## Annual wellness exam is key healthy year for older adults

By StatePointe media  
For Clay Today

You've selected your insurance plan for the year. Now, it's time to start using your benefits, beginning with an annual wellness exam.

An annual wellness exam with a healthcare provider is essential for everyone, but especially for older adults. As we age, we are more likely to develop chronic health conditions, according to Dr. J.B. Sobel, chief medical officer for Cigna Medicare, which serves hundreds of thousands of older adults through its products. An annual wellness exam can help detect potential health issues early so they can be addressed before they worsen, he said.

"By meeting with your primary care provider early in the year, you can highlight the things that are important to you, and work together to develop a plan for your care for the year ahead," Sobel said. "This will ensure you live each day with vitality, happiness and improved health."

Many providers will reach out to schedule an annual wellness exam. If your provider doesn't contact you, make sure to call them.

Some annual check-ups are available at no extra cost to those with Medicare. They include a "Welcome to Medicare" visit for customers who have just reached Medicare eligibility and an "Annual Wellness Exam" for existing customers. Many Medicare Advantage plans offer more extensive annual visits at no extra cost. Some even offer incentives for completing a visit. Talk with

your provider and Medicare insurer about your benefits.

Each annual exam may be a bit different. Regardless of the type, Sobel offers tips to ensure you get the most from your visit.

**Prepare.** Before you go, write down anything you'd like to discuss with your healthcare provider, including changes to your health over the past year. Bring your prescription and over-the-counter medications with you. Ask plenty of questions and take notes. You might even want to take along a family member, trusted friend or caregiver to ensure you understand everything your provider has shared.

**Be open and honest.** It's tempting to make things look rosier than they are when talking to your healthcare provider, but minimizing what you are feeling can lead to an incorrect diagnosis or prescription. Speak openly about unhealthy habits, like smoking or lack of exercise. Your provider won't judge you. Being honest is the only way your healthcare provider can help you reach your goals.

**Mind mental health.** Your emotional health impacts your physical health. Many people think depression is a natural part of aging, but it doesn't have to be. Talk to your doctor if you are feeling sad, anxious or hopeless. Treatments, such as talk therapy, medication, or both, may be covered by Medicare.

**Monitor medications.** Adults age 65 and older tend to take more medications than other age groups, increasing

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## Word OF THE WEEK

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

**Biodiversity:** (bahy-oh-dih-VERS-ih-tee) a noun that means a variety of life in the world or in a particular habitat or ecosystem.

"The foundation is committed to preserving the rainforest's biodiversity."

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2018

- County commissioners are upset with Thrasher-Horne Center officials because they demanded the rental fee paid in advance for the second annual Veterans Appreciation Day celebration.

- Two Fleming Island High students to prepare for the National Underwater Robotics after finishing second at a regional tournament at Georgia Tech.

### 10 years ago, 2013

- Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll resigned in the wake of a statewide investigation into Allied Veterans of America and a string of internet cafes it opened.

- Superintendent Charlie Van Zant vowed to continue to find \$10,000 to pay for a lobbyist in Tallahassee after the school board denied his request.

- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement will investigate the death of Daniel Joseph Linsinbigler, who was found unconscious in the Clay County Jail.

### 20 years ago, 2003

- VyStar Credit Union holds a groundbreaking ceremony ahead of construction for a new branch at 501 N. Orange Ave. in Orange Park.

- Patricia Rivers Deguio of Green Cove Springs was killed when her car ran off State Road 16 and slammed into a tree, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office asks the public to submit information after William A. Filancia of Middleburg was arrested for using explicit photos to extort sex acts from another man.

### 30 years ago, 1993

- A second jury is seated after a first jury couldn't reach a verdict on the murder

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### Send us a letter ...

We'd like to hear from you. Perhaps you are concerned about the county commission, the school board or your city council or commission, sit down and take a few moments to write us a letter. All we ask is that you keep it civil, no name-calling and write no more than 600 words. All we ask is that you stick to local issues, be clear and make a point. We reserve the right to edit for AP Stylebook errors, grammar and spelling. In your email, type Letter to the Editor in your subject and send it to Managing Editor Don Coble at don@claytodayonline.com

### Opinions ...

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# SJR State earns military-friendly school designation

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – St. Johns River State College has earned a 2023-2024 Military Friendly School designation.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,800 schools participated in the 2023-2024 survey, with 665 earning special awards for exceeding the standard.

The Military Friendly Schools list will be published in the May and October issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at [www.militaryfriendly.com](http://www.militaryfriendly.com).

Schools earn the designation with input from the Military Friendly Advisory Council of independent higher education and military recruitment community leaders. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet

thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

According to SJR State President Joe Pickens, the college is committed to connecting military service members, veterans and their families with the services and resources they need to reach their personal and academic goals.

"At SJR State, we understand the unique challenges Veterans face when returning to civilian life and the importance of investing in their future," Pickens said. "We recognize their service and strive daily to match that level of commitment as they transition into higher education and develop their strengths and skills into a new career path."

"Military Friendly is committed to transparency and providing consistent data-driven standards in our designation

process. Our standards provide a benchmark that promotes positive outcomes and support services that better the educational landscape and provide an opportunity for the Military Community. This creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to evolve and invest in their programs consistently. Schools who achieve

awards designation show true commitment in their efforts, going over and above that standard," said Kayla Lopez, National Director of Military Partnerships, Military Friendly.

For more information about SJR State's student veteran programs, visit <https://www.sjrstate.edu/veterans>.

## Choice

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move.

An overhaul of Florida's higher education found scant support from the public. With such proposals presented as eliminating critical race theory and ending diversity, equity and inclusion programs, 61% of voters say lawmakers should nix the plans, and only 35% embrace the change.

But there was a notably partisan split, with a majority of Republicans favoring the move.

"Despite elevated support among Republicans, many voters we spoke to are not so thrilled about some of DeSantis's most recent proposals in his war on 'woke' culture, this time targeting Florida's public colleges and universities with HB 999 and SB 266," stated Binder. "A notable chunk of Republicans (38%) don't like the restrictions, but the 56% in support reflects the likely outcome in Florida's Republican-controlled Legislature."

However, there's opposition across the board to another conservative plan moving through the Legislature with Republican support. About 77% of voters oppose permitless carry of firearms. That number is high in part to opposition from 93% of Democrats, but 62% of Republicans who want those with concealed weapons to obtain

permits with the state.

"Not only is there bipartisan opposition to this 'constitutional carry' bill, but folks seem to feel passionate about it with the majority (67%) saying they strongly oppose the bill," Binder said. "Even among Republicans, most people are against carrying weapons without a permit."

Asked to prioritize what the Legislature should be working on, a full 25% of voters listed affordable housing as Florida's biggest problem. Economic issues came in second place, ranking as the top concern of 17% of voters, while 12% listed education, 10% said immigration and 7% care most about gun policy.

The poll results included responses from 1,452 registered voters surveyed between Feb. 25 and March 7. The margin of error is +/- 2.57%.

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Lee and Stacy Dean Campbell will headline nights of concerts at the Clay County Fair.

### 40 years ago, 1983

- The Clay County Science Fair is held at the Orange Park Mall.
- A field of 10 will compete at the Clay County Pageant at Middleburg High.
- The Orange Park High soccer teams prepares to play Killian in the state semifinals.

## History

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trial for Andre Clemons, who was accused to killing Winn-Dixie Assistant Store Manager Kevin Baker during a robbery.

- The City of Green Cove Springs faces \$10,000 a day fines if it doesn't remove four underground fuel tanks.
- Jeannie C. Riley, Steve Wariner, Robin

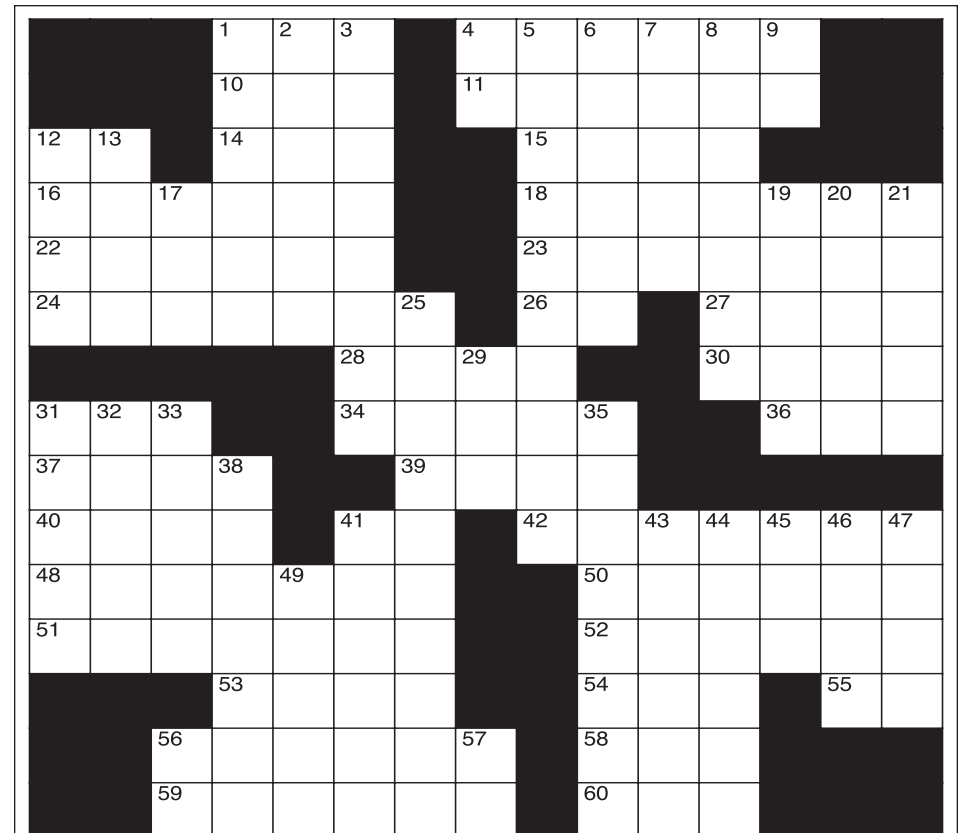
## Wellness

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the risk for adverse reactions, such as cognitive impairment and falls. It's a good idea to take your medications to your annual wellness exam and discuss any potential problems or side effects you're experiencing. Don't forget about over-the-counter drugs, vitamins or nutritional supplements you take.

**Schedule screenings and get vaccines.** There are some important health

screenings and vaccines that you may need depending on your age and gender, such as colon cancer screening, bone density test, mammogram, flu shot or COVID-19 immunization. Ask your provider about the screenings and vaccines you've had already, and schedule any you need. You may even be able to do that before you leave the office. Also, don't forget to visit your eye doctor and dentist. These visits are covered by many MA plans as well. Find out more at [www.cignamedicare.com](http://www.cignamedicare.com).



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Belonging to a thing
4. Pass or go by
10. Partner to cheese
11. Subjects
12. U.S. State (abbr.)
14. Bits per inch
15. Forest-dwelling deer
16. Illinois city
18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
22. Wholly unharmed
23. Cuddled
24. Bane
26. Global investment bank (abbr.)
27. Oh my gosh!
28. Arrive
30. Famed Spanish artist
31. Home of 'Frontline'
34. Group of quill feathers
36. Keyboard key
37. Army training group
39. Detail
40. Pole with flat blade
41. Football play
42. Makes unhappy

### CLUES DOWN

1. Stain one's hands
2. Nocturnal hoofed animals
3. Back condition
4. Popular movie alien
5. City of Angels
6. Peaks
7. Infantry weapons
8. Left
9. Atomic #99
12. Told a good yarn
13. Vale
17. Resistance unit
19. Aquatic plant

20. Bluish greens
21. About some Norse poems
25. Reinforces
29. Egyptian mythological goddess
31. Supportive material
32. Subatomic particle
33. Expired bread
35. Cereal grain
38. Goes against
41. Walkie \_\_\_
43. One who does not accept
44. Beliefs
45. Indicates near
46. Brazilian NBA star
47. Grab quickly
49. Romantic poet
56. College dorm worker
57. Set of data

## Famed rock photographer Mark 'Weissguy' Weiss captures 'The Decade that Rocked'

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

JACKSONVILLE – Gallery 275 will welcome the famed 80s' rock n' roll photographer Mark "Weissguy" Weiss for a remarkable photographic journey through March 26.

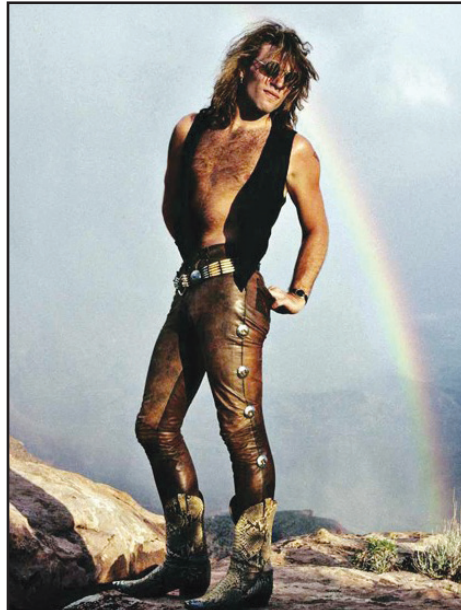
The "Decade that Rocked" transports viewers back to when music was louder, spandex was tighter, and hair was bigger. Yep, we're talking about the 80s.

Weiss was a 14-year-old kid from New Jersey when he made a deal with a neighbor to cut his lawn in exchange for a 35-millimeter camera. Thus began a lifelong journey of rock and roll mayhem that continues.

"As a kid, I used to go to concerts with my brother. So I would tag along and meet all the people. That's just what we all did back then," he said.

While in high school, Mark snuck his camera into concerts, paying off security guards to get him closer to the stage. After developing prints in his parent's bathroom, he started selling illegal prints out of his school locker and in front of the concert venue for a buck a piece.

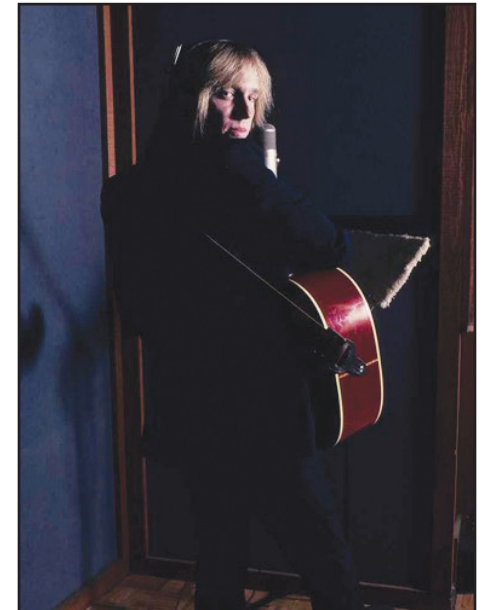
After being arrested outside of Madison Square Garden and spending the night in jail, his peddling days were over. A week later, Weiss walked into the offices of Circus Magazine, the leading rock publication at the time, with his portfolio. Circus published a centerfold of Weiss's photo of



**Jon Bon Jovi**



**Ozzy Osbourne**



**Tom Petty**

Steven Tyler of Aerosmith in their October 1978 issue. Within a few months, he became a significant contributor to the magazine and soon became a staff member, shooting covers and features.

His photography takes a life of its own, a style he calls "smoke and gels." You can almost smell the sweat, the cigarette smoke and Jack Daniels backstage. It's fast-paced, chaotic, gritty, and surprisingly intimate. Weiss captures what no one else ever has, the moments that no one else sees.

The gallery will feature rock legends

such as Bon Jovi, Ozzy Osbourne, Guns N' Roses, Led Zeppelin, Aerosmith, Van Halen, and many more. Weiss will appear at Gallery 725 on Saturday, March 25, and Sunday, March 26, to greet fans and talk about the history behind his classic photographs.

"People want to know about my favorite work shoot, the craziest shoot, and I have answers to all of them. They want to hear the stories, my story, but what they want is a little insight into the artists, the ones that I am photographing, because I have a different relationship with the fans because

I am hands-on with them."

The legendary bands of the 80s touched on something timeless. Their larger-than-life personalities made them enduring figures across the generations. Behind the dramatic makeup and stage costumes, they are almost godlike. While their on-stage persona never fails to impress, Weiss was more interested in capturing their backstage presence.

"On stage, they are like gods, you know? They dress like gods. That's their personas.

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# UF scientists base international lightning research at Camp Blanding

By Don Coble  
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CAMP BLANDING – Not all the loud blasts from the Camp Blanding area are military explosions. Some are part of the University of Florida’s research on one of nature’s most potent forces – lightning.

The university’s International Center for Lightning Research and Testing was originally created after one of the state’s worst droughts to find solutions for wildfires triggered by lightning strikes. But there was one problem: scientists had to wait for passing storms to do their work.

Martin Uman, chair of the College of Engineering’s electrical and computer engineering department, told the university’s Explore magazine his group had to create a way to accelerate Mother Nature’s fury.

“It was a horror,” Uman said. “We were all set to go. Everybody was there.”

When storms blew through, strikes were unpredictable and lasted less than a second. Also, lightning is thunderous and 50,000 degrees.

Uman and the University of West Flor-

ida’s professor of electrical engineering Doug Jordan set up a high-speed camera at Camp Blanding for optical measurements.



But he only had 15 good images after 15 years of research.

Engineers at Florida launched skinny rockets 2,400 feet from batteries of steel tubes into a storm cloud to induce a lightning strike.

According to the university, researchers recorded as many as 35 strikes one summer by firing rockets from a 35-foot wooden structure topped by a lightning rod on the base.

Not only will ongoing research help scientists better prepare for dangerous conditions, but it can also help avoid emergencies like small airports losing power and keeping people from being killed by strikes. Each year, about 150 people die by lightning and strikes create more than \$500 million in insurance claims, according to

the university.

“When we understand the mechanism, we will try to design a better lightning protection system,” said Vladimir Rakov, a UF electrical and computer engineering professor.

Research at the lab has resulted in more than 100 published papers on the different aspects of lightning, mainly how electric and magnetic fields are related to currents.

Lightning research has come a long way since Benjamin Franklin tied a key to a kite he flew in a storm. The Camp Blanding facility is considered one of the premier research centers in the world.

“Every year, we’re able to do fancier and fancier stuff and learn more and more than we could before,” Uman told Explore.

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# Obituaries

## William Robert Meadows

William Robert Meadows was born on March 22, 1967, and passed away on March 6, 2023.

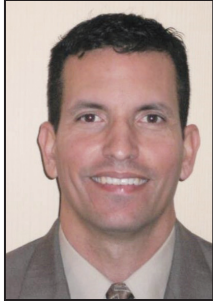
William is survived by his wife Jennifer Lynn Meadows, son Alexander William Meadows, daughter Ava Isabelle Meadows, son Samuel Caldwell, mother Juana Meadows, step-daughter Victoria Lynn Roberts, step-son Tyrone Cedric Roberts Jr., and step-son Britton Stephen Roberts. William was born in Santa Clara, California; however, was primarily raised in Miami, Florida by his mother.

Regarding William's professional life, he was a forensic psychologist. Dr. William Meadows attended the University of Florida for undergraduate school, obtaining a B.S. in Psychology with High Honors. William also earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with specializations in Forensics and Addictions from Florida State University. William also completed a post-doctoral fellowship training program in forensic psychology at Harvard Medical School. Outside of his professional life, William spent his time coaching football and soccer at numerous organizations and schools, which bestowed William the nickname of "Coach Wil."

William was a free spirit who enjoyed spending his time participating in a multitude of different activities. In his early life, William spent many weekends fishing, hunting, boating, tubing, riding dirtbikes, and much more with his mother Juana Meadows, step-father George Meadows, and step-siblings Kim, Donald, and Andrew.

William also spent a month traveling through Europe directly after his post-graduate graduation. Once William had his children, Alex and Ava, William spent his time teaching them how to live life to the fullest. William took his children scuba diving, which eventually led to them all receiving their scuba diving licenses.

They also enjoyed flying small planes,



William Robert Meadows

cageless shark diving, boating, shooting his guns, and traveling. William and his wife, Jennifer, loved to attend Bike Week and Jeep Week in the later years of William's life. They spent numerous weekends riding around in their Terminator Harley Davidson, Harley Quinn and Joker Slingshot, and fully customized Jurassic Park Jeep.

To celebrate William Meadows' life, a Celebration of Life will be held on March 18, 2023 at 1 p.m. at Jacksonville Memory Gardens 111 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL 32073.

William in his last few weeks made a point to tell those closest to him to celebrate his life rather than to mourn his passing. We look forward to celebrating William's life with the people he's impacted, his friends and his family.

## Frederick L. Voisen

Frederick L. Voisen, 83, of Middleburg, FL, passed away March 8, 2023.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com)

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## Howard E. Mathias

Howard E. Mathias, 95, of Orange Park, FL, passed away March 11, 2023.

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## Sandra Jeanette Wasdin Miller

Sandra Jeanette Wasdin Miller, 75, of Jesup, GA, passed away suddenly on Saturday, March 4, 2023, in Camden County.

Born in Blackshear on February 20, 1948, she lived in Florida for many years before moving back to Jesup, two years ago to be close to her family.

She graduated from cosmetology school and had worked for many years as a hairdresser both in St. Simons Island and Orange Park. She had many long-time clients and they dearly loved her. She loved family and enjoyed traveling to natural settings, especially to the beach and the mountains.

She was the daughter of the late Colon James and Rheba Jeanette Walker Wasdin. She was preceded in death by her husband's Ed Roper and Dan Miller, both of her sisters, Cynthia Thornton and Nancy Wilson and her brother, Thomas Wasdin.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Robbie and Cyndi Roper, Bradford, Florida; her brother and sister-in-law, Dwayne and Sherry Wasdin, Patterson, and several nieces, nephews and step grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, from the Lake Chapel Cemetery. The family received friends at the graveside immediately the service. Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online register at [www.pearsondial.com](http://www.pearsondial.com)



Sandra Jeanette Wasdin Miller

## Orange Park Chorale coming to Penney Farms, Orange Park Presbyterian

PENNEY PARK – The Orange Park Chorale invites the public to enjoy community voices joined together in song as the group presents its free spring vocal concerts, "Amazing Love" in two performances.

On Saturday, March 25, at 4 p.m., the chorale will perform at the Penney Memorial Church, 4465 Poling Blvd. The second concert is scheduled for Sunday, March 26, at 4 p.m. at the Orange Park Presbyterian Church, 1905 Park Ave.

Both concerts are free. Donations will be accepted.

Under the direction of Artistic Director David Holladay, "Amazing Love" concert selections will include sacred music such as Dan Forrest's "And Can It Be," Moses Hogan's "Ride on, King Jesus" and "You Say," arranged by Heather Sorenson and co-written by contemporary Christian performer Lauren Daigle.

Secular music includes a traditional Zambian song "Bonse Aba" arranged by Andrew Fischer and Thomas Morley's "Now Is the Month of Maying!"

The Orange Park Chorale, founded in 1992, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

The group's mission is "to provide opportunities for community participation in the area of choral music, by providing excellence in the choral arts; performing the works of living American composers; and enhancing the cultural life of communities in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia."

Throughout its history, the members of The Orange Park Chorale have been committed to maintaining the group's core values of: musical excellence, fellowship, mutual respect, character and dedication.

For more information about the Orange Park Chorale or the group's upcoming spring concerts, please contact Board Chair Harolyn Sharpe at (904) 553-8487 or visit [www.orangeparkchorale.com](http://www.orangeparkchorale.com).

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# Clay County veterans honored at appreciation event at Thrasher-Horne

By Martha K. Mayes

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ORANGE PARK – It was a gloriously sunny and beautiful day on Saturday – perfect for a day of celebration and appreciation for the nation’s veterans, particularly those from Clay County.

Visitors were welcomed at the Thrasher-Horne Center by a huge American flag and The Liberty Express band playing classic American patriotic favorites and other songs.

As the event opened, the Navy Band Southeast from Naval Air Station Jacksonville played.

The event was centered around retired or active veterans or anyone considering joining the military. The grounds were filled with crowds, food trucks, veteran-focused exhibits, demonstrations, a kids’ zone and more.

Guest speakers included U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville) and retired U.S. Marine Gayward Hendry.

Inside the conference center, resource vendors were on hand to provide information on benefits, claims, education and financial assistance.

Outside, Navy JROTC teams from Oakleaf and Middleburg high schools performed flawless precision routines.



STAFF PHOTO BY MARTHA MAYES

Veterans and residents were at the Thrasher-Horne Center last Saturday for a Veterans Appreciation Day that included food trucks and drills from two Clay County High JROTC programs.

One JROTC cadet from Oakleaf said he liked the bonding and the cooperative attitude of always helping each other. He also said his group won first place overall in their last competition at Florida A&M

University.

County leaders did an excellent job of showing local veterans and their families how much their service and sacrifice were appreciated.

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# Tip-A-Cop

## Hungry customers with giving hearts stuff Special Olympic coffers

By Don Coble  
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ORANGE PARK – The goal of every fund-raising event is to collect more money than the previous year.

Tip-A-Cop did that. And more. After surpassing the \$10,000 mark in 2022, the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Orange Park Police Department and Clay County Special Olympics athletes were stunned when they finished counting this year's three-day effort at Texas Roadhouse on Blanding Boulevard.

CCSO Lt. Zach Cox, who organized the event, was so happy he sent the following text:

"We raised a new Clay County Special Olympics record, totaling \$12,758.13!"

For three nights last week, deputies, officers and athletes delivered baskets of rolls, refilled water glasses and cleaned tables to raise money to send county athletes to the Florida Special Olympic Games at Walt Disney World in May. The results were overwhelming.

"It feels absolutely great," Cox said. "Words can't describe it. We love having Texas Roadhouse with us. They were so generous. It's nice to know there are people out there with big hearts, giving hearts."

"It's humbling to know there are people



Members of the Clay County Sheriff's Office and Orange Park Police Department join athletes and supporters of the Clay County Special Olympics team after they collected \$12,009 in three nights at Texas Roadhouse during its annual Tip-A-Cop program. The money will send county athletes to the Florida Special Olympics Games at Walt Disney World in May.

out there who see the big picture."

Money earned through Tip-A-Cop was separate from tips earned by servers.

Organizers understood early they were on track to break the record in the first hour when three buckets were already stuffed with money-filled envelopes.

"It was great to see the Clay County Sheriff's Office and Orange Park Police Department out there," said Zoe LoSasso, manager for community engagement for

the seven-county Special Olympics district.

"I know our athletes look so forward to this, It's important to get our athletes out to these events, and they did a great job

doing that. Our athletes had big smiles." LoSasso said the Clay County event "ran seamlessly."

Cox said Clay County would send as many as 50 athletes to the state games.

The next event ahead of the state games is the Torch Run on April 14, starting at 10 a.m. at the Pulbix on Country Road 220 on Fleming Island. The Special Olympics torch will pass through all 67 counties en route to Walt Disney World, and law enforcement agencies will take its turn running along Town Center Boulevard.



Orange Park Police Chief Gary Goble and OPPD Lt. Cody Monroe joined their law enforcement partners at the sheriff's office to encourage customers at the Orange Park restaurant to support the county's Special Olympics Team.



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# Weiss

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But backstage, they are just regular people with regular emotions," he said.

"I just want to capture them when they don't know I am capturing them. In the studio, you are creating their persona, whether that's going to be on a magazine cover or an album cover. They are almost like actors. Backstage, you want to capture the emotions, the human side."

One of Weiss's classic photos features Ozzy Osbourne, the "Prince of Darkness,"

dressed in a pink tutu for Circus Magazine in 1981. It is a shoot he will never forget.

"My First Shoot with Ozzy, I was only 21 or 22. I photographed him in a pink tutu with red boxing gloves," he said. "It was a combination of both of our ideas. We dubbed him most athletic because he used to jump around on stage a lot, and so I thought it would be a good idea to bring boxing gloves and Ozzy decided to pick up the tutu and the red cowboy boots."

The cover was supposed to be in black and white, but the magazine editor, Jerry Rothstein, liked the original so much that they put it on the cover. "We got a lot of at-

tention for it," Weiss said.

To this day, Weiss continues to photograph Ozzy and on tour his family. He stays in touch with many of the band members from his career.

"I look at this job as a way to make friends. So 80% of people that I shot in the 80s who are still with us, I'm still friends with whether they are playing in full stadiums or little clubs," he said.

Weiss' connections with the bands and their managers led to album cover shoots, including the famous Bon Jovi album "Slippery When Wet," Twisted Sister's Iconic cover "Stay Hungry," and more.

"We had a great time in the 80s. It was a great decade. We like to share the memories," he said.

Weiss will also be selling his bestselling book, "The Decade That Rocked," featuring his never-before-published photography, a foreword by Rob Halford of Judas Priest, and an afterword by Sirius/XM DJ Eddie Trunk.

Weiss will also be selling embellished prints from his new book on Quiet Riot entitled "Keep on Rollin'" written by Quiet Riot fan club president Missy Whitney, released on March 11. For more original content, follow Mark "Weissguy" Weiss on Tic Toc.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL

**TRANSMITTAL HEARING TO SEND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DEO) FOR REVIEW PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163.3184(3) AND (11), FLORIDA STATUTES NOTICE OF TEXT AND MAP SERIES AMENDMENTS.**

**Petitioner: City of Green Cove Springs; Project: FLUL-23-001;** Transmittal public hearing to consider amending the Future Land Use; Transportation; and Capital Improvements Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Green Cove Springs.



A Public Hearing to consider the proposed amendments of the City's Comprehensive Plan will be held by Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Subsequently, the City Council shall consider transmittal of the proposed amendments at a public hearing to the DEO (Department of Economic Opportunity) on April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, in the Council Chambers, Green Cove Springs City Hall, 321 Walnut St, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

The proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are on file in the Development Services Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, Green Cove Springs, Florida, and may be examined by interested parties prior to said public hearings during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All parties having any interest in this change will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at the public hearings.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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 Amendments 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 these public hearings.

City of Green Cove Springs  
Lilly Delvecchio, Planning Technician  
City Hall, 321 Walnut Street  
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

**LEGAL NO. 61041 PUBLISHED MARCH 16, 2023 IN CLAY COUNTY'S CLAY TODAY NEWSPAPER.**

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

### ORDINANCE NO. O-11-2023

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 105 OF THE CITY CODE; AMENDING CHAPTER 105, SEC. 105-2 TO ADD TRANSPORTATION LEVEL OF SERVICE BASED ON PERSON MILES CAPACITY; DELETING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 105, SEC. 105-5 WITH THE MOBILITY FEE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, RULES OF CONSTRUCTION, AND FINDINGS; ADOPTING THE MOBILITY FEE STUDY; PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION; IMPOSING MOBILITY FEES ON NEW CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR CALCULATION AND ALTERNATIVE CALCULATION PROCEDURES FOR MOBILITY FEES; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF MOBILITY FEE PROCEEDS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING MOBILITY FEE DEFERRAL; PROVIDING FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN SIZE AND USE; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION CREDIT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION METHOD; PROVIDING FOR REVIEW HEARINGS; PROVIDING A REVIEW REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR PERIODIC MOBILITY FEE RATE ADJUSTMENT; PROVIDING FOR A DECLARATION OF EXCLUSION FROM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING OF MOBILITY FEES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF MOBILITY FEE RATES; AMENDING CHAPTER 105, SEC. 105-6 (E) TO ADD A COMPARISON OF ACTUAL LANE MILES OF CONSTRUCTION TO THE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY FUNDED BY MOBILITY FEES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING 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:

**Planning and Zoning: Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;**  
**City Council: Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;**  
**City Council: Tuesday, June 20, 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.

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

Steve Kennedy, City Manager

**LEGAL NO. 61040 PUBLISHED MARCH 16 AND MARCH 23, 2023 IN CLAY COUNTY'S CLAY TODAY NEWSPAPER.**

# Orange Park Hospital trades syringes, bandages for PET saws, paint brushes

**A dozen volunteers help create PET carts at Penney Farms**

By Don Coble  
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PENNEY FARMS – On most days, Vicki Gibbs Lee works as a Physicians Liaison at HCA Orange Park Hospital. But on Friday, March 10, she was a punch presser.

She joined a contingent from the hospital building mobility carts for Personal Energy Transportation Florida Penney Farms.

The hand-powered carts are delivered worldwide for people who struggle with mobility. More important, there is no cost for the recipients.

Orange Park Hospital colleagues spent the day working with volunteers at Penney Farms Retirement Center who built more than 14,000 carts as part of its “We Show Up for Our Communities” program.

Lee took metal blanks and pressed them into brackets that connected the scooter’s shell to the floorboard.

The word seemed monotonous, but Lee quickly filled enough boxes of connectors to keep the volunteers at PET busy for months.

“It feels great,” Lee said. “I really got into it.”

Hospital CEO Lisa Valentine sanded the

corners of planks used on the sides of the scooters. Jennifer Estrada, Sandy George and Selma Clark were in a back room painting each cart. Estrada is the Therapy Manager for Inpatient Rehabilitation; George is the Vice President for Quality; and Clark is the director of Infection Prevention.

“They are an extraordinary group of people who really are serving a need worldwide,” Valentine said. “They manufacture these. I guess what they

what they call hand-powered self-mobility.

“And they work with other sites across the US and deliver these to 120 countries worldwide, all for free for men, women and children with disabilities who are unable to walk. It was started by a missionary (and long-time Penney Farms resident Larry Hills). He served in Africa, and he saw that there were people who were unable to work, go to school, or care for their families because they simply did not have transportation.”

Chief Operating Officer Pete Long’annes

worked with PET volunteer Mike Kolodka on packing the carts into a box to be shipped. Each contained the cart, seat, three wheels, a hand-driven chain drive and handlebars.

A Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Society member connected PET with Orange Park Hospital.

“David Quirk was the individual who talked to us about the program,” Valentine said. “He explained what it was for, and then they had a number of volunteers that knew how to teach others to manufacture the parts to make these particular devices.”

Kolodka not only instructed the hospital volunteers on how to build a cart, but he also ensured they understood each menial task’s role in the completed project.

One volunteer spent hours cutting car-



More than 14,000 hand-driven mobility carts have been built in the last 18 years at Penney Farms. Each cart costs \$350 and are funded solely through donations.

pet padding into squares. Kolodka asked her to take a break, and he showed her

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HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital COO Pete Long’annes and PET volunteer Mike Kolodka pack another cart to be shipped to any of 120 nations worldwide.



CEO Visa Valentine was one of a dozen hospital volunteers helping build mobility carts last week.

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# SJCDS's Torkzad's experiment headed to International Space Lab

**'Space Team Goats' team selected from 4-H contestants from four states**

By Martha K. Mayes

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ORANGE PARK – Higher Orbits is a non-profit with the mission of promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, along with teamwork, leadership and communication through the study of space-flight.

Humanity's journey into space is an ideal launchpad to excite students like St. Johns Country Day School eighth grader Celine Torkzad about STEM. Higher Orbits works to help them fulfill their dreams and ambitions while also building valuable life skills.

Go For Launch! is a multi-day program that uses space exploration as a platform to launch student involvement in STEM and STEAM (STEM with Art programs) and promotes teamwork, leadership and communication.

Torkzad joined Nolan Williams and Cove Searle, both of Indiana and Arizona's Krish Nangia, on the winning team.

A unique facet of Go For Launch! is students work with an astronaut throughout each event day. Students were immersed in the wonder of human spaceflight through talks from experts of space and STEM. Such speakers have included an astronaut, former International Space Station and Space Shuttle flight controllers, astronaut instructors, scientists, and engineers.

Students get insight and feedback from

experienced space and STEM professionals whose goals are to illustrate the numerous possibilities in the world of STEM.

Through a partnership with 4-H Club, the Higher Orbits winning team of "Go for Launch! 4-H in Space" will have their experiment flown to the International Space Station. The tentative launch date was Wednesday at 8:30 pm.

Torkzad's work will study microgravity's effects on spirulina growth in space.

"I was about six or seven years old, when I started to get into science, especially biology and astronomy," Torkzad wrote on her profile at higherorbits.org.

"My seventh-grade science teacher connected me with my county Florida 4-H agent, who was looking for one more person from my county to join 4-H's collaboration with Higher Orbits, also known as Go For Launch!"

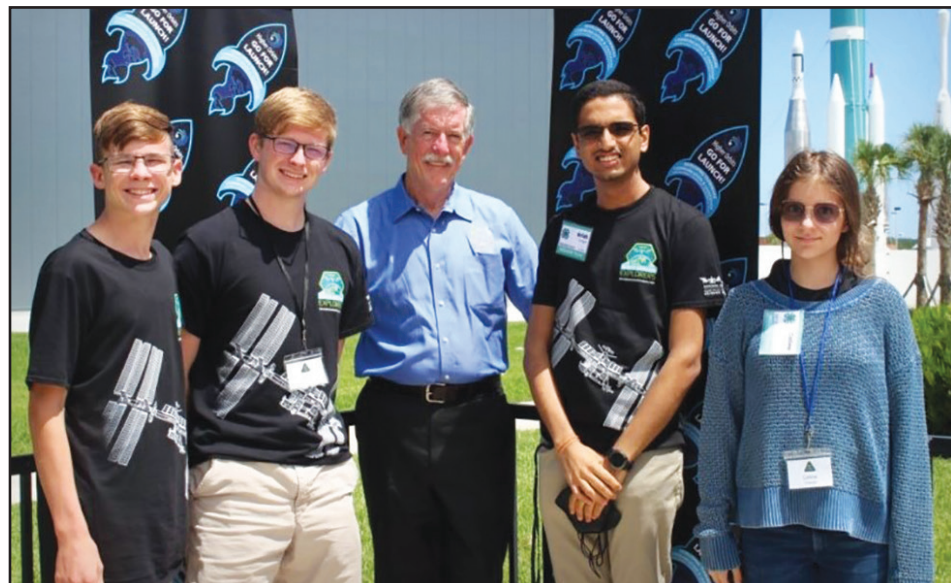
As part of the winning team, she was invited to watch the launch of SpaceX CRS-27.

"Winning was unexpected but not unwelcome," she said. "I would love to do something like that again. I can't wait to see another launch."

Not only was Torkzad the youngest person on the team, but she was also the only girl.

"Originally, we wanted to name ourselves 'Team Glasses,' but after some brainstorming, we decided to name ourselves 'Team Space Goats.' (Hints: look at the zodiac constellation Saturn in July 2022" (when they competed for a spot on SpaceX).

"I suggested the idea of an experiment with cyanobacteria after reading an article



Nolan Williams and Cove Searle, both of Indiana, Arizona's Krish Nangia and Celine Torkzad of St. Johns Country Day School will have an experiment aboard SpaceX CRS-27 during Wednesday's launch to the International Space Station.

about it being potentially used for mining on Mars a few days before," she said. "While trying not to fling my laptop across the room because of its annoying persistence to not connect to the Wi-Fi, discovered about and suggested spirulina."

Spirulina is a cyanobacterium under the category of algae and is rich in vitamins – one tablespoon contains four grams of protein. Covering the problems of a continuous supply of protein in space for long-distance trips, they found their experiment.

"When we weren't working on our experiment, 4-H organized multiple activities

for the members of the other three states," Torkzad said. "My personal favorite was when some rangers brought two alligators

"It was certainly my pleasure to work with these future architects of our space industry. They will shape our country's future in space," said the featured astronaut of Go For Launch! 4-H In Space, Jim "J.R." Riley.

"We are thrilled for Team Space Goats and truly grateful for this partnership with 4-H that allowed all their participating students to experience this opportunity," said Michelle Lucas, Founder and CEO of Higher Orbits.

## PET

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how the pads projected the carts during shipping.

According to Valentine, HCA Florida colleagues across the state participated in a "We Show Up for Our Communities service week" by giving back and supporting their local communities.

Orange Park picked PET after it learned more than 800 wheelchairs are constructed at Penney Farms and donated to more than 120 countries so people can enjoy some form of transportation.

"One of the things they talked about was one person can make a difference," she said. "The idea that this missionary came up with to help others and, from my perspective, one person can make a difference – but a team can do so much more.

"And so they were great about making sure our team could contribute in a meaningful way.



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HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital Physicians Liaison Vicki Lee Gibbs punches a new bracket that will be used to construct a Personal Energy Transportation cart for people who suffer from mobility issues.

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# ‘Celebrations’ featuring the Orange Park Art Guild at Thrasher-Horne

By Kylie Cordell  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – For nearly five decades, the Art Guild of Orange Park has enjoyed sharing its talent with the public. The group has exhibited its work in various galleries in the Northeast Florida Area, including Club Continental, the Clay County Courthouse, Mossman Hall and Orange Park Town Hall.

The group’s newest exhibition, “Celebrations,” is displayed at Clay County’s most elegant venue.

“The galleries of the Thrasher-Horne display our art beautifully, and we always look forward to exhibiting there,” said Art Guild Exhibitions Chair Kathy Plante. “This year is quite special for the Art Guild of Orange Park. It’s our 50th anniversary, so the theme, ‘Celebrations!’ is quite appropriate.

“Walking around the exhibit, it’s fascinating looking at the different interpretations of celebration,” Art Guild President Phyllis Renninger said.

Celebration is a 58-piece social event, such as a birthday, a religious observation, or an anniversary. Or it could be “celebrating colors” or they are celebrating family,” she said.

“Celebrations” will run through June 29 at the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts. The gallery is to the public and open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts to schedule your group gallery tour.

Artists were honored at the Gallery’s Opening Reception. Winners included: Toni Charneco Best In Show Award with “50 yrs! The Time of Our Lives.” In Assemblage, Kathy Plante won with “Big Ivan Gets A Tattoo,” while William A. Gura finished second with “NOLA Street Musician” and Mick Ross finished third with “Wheels of Time.”



Winner “Big Ivan Gets A Tattoo”

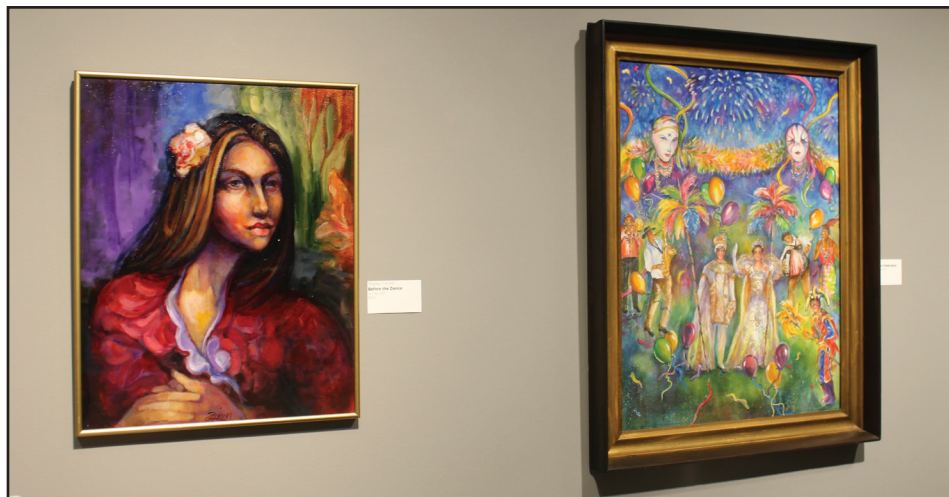
Honorable mention winners were: “Let Us Eat Cake” by Leslie Knizicki and “Beautiful Hisbisuc: Celebrating Your One Day” by Alison McCarley.

Not only does the exhibition allow artists to submit their work for validation and recognition by well-known artists and jurors, but it also provides an opportunity for artists of all levels of experience to present their work to be viewed by the community.

“I don’t think people realize how much talent there is right here in Clay County,” Renninger said.

“We have 117 members right now. We have a fourteen-year-old who is phenomenal. We have seniors who just wanted to take up painting. We have everything from professional artists who commission thousands for their work to artists who just come to learn as well as an art lover.”

Besides the opportunity to exhibit work in the community, the Art Guild of Orange Park presents several one-day workshops taught by well-known local artists. “Every first Tuesday of the month, we bring in a featured artist to facilitate a demo and workshop at our meetings,” Renninger said. “We have everything from photography, 3D, oil, watercolors, pastels, pen and ink.”



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# Primrose School spearheads 1,462 book donation to local schools



Students at Primrose Schools donated books to Island Pediatrics, St. Vincent's Pediatrics of Clay County and Palms Medical of Orange Park as part of its "OG's Bountiful Book Drive" to honor Read Across America Day.

By Martha K. Mayes  
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FLEMING ISLAND – Preschool students at Primrose School did their part to help combat the literacy crisis in America by donating books to local charities as part of their OG's Bountiful Book Drive in honor of Read Across America Day.

Students and families donated new or gently used books that were sent to charities across the country to support underserved children and families.

More than 70,000 children at more than 480 Primrose schools nationwide

participated in the book drive, which also weaves in lessons of compassion, generosity and giving without expectation—the cornerstones of Primrose Schools' Balanced Learning Approach.

The enterprising preschoolers of Primrose worked with the school, their teachers, parents, and other students, making it fun by decorating their boxes and participating in story times.

They donated 1,462 books to "Reach Out and Read," Island Pediatrics, St. Vincent's Pediatrics of Clay County and Palms Medical of Orange Park.

"The value of reading to, and with, chil-

dren really can't be overstated," said Dr. Maria Shaheen, senior director of early childhood education for Primrose Schools. "Reading is the key to so many foundational skills and lessons, from the earliest development of language to understanding the perspective of people who are different from you."

Children of Clay County and children across America were treated to some extra reading fun and different storytime listening last week as the nation took the week to celebrate the March birthday of one of America's most beloved children's authors, Dr. Seuss.



## Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register  
True Life Church  
Clay County

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*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you [who are willing to learn] with My eye upon you." Psalm 32:8 (Amp)*

What's incredible about God and His Word is that there is no end to the wisdom we can find. Even if you've read the entire Bible from cover-to-cover multiple times, you could read it again countless times and still uncover more truth. Its endless wisdom is a beautiful mystery, and we will never truly uncover its depths.

We'd be wasting a crucial opportunity if we didn't make knowledge of God and His Word a priority in our lives. Every season is a good time to learn more about God and His goodness. Spring showers nourish the plants and trees for new growth. God's word is like that. It nourishes and facilitates new growth, new insight, and revelation.

Through God's Word, He teaches us about Himself, us, the world He created, and our role in it. You could say His word is our manual for life. After all, God is our Creator and knows better than anyone what it takes for us to bloom into our full potential. Without our manual, we wouldn't know what we need for our spiritual growth or which direction to take along our journey.

The scriptures contain the very wisdom of God, you can ALWAYS trust in what it has to say. Now that Spring is near, we can lean upon the springtime imagery the Bible uses when it speaks of God's Word. Deuteronomy 32:2 says, *"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants."*

When we let God's wisdom saturate our lives, we grow just like that new grass and those tender plants. Just like grass and plants need water to grow, we need God's love, light, and wisdom to bloom into our full potential. Just as God supplies the rain for the grass, so too does He supply us with our every need along our path of spiritual growth. Look for new areas to grow in your life this season!

You can write the Pastor at pastor-billy@findtruelife.com.

## 121 Financial Credit Union offers BOGO packages for Jumbo Shrimp

Available for six days for people who purchase Game Night Experience tickets



JACKSONVILLE – 121 Financial Credit Union, the official credit union of the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, is offering buy one, get one digital ticket packages from March 13-18 for the 2023 Jumbo Shrimp season.

Visitors to any of 121 Financial Credit Union's eight local branches who purchase a 10-game digital voucher packet will receive an additional 10-game digital voucher packet for 20 vouchers. The voucher packet is \$195 instead of \$390 for two sets of 10-game packages.

The credit union will also enter everyone who purchases a voucher packet into a drawing to win access for as many as 20 people to the credit union's private Skybox

Suite for one game this season.

"We are thrilled to exclusively offer this great ticket deal again this year to our members and the public," said David Marovich, chief executive officer for 121 Financial Credit Union. "Last year nearly set a record for attendance at 121 Financial Ballpark, and we are excited about this year's Jumbo Shrimp season and all of the great promotions and games the minor league baseball team has scheduled. Thirsty Thursday has never been better!"

The 20 digital ticket vouchers are re-

deemable for any game during the 2023 Jumbo Shrimp season with no blackout dates. There is no limit on voucher use per game, meaning voucher holders can use as many as they want. There are no added taxes or additional fees.

Ticket packages must be purchased in person at any 121 Financial Credit Union branch location, including 1714 Blanding Blvd. in Middleburg. Credit union membership is not required.

Tickets will be delivered digitally by the Jumbo Shrimp the week of March 20 using the team's new digital ticketing system, which requires an email login from fans.

The credit union will enter each ticket packet holder into the Private Skybox Suite drawing, with the winner announced on March 20 live on the credit union's Facebook page.

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# Solite

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tent," he said.

While working with Solite, Zelinka greased the kilns' bearings and unloaded plastic, metal and fiberglass barrels with a Bobcat machine.

Greasing the bearings required Michael to crawl dangerously into deep nooks and crannies in the ground without wearing protective gear.

"While I was down there, I felt like my skin started to burn," Zelinka said. "When I got out of there, I complained about it, but they told me it would just go away. They told me, 'It's nothing, don't worry about it.'"

The company would hide the truth from employees about the damaging effects of the reckless practices that they were performing, Zelinka said.

Zelinka wasn't the only employee without protective clothing. Instead, nobody was required to wear it. But the lies and lack of transparency went further than that, the former employee claimed.

He said one ex-employee once jumped into "the scrubber pond" to relieve the pain from the burning heat.

But then, the individual was burned even worse. He said that the pond had acid in it, which ate away at his clothes and skin.

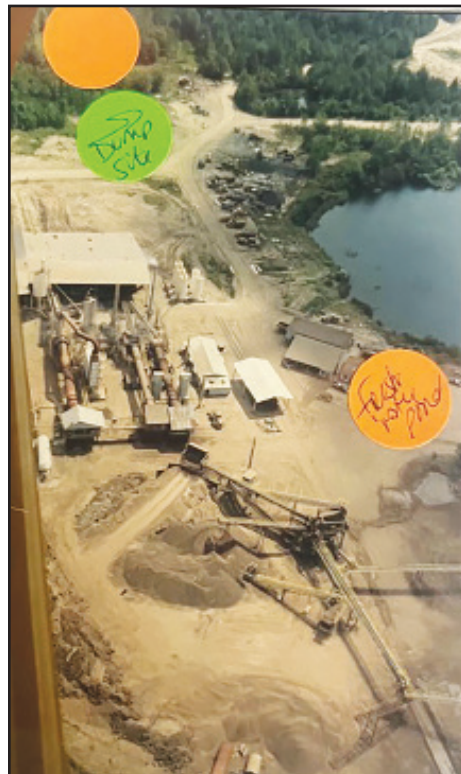
Zelinka said potholes in the road were fixed with a contaminated pile of debris and tables where people ate on Earth Day was washed in a toxic pond, and fish and wildlife on the property would develop cancerous tumors.

Zelinka said that once, he and two co-workers took out a canoe for a fishing trip at the main lake bordering the plant on the property during a break on a night shift.

The ex-employee said that one of his co-workers took a floodlight and pointed down towards the bottom of the body of water, where he witnessed a dragline, boom arm, cars and trucks and more, which included "everything they didn't want or couldn't use anymore."

The whistleblower also claimed several other egregious evils from the company, listing several barrels buried and hidden on the property, which included a system of ponds, peninsulas and lakes utilized to hide the containers and their toxic chemicals.

Zelinka claimed barrels were buried under berms and dumped into the woods off Country Road 209-A, where homes are



CONTRIBUTED: KRISTEN BURKE

This overhead look depicts the system of ponds, lakes, and canals that may have been utilized to hide nefarious chemicals and mask barrels containing toxic waste.

now built.

He suffered from a heart attack during his first stint with the plant, and doctors also found a high level of arsenic in his blood. Zelinka isn't the only one in his family that has suffered from illness, though.

His mother, who lived a mile from the plant, died of breast cancer, and it's even possible that his 7-year-old son could be suffering from the effects of the former Solite site to this day.

Zelinka's son had 11 teeth pulled during an operation last week, and he said another child died at birth.

The problems of Michael and his family could be the beginning of health and safety risks linked to the plant that closed more than 27 years ago.

The plight of residents in the area has attracted the attention of representatives from the Florida House and the Senate.

"I want to make sure our county and the land owners (in the area) get the information for every bit of information we need," said Florida Rep. Sam Garrison (R-Fleming Island). "At some point, the (Department of Environmental Protection) made the determination nothing should happen there. The order should stay in place. Period.

"We need to be 100% certain there is no danger to the community. We need to

err on the side of caution."

On Feb. 21, Burke hosted a private meeting at Russell Baptist for those in the area whose health has been negatively affected could have the opportunity to meet. Each individual could see where they lived compared to the former plant, the diseases they contracted, and the year in which they were diagnosed. She also received their input on other people who have passed away, and the illnesses they lived with and pinpointed their former residence concerning Solite.

Burke is also seeking out a class-action lawsuit for residents and considering hiring an attorney.

Stoneridge Farms, a shell company with the same address as Solite, is not allowed to build homes on the approximately 900-acre property.

That's because the Clay County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a measure placing a moratorium on the rezoning of the property on Nov. 23, 2021, for one year. That moratorium was extended during the BCC's meeting on Nov. 22 meeting, which denied Stoneridge Farms an opportunity to seek residential zoning for at least the remainder of this year.

The property is currently zoned as "Solite."

No one can stop Stoneridge Farms from conducting a sale of the property, but Burke said that her top priority is to continually do everything in her power to stop Solite from being taken off of the consent order for the entire property and hold the company responsible for the testing of the remainder of the property, which totals approximately 700 acres.

"We need the consent order to clean the entire 900 acres until the 'clean' 600 acres are tested due to the evidence we have provided to FDEP of the entire property, and Solite should be responsible until testing and cleanup are complete," Burke said.

Along with the moratorium, BCC is also seeking to help residents, which they expressed in a two-page email sent to the FDEP on March 2.

The email was addressed to FDEP secretary Shawn Hamilton and Environmental Administrator Michelle Smith and aimed to address vast concerns relating to the parcel.

"We request that the FDEP take every step to ensure the safety of Clay County citizens and our environment. To that end, our request specifically includes the updated testing for the 600 acres and financial assurance for the cleanup of the 264 acres and the possible cleanup of the 600 acres," the end of the letter reads, which is signed by Board Chairman Betsy Condon.

Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley (R-Fleming Island) has also been working with Burke and Grimm to ensure the property won't be developed until a review is completed. The group will meet with Garrison and the FDEP this week to determine if new evidence of contamination has been found.

Thus far, the FDEP's only knowledge of contamination has existed in the portion of the property estimated at 200-264 acres where former tests have already detected arsenic, lead and cyanide in the soil.

Solite would likely seek to have the consent order reassigned to Danhour Group CEO Michael Danhour, so they could potentially begin excavating the land.

Danhour, who has long been part of the process, is the likely buyer Stoneridge is seeking to sell the land to, which is information that was confirmed by the DEP in a phone call with Burke three weeks ago.

Burke reiterates her belief that Stoneridge Farms would seek to cut the timber. If work were to be done, it's possible chemicals could be jarred loose and released into the atmosphere.

"As far as we were told by the FDEP, if the consent order was released from the 600 acres, this would not stop them from excavating and cutting down the trees and doing everything they want to. They want to make money on it. They're just going to drain the property of any kind of value they can get from it and leave. That's definitely our concern," she said.



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# DAY TRIPPING

## St. Mary's Shoals Park:

# "The Gem of Northeast Florida"

By Kylie Cordell

GLEN ST. MARY — "We've got 26,042 acres," said St. Mary's Shoals Park Patrolter Steve Harvey. "It's divided basically in half."

According to the St. Mary Shoals Park website, the park encompasses separate facilities and trail systems for OHV operators and "EQUI-PED(AL)" visitors, referring to equestrian and pedestrian guests, hikers, cyclists and any other foot traffic.

"Once you go down the bridge, everything is basically ATV, side-by-sides and motorized vehicles. We have 24.2 miles of motorcycle trails and 22.6 miles of pedestrian and equestrian trails and bicycle trails," Harvey said.

St. Mary's Shoals Park has preserved what old Florida looked like a century ago, complete with Spanish-moss-draped ancient and downed trees, and fish ponds home to catfish, bass and perch. The area has lots of wildlife, from turkeys, deer, some hogs and the occasional black bear, although Harvey said bears have never been a problem for park visitors.

"They are mostly scared of people, so they don't wander into the park too often," he said.

The park opened in 2009 and has operated through various grant funding, including the Florida Communities Trust, FRDAP,

and Recreational Trails Program. "Then they added the ATV side later in 2010," Harvey said. The property is located along the Florida-Georgia border and is flanked by the St. Mary's River on its northern boundary. EQUI-PED(AL) visitors are restricted to the park's eastern section. Entrance to this facility is located at 7777 Odis Yarborough Road. OHV operators are restricted to the park's western section at 7867 Odis Yarborough Road.

"The ATV side is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The walking side is open seven days a week, morning to dusk," Harvey said. The park closes 40 minutes before sunset.

Park visitation costs \$5 a day for passenger vehicles and vehicles with trailers and off-highway vehicles (OHV/ATV). Commercial vehicles carrying more than 10 persons is \$50 per day. Annual passes are available for \$30 per vehicle, or \$25 for Veterans and Seniors.

Besides single and multitrack riding and pedestrian and horse trails, there are many activities for families to enjoy, including nearly two miles of the tannin-stained St. Mary's River and white sandy shores. "We also have access to Cedar Creek," Harvey said.

So what exactly is there to do at the river?

"We're just now letting people bring their kayaks to designated kayak launch points to enjoy the river," he said.

Besides kayaking, shallow banks make for a perfect area to wade in or go for a swim. If you feel like relaxing for a while, then there are plenty of places with wide sandy banks to put out a towel and sunbathe.

In addition to the various ponds scattered across the park, fishing is also available anywhere along the banks of the St. Mary's River or Cedar Creek, which runs through the middle of the park.

Other amenities include pavilions, restrooms and water access for public use. St. Mary's Shoals Park is also the largest



In addition to the St. Mary's River and Cedar Creek, the park features ponds scattered throughout. Bring a pole and catch catfish, bass and perch.

off-highway geocaching location in Baker County. With 2,568 acres, the county website calls it a "geocaching paradise."

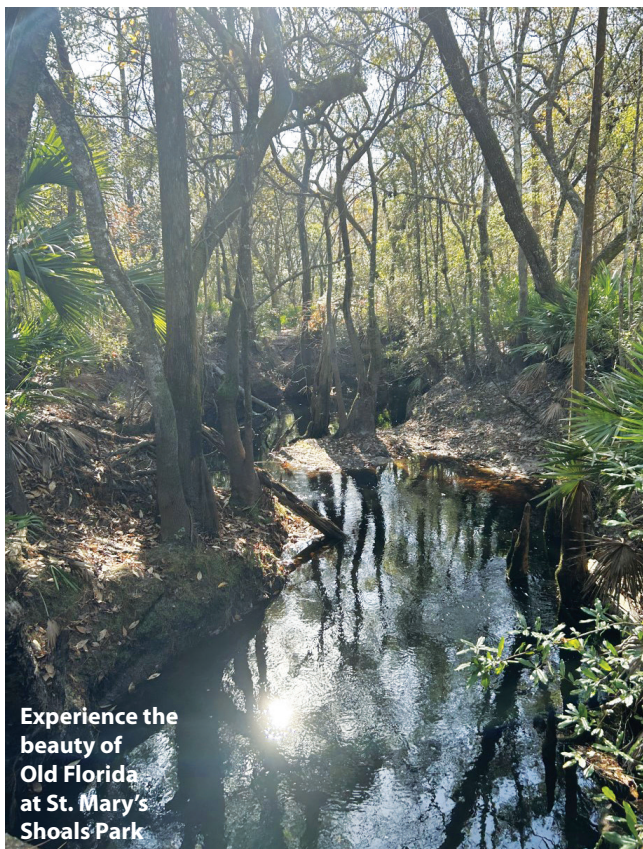
Geocaching is a treasure-hunting game where you use a GPS to hide and seek containers around the property, usually with other participants. However, it's not a race but a nice walk for everyone to enjoy the area where much wildlife can be seen. And there is much more to look forward to, Harvey said.

"We are currently working with the county manager to let people camp on the property. The county is on board with it on a limited basis on primitive camping."

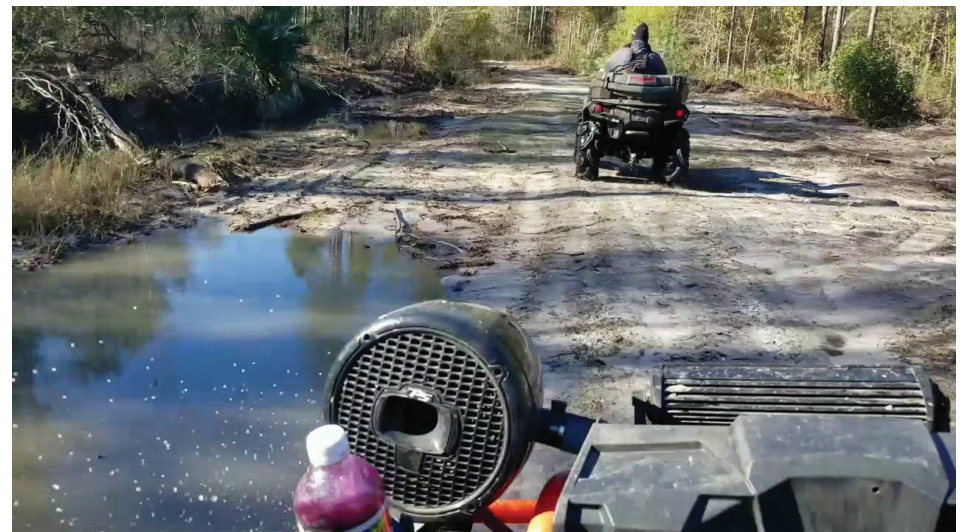
Although camping is not permitted on



the premises, a short drive to Ocean Pond Campground in Sanderson does have first-come, first-serve amenities with water and electrical hookups.



Experience the beauty of Old Florida at St. Mary's Shoals Park



There are two separate sections of the park; one for foot traffic (both two and four-legged) and one for ATVs. The pedestrian side is open seven days a week, dawn to dusk. The ATV trails are open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There is a separate entrance to the ATV park.

## Finally, closure...

# Family, friends remained vigilant after Michael Jackson sentenced to life

By Lee Wardlaw

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – After a prolonged trial that has taken a winding road of twists and turns since Jan. 4, 2007, Micheal Renard Jackson was finally sentenced to life in prison without parole for committing the brutal murder and rape of 25-year-old Andrea Boyer.

Jackson was formally sentenced – for a second time – at the Clay County Courthouse on a rainy, dreary, last Monday on stormy Monday afternoon.

While finally punished and locked away forever, Jackson's trial put the victim's family through two torturous trials in the past 18 years after he initially was sentenced to death for the heinous, criminal, violent act.

Justice was finally served in the county after more than 16 years in a trial that encompassed a large portion of the lives of many of Boyer's family members and friends. Still, it didn't come without plenty of emotional wear and tear along the way for those close to her.

"I'm a little bit melancholy right now because (the trial) has defined a huge portion of my life. I was 18 when this happened and I'm 34 now. My entire adulthood was consumed by this, and my career was defined by this monster (Jackson). Now, we can all move a little bit forward," said Heather Rich, Shad Boyer's sister.

It didn't take long to get to the point



Michael Renard Jackson

during the first trial. The jury only spent 90 minutes to render a guilty verdict. However, the Florida Supreme Court tossed out the verdict after discovering that county deputies made prejudicial comments while on the stand. The COVID-19 pandemic slowed down his trial, as well.

According to Assistant State Attorney Daniel Skinner, this was one of the biggest challenges of the trial for Boyer's loved ones.

"That was the biggest struggle in the case, the long and lengthy period that it took for the trial. Our hearts broke for Shad Boyer's and Andrea Boyer's families, as far as the state was concerned," he said.

Rich said Skinner was integral in the case.

"(Daniel's) role was integral to making sure all of this was successful. Without him, I don't think our family would have been able to make it through 16 years of

this. The fact that he has been with us from the very beginning is incredibly uncommon with how many prosecutors come and go and how cases change hands," Rich said.

She described the family-like bond he fostered with both sides of the Boyer family as the "glue that made it all stick together."

Boyer's mother and father, who have been in Washington together recently, were able to hear Jackson's guilty verdict together on Feb. 18.

"He was able to hear that verdict, which was able to bring him peace and hope," Skinner said.

Dr. Michal Harris, a co-worker and close friend of Boyer's, was one of two that provided a closing victim statement, along with Boyer's niece, Kayli Latner.

Harris said Boyer's death significantly changed the course of the lives of those involved with the case, providing her with increased resilience, care for those around her, and appreciation of everyday life.

"In a very strange way, I think it puts things in a proper perspective for her. If I can live through that, a business can survive that, and a community could lift a business the same way that Clay County lifted the veterinarians' hospital after that happened. It's almost difficult for me to get mad about some things that we get upset about in our daily lives," she said.

But most important: "I'm just really glad that I'll never be in the same room with Micheal R. Jackson for the rest of my

life. That will be a very happy thing for me. I think we're all pretty happy to close this chapter and move on," Harris said.

Jackson spent nearly 20 years in the justice system before finally being sentenced to life in prison. He was on probation for a previous rape when he raped and killed Boyer.

"Michael Jackson has again been convicted of murder and sexual assault and will spend the rest of his life in prison. This was a long journey to justice for Andrea Boyer's family, friends, and the community and result of the commitment of the Clay County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and our prosecutorial team," said State Attorney Melissa Nelson.

Meanwhile, Boyer impacts lives every day. Harris said she posted information about the case to a large online veterinary group with about 65,000 international members. Since then her case has had an immense worldwide impact on the safety of modern veterinary hospitals.

"I can honestly say that what had happened to Andrea has helped change security in the office in probably every country on the planet, and that's pretty cool," Harris said.

Rich, who works in law enforcement, said that the trickle-down effect could affect hundreds to thousands of lives because the case can be used as a teaching moment on investigating homicides in the modern day and the future.

## 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, March 14

Robert R. Miller, 45, Orange Park, DUI  
Bobbijo Gerhardt, 32, Fleming Island, disorderly intoxication

Susan M. Donnelly, 42, Orange Park, domestic battery

Danny A.S. Flores, 28, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Evon M. Baker, 42, Orange Park, false/fraudulent insurance claim

Vanessa M. Fernandez, 38, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Nicole J. Mizell, 44, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine

Lemuel H. Crowder, 52, Orange Park, trafficking-fentanyl substance, selling-crack cocaine

Giovanni Montilla, 34, Green Cove

Springs, three counts possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Benjamin M. Williams, 48, Orange Park, DUI with BAL .15 or greater

Hillary M. Hamilton, 34, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia

### Monday, March 13

Virginia M. Bennett, 52, Keystone Heights, possession-methamphetamine

Kevin J. Jackson, 35, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Michael I.R. Rosa, 26, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Gerson J.H. Silez, 30, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Alvaro E. Rios, 62, Middleburg, lewd/lascivious molestation of child

Brandon W. Anderson, 37, Middleburg, grand theft auto

Tracy L. Bridgon, 62, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control

Demarcus H.L. Hardy, 18, Green Cove Springs, seven counts FTA

Matthew Q. Thigpen, 26, Middleburg, domestic battery

Derek A. Perrotta, 30, Orange Park, possession-marijuana

Micah B. Robinson, 38, Green Cove Springs, non-support

### Sunday, March 12

John W. McWhorter, 45, Middleburg, possession-drug paraphernalia, DWLSR

Aniyah T. Steward, 21, Green Cove Springs, FTA

James A. Simon, 47, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR

Deborah Cearnal, 69, Orange Park, vandalism

Rick A. Lindsey, 49, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Charles M. McClaskey, 34, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, possession-ammunition/firearm by convicted felon

Richard A. Johnson, 23, Fleming Island, DUI

Justin R. Moody, 25, Orange Park, domestic battery

Kirston L. Morrison, 33, Oakleaf, violation of injunction against stalking

Joseph E. Gatz, 36, Middleburg, video voyeurism

Brittany R. Jordan, 34, Keystone

Heights, trespassing

Ana C.G. Perez, 36, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license

Feliciano Juarezacruz, 35, Orange Park, driving without valid license

Zachary N. Gilliam, 22, FTA

### Saturday, March 11

Jason R.P. McKinney, 30, Orange Park, trespassing

Micah B. Robinson, 38, Fleming Island, domestic battery

Leidy T.C. Sabogal, 36, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Kyle A.A. Riffle, 20, Orange Park, possession-marijuana

Curtis L. Courtney, 32, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-controlled substance

Timothy C. Johns, 53, Middleburg, DUI

Noah J. Davis, 41, Keystone Heights, DWLSR, driving without valid registration

Kyle W. McDonald, 43, Middleburg, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement, DWLSR

# Arrests

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## Friday, March 10

Tamara L. Perkins, 36, Orange Park, criminal mischief, possession-marijuana, disorderly intoxication

Joseph M. Mulholland, 26, Fleming Island, driving without valid license, illegal license plate

Johnathan L. Curtis, 44, Fleming Island, possession-cocaine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Christopher L. Tomlinson, 45, Orange Park, shoplifting, possession-Adderall

Brandon D. Justice, 28, Orange Park, petit theft

Alexander J. Buckheit, 24, Orange Park, two counts obtaining controlled substance by fraud,

Howard L. Allen, 54, Orange Park, possession-marijuana

Johnny L. Pressley, 48, Middleburg, three counts domestic battery

Jesus E. Delarosa, 22, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license

Denise Dilk, 27, Orange Park, FTA-driving without valid license

Jeannie M. Nieschulz, 37, Middleburg, battery

Cytheria C. Oliver, 34, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Michelle J. Way, 34, Orange Park, DUI

## Thursday, March 9

Samuel M. Nebeker, 34, Middleburg, assault/battery during burglary, domestic battery

Susan G. Hazelwood, 55, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Jacqueline T. Louis, 57, Orange Park, shoplifting

Qiana N. Vaughn, 42, Green Cove Springs, battery, burglary

Jose M.B. Orengo, 47, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-burglary, VOP-dealing in stolen property, two counts VOP-providing pawn dealer false information, VOP-trafficking in stolen property

Joel T. Batdorf, 40, Orange Park, robbery

Timothy W. Stokes, 37, Green Cove Springs, battery, burglary

Ryan T. Murphy, 25, Orange Park, conspiracy-trafficking fentanyl, trafficking-fentanyl

Hipolito L. Rivas, 65, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Kristopher D. Hatcher, 35, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-methamphetamine, possession-Buprenorphine, possession-drug paraphernalia, DWSLR

Michael R. Williams, 35, Keystone Heights, domestic battery

## Wednesday, March 8

Daniel R. Lyons, 47, Keystone Heights, possession-methamphetamine, possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Jillian K. Miranda, 41, Keystone Heights, possession-methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia

Michael T. Graham, 34, Green Cove Springs, FTA-driving without valid license

Chanaki D. Balfour, 34, Middleburg, shoplifting

Timothy L. Brown, 26, Fleming Island, trespassing

Kenneth L. Craun, 62, Orange Park, battery

Kristopher D. Hatcher, 35, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-Xanax, possession-fentanyl, possession, hydrocodone, possession-oxycodone, possession-clonazepam, possession-drug paraphernalia

# Police Brief

## Man facing litany of drug charges following traffic stops

MIDDLEBURG – A Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy who saw a man run a stop sign wound up uncovering a cache of drugs on March 8.

Kristopher Daniel Hatcher, 35, of Jacksonville, now faces charges of possessing methamphetamine, fentanyl, Xanax, hydrocodone, oxycodone, Clonazepam and drug paraphernalia after K-9 Cash alerted deputies of the likely presence of illegal drugs inside the car.

When Hatcher was removed from his

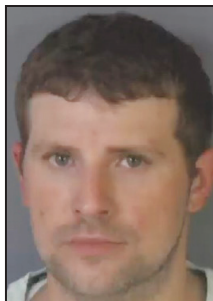
car, a deputy noticed a "bulge" in his left front pocket that proved to be a glass pipe. A search led to the discovery of other drugs. Hatcher told deputies he stuffed methamphetamine and fentanyl in a drink cup to conceal them.

A day later, Hatcher was booked on more drug charges as part of an ongoing investigation that started on Jan 18, when a CCSO deputy said he saw Hatcher hand a woman "clear plastic bags" at Pine Tree Lane and County Road 218.

When CCSO checked his driving record, they learned he had a suspended license. Furthermore, the license tag expired five years ago.

A search of the car uncovered fentanyl, methamphetamine, Buprenorphine and drug paraphernalia. He also was charged with driving with a suspended license.

His total bond for both cases was set at \$175,034.



Kristopher Hatcher

# Community Calendar

**MARKET IN THE PARK:** will be on March 18 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Green Cove Springs City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**ORANGE PARK FARMER'S MARKET:** will be on March 19 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave.

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:** will meet on March 21 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:** will meet on March 23 at 6 p.m. at County Administration Building, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW:** will meet on March 23 at 10 a.m. in the Administration Building, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**BRASS TRANSIT:** will play on March 23, 2023, at the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, which start at \$29, visit thcenter.org or call (904) 276-6815.

**COLLEGE DRIVE FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY:** will return on March 24 to St. Johns River State College at 283 College Dr. in Orange Park.

**MONTGOMERY CENTER FISH FRY FRIDAYS:** will be on March 24 from 4:30-7:30 at the Montgomery Center, 88 SE 75<sup>th</sup> St. in Starke. The fundraiser includes cheese grits, collard greens, scratch-made hushpuppies, drink and dessert. The cost is \$15 for fish dinner, \$20 for fish and shrimp and children \$8.

**HOGS FOR DOGS:** poker run to benefit Clay Humane will be on March 25, starting at Adamec Harley-Davidson, 1520 Wells Road in Orange Park. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at Whitey's Fish Camp on Fleming Island, with stops at Crossroads Saloon, Howlin Wolf, Watering Hole at Smith Lake and Saloon 17. Cost is \$30 a person. To register or for more information, visit clayhumane.org or call (904) 276-7729.

**VIETNAM VETERANS DAY CEREMONY:** will be on March 25 at 10 a.m. at the TAPS Monument, 915 Walnut St. in Green Cove Springs.

**THE EAGLES: HOTEL CALIFORNIA 2023 TOUR:** will on March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com.

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** will meet on March 28 at 4 p.m. in the Administration Building, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW:** will meet on March 30 at 10 a.m. in the Administration Building, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR:** opens on March 30 from 2-11 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2493 State Road 16 West in Green Cove Springs. Concert features X AMBASSADORS with Charlotte

Sands in the Cattleman's Arena at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit claycountyfair.org.

**MONTGOMERY CENTER FISH FRY FRIDAYS:** will be on March 31 from 4:30-7:30 at the Montgomery Center, 88 SE 75<sup>th</sup> St. in Starke. The fundraiser includes cheese grits, collard greens, scratch-made hushpuppies, drink and dessert. The cost is \$15 for fish dinner, \$20 for fish and shrimp and children \$8.

**DISNEY ON ICE: INTO THE MAGIC:** will be on March 31-April 2 at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville. March 31 show is at 7 p.m.; April 1 shows are at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; April 2 shows are at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com.

**CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR:** will continue on March 31 from 10 a.m.-midnight at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2493 State Road 16 West in Green Cove Springs. Concert features Niko Moon with Cooper Alan. For tickets, visit claycountyfair.org.

**MARKET AND MUSIC AT THE COVE PLAZA:** will be on April 1 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1415 S. Orange Ave. in Green Cove Springs. Fresh produce, food trucks, home décor, music, jewelry and hourly giveaway will be offered. For more information, email showcaseevents17@gmail.com.

**CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR:** will continue on April 1 from 10 a.m.-midnight at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2493 State Road 16 West in Green Cove Springs. Concert features Chris Janson with Shane Proffitt. For tickets, visit claycountyfair.org.

**CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR:** will continue on April 2 from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2493 State Road 16 West in Green Cove Springs. Concert features Tracy Lawrence with Cumberland. For tickets, visit claycountyfair.org.

**ORANGE PARK FARMER'S MARKET:** will be on April 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave.

**CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR:** will continue on April 3 from 4-11 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2493 State Road 16 West in Green Cove Springs. Concert features Casting Crowns with We Are Messengers and Ben Fuller. For tickets, visit claycountyfair.org.

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL:** will meet on April 3 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 555 S. Lawrence Blvd.

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:** will meet on April 4 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR:** will continue on April 4 from 4-11 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2493 State Road 16 West in Green Cove Springs. Concert features Ashley McBryde with Lily Rose. For tickets, visit claycountyfair.org.



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## Oakleaf lone unbeaten for area baseball

**Clay (7-1) vs. Oakleaf (8-0):**  
**March 14**  
**Jax Baseball Grounds**

By Randy Lefko  
*Sports Editor*

OAKLEAF - Clay County baseball stormed from season openers until about game five before the first hiccup occurred as diamond fans are promised a bevy of playoff potential action after the March Spring Break. As of Mon., March 13, Oakleaf was the lone unbeaten starter at 7-0 with the Knights upping the ante to 8-0 with a win over Episcopal, 4-2. Hot news is Oakleaf and Clay play Tues., March 13 at the Jacksonville Baseball Grounds.

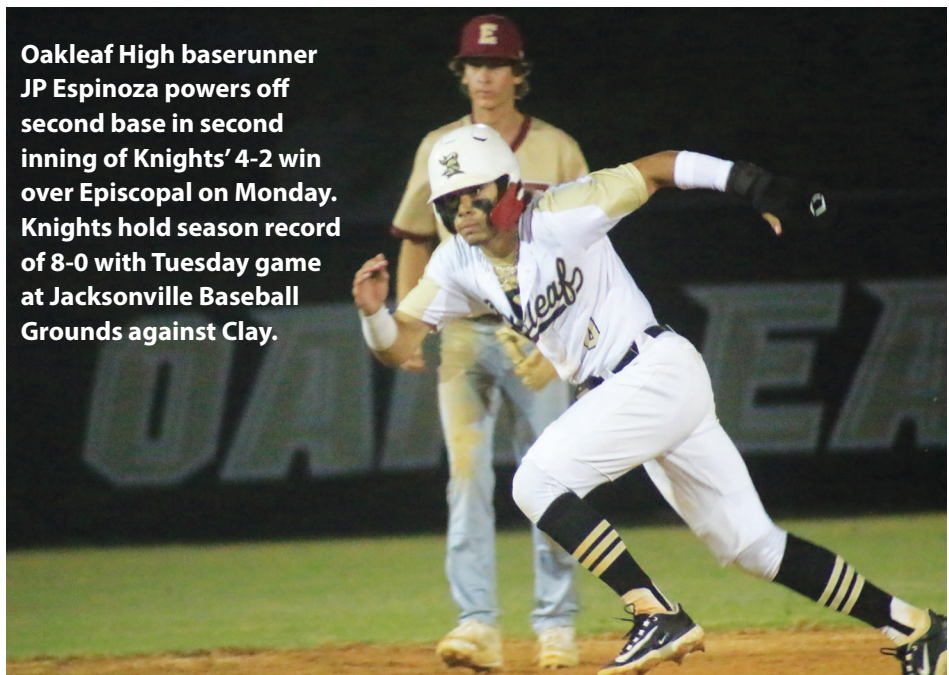
With a new coach at Fleming Island; Gil Morales, noted multiple state champion coach at numerous high schools in-

cluding Eagle's View and Trinity Christian Academy, two guys getting entrenched in their second and third years in successful programs; Saul Jimenez at Ridgeview and Matthew Carter at Oakleaf, three veteran chiefs that know their game with years of proof; Clay High's Joshua Persinger, St. Johns Country Day School's Tom Lucas and Middleburg's Danny Pearce, plus a familiar name at Keystone Heights; Mattox, with Jesse Mattox taking the reigns from long-tenured coach Alan Mattox. The new guy in the mix is Orange Park's George Eldridge who has the Raiders in a winning slide after a few tough seasons.

After two preseason losses, Carter and Oakleaf (8-0 after Monday 4-2 win over Episcopal) has stacked up impressive wins with big bats with two wins in

**SEE OAKLEAF, 22**

**Oakleaf High baserunner JP Espinoza powers off second base in second inning of Knights' 4-2 win over Episcopal on Monday. Knights hold season record of 8-0 with Tuesday game at Jacksonville Baseball Grounds against Clay.**



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

## Maddox doing the Aaron Rodgers for Fleming flags



Fleming Island flag quarterback Mykayla Maddox has been power player for unbeaten Golden Eagles flag team, 4-0.

By Randy Lefko  
*Sports Editor*

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High's flag football squad is looking like a repeat to the 2A Final Four is imminent with senior quarterback/safety Mykayla Maddox putting up Aaron Rodgers-type numbers as quarterback while being Deion Sanders-like hawk in the defensive backfield for coach Clinton Lyons.

With the Golden Eagles at an incredible 4-0 with still no points scored against them and win totals of 20, 19, 40 and 32, Maddox and company; mainly Gabi Musa as her wingman in the offensive backfield and as a lead rusher on the defense, have been untouchable on both sides of the ball.

From statistician Mike Lyons, Maddox has games of 133 yards, four TDs plus two interceptions versus Mandarin; 88 yards rushing and four scores with 145 yards in the air with a score in 32-0 win over Ed White.

Add to the fast moving mix, basketball ace London Jenkins is quick to the ball on both sides with glue fingered Taylor Thompson one of the more reliable downfield targets. Thompson and soccer ace Megan Cobb both have three TD pass scores.

Ridgeview, at 2-1, has quarterback Nia Blocton running the show with Miabella Gutierrez still one of the fastest vertical receivers in the county. Paetyn Miller, as middle linebacker, covers sideline to sideline ground better than any defender on the field.

Oakleaf, 1-3, has a tough throw to catch combination in quarterback Kamiyah Jones and wide receiver Demyah Jackson (7 catches, 2TDs) with Shayla Husnic a nifty scatback out of the backfield. Kailey Hogan leads the defensive push up front.

Orange Park, 1-3, opened with losses

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Sara Slettebo, owner of Dry in Stride retractable towels shows off her invention that created quite the stir at the Gate River Run 15K expo last week.

## Dry in Stride keeps Gate River Run dry

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - Runners at the week long Gate River Run 15K expo are always on the hunt for the latest techno shoe, or super-cool sunglasses or high-tech wrist watch.

From their living room in Oakleaf, packed with a dozen moving boxes with their invention, Sara Slettebo, a frequent gym and running athlete, decided she was just tired of having to grab a towel, use her sweaty shirt or just wipe away sweat from her brow with her even sweatier hand.

"I was tired of forgetting my towels for the gym or using my yucky shirt to wipe my face and decided to invent something," said Slettebo, who claimed husband Kelly was the "reality" check for her numerous invention ideas. "Every athlete has had to find a towel in the middle of a workout and it is usually on the floor or stuffed in the gym bag or in the waist band of sweaty shorts."

Slettebo's answer, seven years after prototyping one of the more unique ideas that launched at the Gate River Run expo last week, was her Dry in Stride retractable towel. Note: Two Dry in Strides were sold right as this interview was being done at the Gate River Run expo.

"We figured since the Gate River Run has inspired us to run; husband Kelly, and millions of others, what better way to validate our idea," said Slettebo, noting her Gate River Run price of two towels; 10 inch by 10 inch or 13 x 13, for \$15.99 was crazy popular. "The response has been overwhelming almost to the point that we now may have to move out of our living room. We sold everything we carried in plus had people find us after the race to ask where more could be bought. Crazy."

Slettebo's original idea; noting she

called herself a serial entrepreneur as far back as a handheld soap contraption in elementary school, was to make a fabric that was a super towel that was attached and hard to lose.

"It is attached to your shorts or shirt or a pocket, it is reusable and it is made of a bamboo fiber that is quick to dry," said Slettebo. "We are patent pending with the bamboo towel being about five times more absorbent than a cotton towel."

Slettebo also mentioned that the bamboo construction has an added bonus of being sustainable.

"Some bamboo is grown as fast as three feet per day," said Slettebo.

The retractable reel that attaches to any belt or the elastic band of workout clothes is similar to an identification sling or a small key ring sling. The towel itself has a snap in the center that attaches to the reel's line.

"The towels retract about three and half feet," said Slettebo. "If you need to reach your face, your legs or even a child's face in the stroller, it can reach."

The early beginnings of the Dry in Stride idea took about a year for Slettebo to get the right idea on paper, engineered and market tested.

"I had great friends that chipped in ideas as to the heaviness of the clip, the fabrics, the type of clip so it stays on the person and doesn't fall off and then we started making them in our dining room," said Slettebo, noting 50 different fabrics were tried. "We are now at the point where our manufacturer is going to start making them with three more color patterns and we will probably expand some of the ideas for different applications like auto mechanics, health professions and golfers and even Jaguars games."

## Oakleaf

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Georgia (15-0 and 5-2), before romping through FSU High 9-0, Atlantic Coast 5-1, Bolles 7-0 and Orange Park 5-0. A pre-Spring Break romp, 13-2, over Beachside left the Knights looking forward to a week of Episcopal, Clay, St. Johns Country Day School and Ponte Vedra for the second half of March.

Clay, the last unbeaten to leave the stable (7-1), had a roll of nine; two in pre-season, to open before falling to Bishop Kenny 3-2 on March 9. The Blue Devils, with sophomore Easton McMahan (related to Middleburg power hurler Pearson McMahan of a few years ago) ruling the mound while posting six runs batted in with a .261 batting average (1HR), also had two wins in Georgia; one a 14-4 pounding of Tallulah Falls, the other a 3-1 over Irwin County. Clay, ironically, faces Oakleaf, unbeaten after a 4-2 win over Episcopal on Mon., March 13 to go 8-0. Oakleaf also faces a gauntlet to finish March with Arnold High out of Panama City, Bartram Trail with former Fleming Island coach Grant Biglin (6A runnerup finish), Ponte Vedra and the surprisingly to some, Middleburg High Broncos. Middleburg opened with losses, but Pearce and long-time dugout comrade Alan Burnsed don't play the short game and have developed one of the more unpredictable programs in north Florida.

Fleming Island (6-1) seemed destined behind seniors Gavin Billingsley and Abram Summers, both above .400 batting averages, to make the March 10 showdown (Rain delayed to March 31) with Clay a battle of titans, but the Golden Eagles got surprised by a solid 3A-Providence, (losses to fourth-ranked 7A-Sparkman High (AL) and Trinity Christian Academy) team in game three before rattling off four wins prior to the Clay postponement.

Ridgeview (6-2) opened like the others with five wins with two games mercied with wins of 15-1 and 19-4 as the Panther bats and basepath acumen has vastly improved. Coach Saul Jimenez has sunk in his aggressive offensive tactical command with strong defensive play led by senior shortstop Billy Girgis. Jimenez ends March

with Fleming Island (March 29) then has Oakleaf and Clay in the first two weeks of April to set up a district run.

Keystone Heights (5-2) had the unenviable task of opening with Clay (6-3 loss) before tearing through four wins in six games with runs of 9, 9, 13, 9 and 10 before getting goosed by North Marion 4-0 on March 7. Mattox has the Indians hitting at a .328 team average with Ryan Jones, Gage Smith, Kenneth Guy, Andrew Wilson all bringing big bats behind team leader Noah Branch's crazy .562 average with nine RBIs. Jones and Guy hit three triple between the pair in win over Williston last week.

Orange Park, 5-4, has shown vast improvement with the last winning season for the Raiders a Fred Matricardi-led 13-6 in 2009. The Raiders will move step by step to an improved atmosphere behind efforts juniors Tyson Cruz and Hayden Hooks both hitting over .400 and three just under .400.

Over at St. Johns Country Day School, Lucas has revved up his baseball machine to answer the challenge of returning to the Class 2A front lines with the Spartans ranked second in 2A (behind Canterbury) with one of the highest strength of schedule ratings.

St. Johns, with a 7.0 strength rating, will face off April 6 with Clay, with a 5.9 strength rating, as two of the top area teams playing monster schedules in Florida and around the southeast (mainly Georgia at this stage). St. Johns normally wicked batting lineup already has four homers with four players above .400; Hunter Rodgers (.500), Kody Daneault (.455), Jacob Thomas (.429) and Kyle Boylston (.400). Lucas also has 14 stolen bases for his Spartans; four from Daneault.

Rankings:

Class 2A: 1. Canterbury (Fort Myers, 6-0), 2. St. Johns Country Day School (7-2)

Class 3A: 1. Montverde Academy (7-1), 9. Trinity Christian (6-2), 15. Bolles (4-3), 17. Keystone Heights (5-2)

Class 5A: 1. Archbishop McCarthy (Fort Lauderdale, 9-0), 3. Tallahassee Lincoln (6-1), 5. Clay (7-1), 14. Ridgeview (6-2)

Class 6A: 1. Tallahassee Leon (6-1), 3. Gainesville Buchholz (4-1), 8. Oakleaf (8-0), 17. Fleming Island (6-1)

**Eddie Carrasco, father of Oakleaf High baseball player Isaiah Carrasco, acknowledges Ridgeview baseball crowd before throwing first pitch in recent game. Isaiah Carrasco suffered severed spine and brain injuries in June 2022 car crash and is still battling to recover. Check Gofundme account for Isaiah Carrasco if interested.**



# Blue Devils softball running amuck

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Area softball teams have been shaking off last year's graduation losses with lineups maneuvering to get optimum results and Clay coach Matt Lewis may be just a tad ahead of the curve with his Blue Devils, ranked eighth in Class 5A, running strong despite two recent tournament losses to two top programs; Williston (11-1, top ranked Class 1A) and Trenton (5-3-1, 14th ranked 1A) both state ranked powerhouses.

Senior Gabbi Ellis is the shoulder that carries the Blue Devils with a .481 batting average and a 6-1 untouchable pitching presence on the mound; 69 strikeouts in 44 innings. Do the math; that means most opponents might (Might) get one batter to put wood on the ball per inning.

Junior Kendyll Mann, one of the Final Four Fantastic Females from last year, is hitting .346 with a team leading six RBIs.

Oakleaf, with a blasting of Middleburg (9-1) last week, may be finding their groove of yesteryear behind the one-two punch of Ciara and Mariyah while coach Heather Han grooms sophomore hurler Charlotte Maddox. Once Meshayla Pettaway finds her swing, watch out.

Middleburg coach Ashley Houston, 4-3, showed last year that she knows how to take a punch and keep chugging and the 9-1 whip by Oakleaf will be a teaching moment for sure. Houston has a bevy of state champion pedigree returners led by infielder Kaelyn Hagan and junior Ali Seibel. Once Houston grooms transfer pitcher Libby Bennett, Ridgeview last year, the Bronco pitching staff will feature two power arms in Bennett and Morgan Beckham. Then the fun begins.

Fleming Island, 3-6, had had some glimpse of dangerous intentions with timely bats, but the Golden Eagles opened with a gauntlet of Ponte Vedra, Clay, Palatka and Oakleaf before taking a breath and pummeling Beachside. Coach kid Alexis Bucklew holds a .476 batting average with Galey Spearman and Brooke Wilson both over .400.

Ridgeview's new coach Angela Agurkis has taken some lumps after a strong opening; Ponte Vedra 7-0 loss, 5-0 to West Nassau and 3-2 to Clay, and the trend is she is getting her competitive nature to assimilate to the team.

Former second base, now shortstop Kyiera "The Hammer" Torrence has been the leader of a three player attack force with Haylee McCrae and Girgis that gets on base and makes dust on the paths.

Orange Park coach Lee Taylor is a guy that runs under the radar, but has some pretty substantial results in his long tenure. With daughter Lexi Taylor on his side, the duo has had parts in some pretty dramatic Raider history and the present team, at 6-2, may benefit from that.

Sophomore Zoe Pascoe is a basher with a .600 batting average (also a great fisherman) and with seven stolen bases to 13 runs scored; a total package.

With some defensive work, the Lady Raiders could be formidable with a young crew of bashers in the batters box.

And St. Johns Country Day School, in quiet fashion, is all of a sudden 4-0 with all games in double figures; 15-1, 21-2, 12-2 and 18-0. Megan Jeffers, a sophomore, has 10 hits in 13 at bats with an astounding 12 RBIs and two homers. Oh yeah, she has a .769 batting average.LOL.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Clay High senior pitcher Gabbi Ellis has been fireballing opponents as the Lady Blue Devils own a 7-2 season record near the midway point.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

In a close call at home plate, Oakleaf High's Mariyah Sanchez beat the tag of Middleburg's Alyssa Prather in Knights' 9-1 win.



Ridgeview High catcher Haylee McCrae is key component in Panthers push to return to Final Four under new coach Angela Agurkis, right. Agurkis was state champion catcher for Oakleaf High School.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Middleburg's latest speedster is Desiree "Terminator" Hall, a former destruction expert as a defensive rusher for Lady Broncos.



Oakleaf High has basketball ace Kamiyah Jones running the shoe at quarterback with her speed and agility making for big gains for Knights offense.



Ridgeview High senior basketball ace Paetyn Miller, here in her linebacker slot, is sideline-to-sideline defensive whiz for Panthers.

## MADDOX

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to Middleburg, Keystone Heights and Bradford before turning out a 27-6 win over Bishop Snyder on March 9.

Middleburg's win over Orange Park was the lone victory with the Broncos dropping a thrilling 13-12 contest to unbeaten Keystone Heights, now 3-0.

Keystone Heights has basketball ace Dezaray Bright behind center with four passing scores and 314 yards via air with soccer ace Emma Hutchins top rusher with 313 yards; one a 70 yard jaunt, and two scores. Kendall Gagnon is Brights favorite target with nine targets; a 28 yarder the longest.

Clay High, who started the whole flag football dominance mess in Clay County, has a 33-0 win over Palatka.

## Scenes from Sawgrass

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Scott Scheffler, right, scorched the Sunday final round of the Players Championship golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass to take home the \$4.5 million first place check. Scheffler, finishing at 17-under par, was able to cruise in the final round with runnerup Tyrrell Hatton in at 12-under with a best round of 7-under par 65. Scheffler also won the Master's Tournament in August. Scheffler had rounds of 68, 69, 65 and 69 for his 271 total. Hatton, of England, finished with a 276 total.





Channell  
with  
the snag!



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Former Keystone Heights High softball great Savannah Channell, now a junior shortstop at the University of North Florida, made this spectacular reach to steal a Troy University base hit in a Sat., March 3 tournament win at UNF.



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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Clay County, Florida:  
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO WIT: LOT 1, BLOCK 4, LOT 13, BLOCK 13, LOT 18, BLOCK 55, LOT 19, BLOCK 55 OF HIGHBRIDGE ESTATES. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 38 THROUGH 44 INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on The Law Office of C.W. Wickersham, Jr., P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, at 2720 Park Street, Suite 205, Jacksonville, Florida, 32205, Phone Number: (904) 389-6202, not less than 28 nor more than 60 days of the first date of publication of this Notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a Default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. DATED this 6TH day of March, 2023. Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Gracie Moore  
As Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60773 Published 3/16/2023 and 3/23/2023 3/30/2023 and 4/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C GULLEN, 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.: 3678/2018  
Legal Description: PRCLS 2 & 3 BLK 20 TOWNSITE LAKE GENEVA AS REC O R 1139 PG  
115,1506 PG 18 & 20 & 1890 PG 815  
Parcel ID No.: 200823-021899-003-00  
Opening Bid Amount: \$11,966.78  
Physical Address: 6416 CASCADE DR., KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
Classification: MOBILE HOME  
Name in which assessed: AUBRIE R CUDDY  
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 3rd day of May, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.  
Dated this 6th day of March, 2023  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60769 Published 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023 3/23/2023 and 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: JEFFREY W KOCH-BB8 FINANCIAL, 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.: 833/2016  
Legal Description: LOT 11 BLK 80 HIGHBRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2643 PG 977  
Parcel ID No.: 220823-003869-000-00  
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,842.38  
Physical Address: 6101 JUILLIARD AVE., KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: IRINA CHAM-CHOUROVA  
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 March, 2023  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60767 Published 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023, 3/23/2023 and 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MARK H FINK, 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.: 912/2016  
Legal Description: LOT 19 BLK 104 HIGHBRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 571 PG 699  
Parcel ID No.: 160823-004419-000-00  
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,601.19  
Physical Address: 7059 CLEMSON ST., KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: EVELYN HARTNESS (HEIRS)  
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 March, 2023  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60766 Published 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023, 3/23/2023 and 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MARK H FINK, 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.: 865/2016  
Legal Description: LOT 4 BLK 92 HIGHBRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 386 PG 430  
Parcel ID No.: 210823-004157-000-00  
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,817.93  
Physical Address: 6327 REED DR., KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: ANDREW K HOW-ANEC  
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 March, 2023  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60765 Published 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023, 3/23/2023 and 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MARK H FINK, 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.: 782/2016  
Legal Description: LOT 20 BLK 64 HIGHBRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 13530 PG 1604 DUVAL & 2906 PG 1262  
Parcel ID No.: 220823-003547-000-00  
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,555.41  
Physical Address: 6127 CENTER CIRCLE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: KRISTIN CHANDLER  
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 March, 2023  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60764 Published 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023, 3/23/2023 and 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MARK H FINK, 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.: 716/2016  
Legal Description: LOT 18 BLK 39 HIGHBRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2657 PG 1443  
Parcel ID No.: 210823-003064-000-00  
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,800.01  
Physical Address: 6328 DRAKE AVE., KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: JON MARKING  
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 March, 2023  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60763 Published 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023, 3/23/2023 and 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MARK H FINK, 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.: 703/2016  
Legal Description: LOT 2 BLK 36 HIGHBRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 1451 PG 2175  
Parcel ID No.: 200823-003001-000-00  
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,601.19  
Physical Address: 6476 BAYLOR AVE., KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: PAUL T COPPI  
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 March, 2023  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60762 Published 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023, 3/23/2023 and 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MARK H FINK, 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.: 651/2016  
Legal Description: LOT 3 BLK 19 HIGHBRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 1638 PG 1664, 2230 PG  
1000 & 3393 PG 189  
Parcel ID No.: 210823-002683-000-00  
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,592.23  
Physical Address: 7165 WESLEYAN, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: JOHN W COATS  
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 March, 2023  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60761 Published 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023, 3/23/2023 and 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2022CA001208 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, Vs. DANIEL JAMES SPRINGER A/K/A DANIEL J. SPRINGER, et al., Defendants.  
To: DANIEL JAMES SPRINGER A/K/A DANIEL J. SPRINGER  
2867 WOODBRIDGE CROSSING, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL JAMES SPRINGER A/K/A DANIEL J. SPRINGER  
2867 WOODBRIDGE CROSSING, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:  
LOT 19, ROLLING HILLS UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 51, PAGES 36 THROUGH 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
Has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Sara Collins, McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, 225 E. Robinson St. Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 1st day of March, 2023.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
As Clerk of the Court  
BY: Gracie Moore  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60755 Published 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## LEGAL NOTICE

A request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan 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 amendment 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 application and proposed changes is noted below:  
Application No: CP-1-2023  
Acreage: 9.83 +/-  
Current Land Use Category: Mixed Use (MU)  
Proposed Land Use Category: Public /Semi Public (P)  
Owner: PIV Kingsley, LLC  
Current or previous use: Vacant - former church and school  
Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Town Council 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 of the application may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. by appointment.  
Courtney Russo, Town Clerk  
Legal 60752 Published 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2023CA000143 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, SUCCESSOR TO THE BANK OF NEW YORK, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, 2007-1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOHN JOSEPH MINORICS A/K/A JOHN JOSEPH MINORICS, III, DECEASED; ET AL., Defendants.

To the following Defendant(s): UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOHN JOSEPH MINORICS A/K/A JOHN JOSEPH MINORICS, III, DECEASED (LAST KNOWN ADDRESS-UNKNOWN) YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: LOTS 8 & 9, BLOCK 1 SECTION 19, RIDGEWOOD DIVISION OF ORANGE PARK, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK Q, PAGE 663 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA. a/k/a 465 Taylor Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32065

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, upon Heller, Zion & Sanchez, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 1428 Brickell Avenue, Suite 600, Miami, FL 33131, Designated Email Address: mail@hellerzion.com, on or before , a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the CLAY TODAY 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 Verified Complaint to Foreclose Mortgage.

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 crin@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. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 2nd day of March, 2023.  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Leigh Lucroy  
As Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60586 Published 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2020CA000271 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DONALD RAY OWENS SR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD OWENS SR; UNKONWN TENANT; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; KIMBERLY ANN OWENS A/K/A KIMBERLY ANN MCDOWELL; DONALD RAY OWENS JR.; DONALD RAY OWENS III, et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure

dated FEB 23 2023, and entered in 2020CA000271 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY COUNTY, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A is the Plaintiff and UNKONWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DONALD RAY OWENS SR.; UNKOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD OWENS SR; UNKONWN TENANT; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; KIMBERLY ANN OWENS A/K/A KIMBERLY ANN MCDOWELL; DONALD RAY OWENS JR.; DONALD RAY OWENS 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.realeforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on JUN 23 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 188, BLACK CREEK PARK UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 34 THROUGH 49, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 2471 HALPERNS WAY 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 24 day of Feb , 2023.  
Tara S. Green  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Gracie Moore  
As Deputy Clerk  
IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crin@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 60560 Published 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 10-2022-CA-000366 Division NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Plaintiff, vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF HENRY ELLISON JONES, JR., A/K/A HENRY E. JONES, JR., A/K/A HENRY JONES, DECEASED; IAN M. SCHROEDER A/K/A IAN MICHAEL SCHROEDER A/K/A IAN SCHROEDER, AS KNOWN HEIR OF HENRY ELLISON JONES, JR., A/K/A HENRY E. JONES, JR., A/K/A HENRY JONES, DECEASED; SHAWN R. SHROEDER A/K/A SHAWN RYAN SCHROEDER A/K/A SHAWN SCHROEDER, AS KNOWN HEIR OF HENRY ELLISON JONES, JR., A/K/A HENRY E. JONES, JR., A/K/A HENRY E. JONES, JR., A/K/A HENRY JONES, DECEASED, et al. Defendants.

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF HENRY ELLISON JONES, JR., A/K/A HENRY E. JONES, JR., A/K/A HENRY JONES, DECEASED CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN SHAWN R. SHROEDER A/K/A SHAWN RYAN SCHROEDER A/K/A SHAWN SCHROEDER, AS KNOWN HEIR OF HENRY ELLISON JONES, JR., A/K/A HENRY E. JONES, JR., A/K/A HENRY JONES, DECEASED  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 1638 KRAMER STREET NE WASHINGTON, DC 20002  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHAWN R. SHROEDER A/K/A SHAWN RYAN SCHROEDER A/K/A SHAWN SCHROEDER A/K/A SHAWN SCHROEDER  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 1638 KRAMER STREET NE WASHINGTON, DC 20002  
You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida: LOT 51, GLEN LAUREL UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31, PAGES 56,57,58 AND 59 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

commonly known as 3091 WAVERING LANE, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jennifer M. Scott of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813) 229-0900, on or before 30 days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated: February 27, 2023. CLERK OF THE COURT Honorable TARA S. GREEN P O BOX 698 GREEN COVE SPRINGS, Florida 32043 By: Leigh Lucroy Deputy Clerk 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 crin@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 60559 Published 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 2020CC000348 DIV: D THE TREATMENT OF CLAY COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff, vs. JOHN R. TALIAFERRO; ET AL. Defendants.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that under an Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 24, 2023, in case number 2020-CC-000348 of the County Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, in which THE TREATMENT OF CLAY COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., was the Plaintiff and JOHN R. TALIAFERRO; LYNETTE G. TALIAFERRO; 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, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS were the Defendants, Tara S. Green, Clay County Clerk of Court, shall offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Clay County's Public Auction website (www.clay.realeforeclose.com) Clay County, Florida on March 29, 2023, at 10:00a.m., the following described property: LOT 8, RETREAT UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 45, PAGES 42-51 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 2668 Ravine Hill Drive, Middleburg, FL 32068. IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, IF ANY, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS. DATED on February 28, 2023 in Green Cove Springs, CLAY COUNTY, Florida. Tara S. Green  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Jennifer Broskey  
As Deputy Clerk  
Legal 60129 Published 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-000087 Division B IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWINA MILLICAN RICHARDS, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of EDWINA MILLICAN RICHARDS, deceased, whose date of death was October 7, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court 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 FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FROVER 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 9, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR. Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar Number: 887950 Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M. Attorneys at Law, P.A. 1543 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 5 Orange Park, FL 32073 Telephone: (904) 264-8800 Fax: (904) 264-0155 Primary email address: grady@floridae-lder.com

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Secondary email address: renee@floridaelder.com Personal Representative: MEREDITH LEE ABELL 3500 East Fork Road Brevard, NC 28712 Legal 60128 Published 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION IN EMINENT DOMAIN AND NOTICE OF HEARING OF CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 2023-CA-145 Parcel 717 STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Petitioner, vs. GLENDORA MEDICAL INVESTMENT CO., LLC, a California limited liability company; 220 VINEYARD, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; DOLGENCORP LLC, a Kentucky limited liability company; HCN BANK f/k/a THE HEMET BANK a California corporation; and DIANE HUTCHINGS, Clay County Tax Collector, Defendants. STATE OF FLORIDA TO: To the above named Defendants and all said Defendants who are living, and if any or all Defendants are deceased, the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against any such deceased Defendant or Defendants, if alive, and, if dead, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, legatees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any such deceased Defendant or Defendants, and all other parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the property described in the Petition, to-wit: Item # 4307192 Parcel 717 CR 220 - Clay County Section No. 71580 County Road No. 220 Clay County F.P. No. 4307192 Parcel No. 717 Temporary Construction Easement A temporary construction easement for the purpose of construction of new paved business entrance and tie-in existing asphalt with curb and gutter, and modifications to existing concrete sidewalk, tying in, conforming, harmonizing, and/or reconnecting existing grade, slope, pavement, drainage, utility, driveway, walkway, turnout, and/or other features located on or within the real property described below, with the construction undertaken by the Department on adjacent County Road No. 220, as part of the above-referenced financial project (collectively the "Reconnection Work"), together with related incidental purposes necessary to complete the Reconnection Work. A Part Of Section 4, Township 5 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida, Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Commence At The North 1/4 Corner Of Section 4, Township 5 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida; Thence South 89°22'59" West, Along The North Line Of Said Section 4, A Distance Of 434.80 Feet To The Baseline Of Survey Of County Road No. 220 (As Per Florida Department Of Transportation Right Of Way Map Section 71580, F.P. No. 4307192, Having A Variable Width Right Of Way); Thence South 34°46'39" West, Along Said Baseline Of Survey Of County Road No. 220, A Distance Of 701.39 Feet; Thence North 55°13'21" West, A Distance Of 50.00 Feet To The Northwesterly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Said County Road No. 220, And To The Point Of Beginning; Thence North 55°12'15" West, A Distance Of 25.00 Feet; Thence North 34°46'39" East, A Distance Of 76.02 Feet; Thence South 55°13'21" East, A Distance Of 25.00 Feet To Said Northwesterly Existing Right Of Way Line Of County Road No. 220; Thence South 34°46'39" West, Along Said Northwesterly Existing Right Of Way Line, A Distance Of 76.03 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Containing: 1,901 Square Feet, More Or Less. THIS EASEMENT shall be for a period of sixty-five (65) months commencing on the date the State of Florida Department of Transportation becomes the owner of this easement. Being a Part of Tax Parcel No. 040525-008993-002-00 A petition in eminent domain has been filed to acquire certain property interests in Clay County, Florida. Each Defendant is required to serve written defenses to the petition on Petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are shown below, on or before June 26, 2023 and to file the original of the defenses with the clerk of this court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter, showing what right, title, interest or lien Defendant has in or to the property described in the petition and to show cause why that property should not be taken for the uses and purposes set forth in the petition. If any Defendant fails to do so, a default will be entered against that Defendant for the relief demanded in the petition. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a declaration of taking has been filed in this cause and that Petitioner will apply for an Order of Taking and any other order the court deems proper before the Honorable Don Lester, one of the Judges of this Court, on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., (one hour

is reserved) in Hearing Room 4-077 at the Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida. All Defendants to this suit may request a hearing at the time and place designated and be heard at the time and place designated and be heard. Any Defendant failing to file a request for hearing shall waive any right to object to the Order of Taking. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of this Court on the 28th day of February, 2023. TARA S. GREEN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA By Rebecca Crews Deputy Clerk Legal 60127 Published 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2022CA000162 U.S.BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF TROY WITTER, DECEASED, Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 03, 2022, and entered in 2022CA000162 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF TROY WITTER, DECEASED; DREVITA ELMORE-WITTER; T.W. A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER NATURAL GUARDIAN, DREVITA ELMORE-WITTER; T.W. A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER NATURAL GUARDIAN, CATHY WITTER; T.W. JR. A MINOR, BY AN THROUGH HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN, CATHY WITTER; HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; JAX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; RIDEOUT HIDEAWAY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; T.W. JR. A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER NATURAL GUARDIAN, CATHY WITTER are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green is 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 March 29, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 39, RIDEOUT HIDEAWAY, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 38, PAGE(S) 60 THROUGH 63, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 3449 FALLON CT, 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 27 day of February, 2023. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Gracie Moore As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtrinpr@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 60105 Published 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2020CA000148 US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. CAROLL D. JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROLL D. JOHNSON; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendant(s) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale filed February 22, 2023 and entered in Case No. 2020CA000148, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST is Plaintiff and CAROLL D. JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROLL D. JOHNSON; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. TARA S. GREEN, the Clerk of the Circuit

Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash BY ELECTRONIC SALE AT: WWW.CLAY.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at 10:00 A.M., on the 26 day of April, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 48, BLOCK 3, THE MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 64, 65 AND 66, 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 24th day of February, 2023. TARA S. GREEN As Clerk of said Court By Leigh Lucroy 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 crtrinpr@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 60100 Published 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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 Legal 59904 Published 3/2/2023, 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023 and 3/23/2023 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 crtrinpr@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 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 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 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

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://flagler-cofl.housingmanager.com/ or the link may be accessed through our website at: www.flagler-countyhousingauthority.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. Legal 59093 Published 3/2/2023, 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023, 3/23/2023, 3/30/2023 and 4/6/2023 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 HIGHBRIDGE 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 58867 Published 3/2/2023, 3/9/2023, 3/16/2023 and 3/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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 Legal 58866 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: 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 ESMT 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 Legal 58423 Published 2/23/2023, 3/2/2023, 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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 Legal 58421 Published 2/23/2023, 3/2/2023, 3/9/2023 and 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LIEN AUCTION

Sale Date: 1 March 28, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. Location: 4225 CR 218, Middleburg, Florida Vehicle: 2005 CHEVY VIN# 2G1WW12E459262231 FORD 1990 VIN#1FTCR14T1XPB36953 Legal 61042 Published 3/16/2023 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 CASE NO.: 10-2023-CP- 83 DIVISION: Probate B In Re: The Estate of ROGER DIXON ROTHWELL, SR., Deceased. The administration of the Estate of ROGER DIXON ROTHWELL, SR., deceased, whose date of death was January 19, 2023, and whose last four digits of his social security number are 1321, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and 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 the 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 FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is March 16, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: SHARON W. EHRENREICH, ESQUIRE MIDDLETON & MIDDLETON, P.A. Florida Bar No.: 295251 303 State Road 26 Melrose, FL 32666 Telephone: 352/475-1611 - Fax: 352/475-5968 Primary E-mail: service@fightingforall.com Personal Representative: ROGER ROTHWELL, JR., Personal Representative 7711 Beachview Street Keystone Heights, FL 32656 Legal 61039 Published 3/16/2023 and 3/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs at Horton's Towing 3645 Hwy 17, Bldg. 2, Fleming Island, FL 32003 Horton's Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. Auction date - 3/31/2023, 9:00 a.m. 2016 Kia Vin # 5XXGW4L20GG106779 Legal 61038 Published 3/16/2023 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 **G10 Sports** located at 3371 US Highway 17, in the County of Clay, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 11th day of March, 2023. 3G1L, LLC Legal 61036 Published 3/16/2023 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 30, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Statutes. 2000 Yamaha ID# JYAVP02E4YA007240 2008 Ford ID# 3FAHP07108R274460 2006 Dodge ID# 2B3KA43G06H245151 Legal 61035 Published 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, April 06, 2023, for the following: RFB NO. 22/23-41, MOWING SERVICES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, April 07, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline. Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bid bond shall include bonds or cashier or certified checks payable to the County. The solicitation package is available at: HTTSP://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL.

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

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

a. Inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids; b. Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.

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

A PERSON OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, MAY NOT SUBMIT BIDS ON LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT BE AWARDED OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT UNDER A CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AND MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IN EXCESS OF THE

THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST. Legal 61033 Published 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 03/31/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 4360 CR 218 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 1N4AL24E58C189242 2008 NISS WDBRF54H46A825916 2006 MERZ Legal 61032 Published 3/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Public Sale

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RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 2019-CA-000748- FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs. JUSTIN REDDING A/K/A JUSTIN H. REDDING; RAVINES CROSSING HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUSTIN REDDING A/K/A JUSTIN H. REDDING; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order on Motion to Cancel and reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated the 8th day of March 2023, and entered in Case No. 2019-CA-000748, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION is the Plaintiff and JUSTIN REDDING A/K/A JUSTIN H. REDDING RAVINES CROSSING HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUSTIN REDDING A/K/A JUSTIN H. REDDING; and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. TARA S. GREEN as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at https://clay.realforeclose.com/ at 10:00 AM on the 24th day of May 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 23, RAVINES CROSSING UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 46, PAGE(S) 1 THROUGH 11, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

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