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## Midway taking shape at Fairgrounds a week ahead of March 30 opening

Rides already being erected in anticipation of March 30 ceremonies

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – When Tasha Hyder got to work at the Clay County Fairgrounds last Monday, she was greeted with an unusual, but certainly welcomed, site of workers putting together rides for next week's Agriculture Fair.

The bigger rides from Deggeller Attractions weren't needed for this week's county fair at nearby Putnam County, so the group specializing in building bustling midways sent them to Clay County.

"We're 10 days out, and they're already setting up the big rides," said the fair's executive director Hyder. "It's really exciting to see the midway starting to take shape."

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## Solite: Saga of coverups, corrosion, contamination

State, county leaders join fight to block construction until toxic site is investigated

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LAKE ASBURY – Developments continue to unfold about Solite, the former aggregate kiln company that ran a reckless operation from the 1950s-1990s off County Road 209-A in the Lake Asbury/Green Cove Springs area that residents said had no regard for the environment and the

community.

Burning jet fuels and other chemicals, hiding barrels and more were part of the daily operation on the large 900-acre property tucked deep in the backwoods of Clay County.

As three generations of residents must face multiple health and quality of life issues, the drama between the ex-plant, a shell company, a potential property buyer, local officials and the community has

SEE SOLITE, 15



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Dan Mills, a resident living off Buckeye Road, spotted an excavator on the property on Wednesday, March 15. He had a chance to speak with some employees involved with the ongoing developments at the former Solite property.

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# OP Town Council haggles over merits of St. Johns Classical Academy campus

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ORANGE PARK – After debating whether St. Johns Classical Academy would be an asset to the tax roles or another failed nonprofit, the Town Council voted 5-0 to rezone the property at 1324 Kingsley Ave. to advance the project.

The charter school already has a campus on Fleming Island. With a lengthy waiting list, the school decided to expand to the building that used to house Orange Park Performing Arts Academy.

The arts academy closed because it failed to pay rent and salaries.

The council heard a second reading of an ordinance to amend the comprehensive plan for the site at the property and rezone the parcel from a Planned Unit Development to a Professional Commercial Office. Both measures passed unanimously, 5-0.

Vice Mayor Alan Watt said while he voted for the first bill, he wanted it on the record that he opposed the measure.

"I am categorically opposed to this. I do not think it is a need for the town. It is very bad, financially, for the town. We finally had this property positioned to become a useful, tax-paying facility, and now we're back to having another nonprofit, which will not contribute anything financially," he said.

Councilman Josh Hauber said he thinks the new school will be good for students living in Clay County because they can enter a lottery system and grow their knowledge and experience.

However, the school's status as a nonprofit creates positives and negatives, Hauber said.

"It's a nonprofit, so it's a dual-edged sword here that we're combating with," he said. Mayor Randy Anderson said the forthcoming of St. Johns Classical Academy as an overwhelming positive.

"Yes, I understand they're a nonprofit, and nonprofits don't pay taxes. But this is a very good school. I think this is a plus for our community to bring that school here, and with that school comes young families, so I think it's a big plus for us," he said.

But not if it doesn't serve town students and considers low-income students.

"The only concern I have is the kids in the town limits of Orange Park. Financially, are they going to be able to attend, or will they be overlooked? That's my biggest concern because if they're going to be overlooked, I'd rather not have the school. The school is to be for everybody. But overall, I think the school is needed," Anderson said.

Councilwoman Susana Thompson said that a lottery system guarantees low-income families a spot during enrollment.

## Fair

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That means we're getting close."

The fair association spent much of the weekend putting up banners and preparing most of the 65-acre lot for 11 days of rides, food, exhibits and fun. The fair opens on March 30 and runs through April 9.

The skeleton for the rollercoaster was going up on Monday, while workers also started to piece together the Sea Ray and the fair's newest attraction, Crazy Mouse. Hyder, however, was excited to learn after years of asking, Deggeller found space on the Midway for its 90-foot Super Slide.

Fair-goers can still grab a deal ahead of opening ceremonies. Gate admission is reduced by \$4 to \$8 if they're bought in advance at the fair's website, claycountyfair.org. Also, ride armbands

can be purchased in advance for \$17 every night except Saturdays. Armband prices vary, ranging from \$12 on opening day to \$30 on Saturdays.

The fair also has two family packages. For \$50, a family can receive four admission tickets and two armbands that can be used on any day except Saturdays. Also, for \$100, a family can get six gate admissions and four ride armbands for any day except Saturdays. A gate pass for all 11 days is available in advance for \$75.

With rides already taking shape, the fairgrounds will be busy with home arts, horticulture, fair theme and 4-H projects being submitted on March 26-27. Chickens, pigs and rabbits will arrive on March 29, while cattle will be delivered on April 3. "We're already in fair mode," Hyder said. "It's going to be busy for the next three weeks. This is the best time for me – getting things in place and watching it all come together."



# As Municipal Super Tuesday approaches, some 2024 candidates start campaigns

By Don Coble  
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CLAY COUNTY – As Keystone Heights and Orange Park residents prepare to vote during Municipal Super Tuesday on April 11, several county constitutional officers are already looking toward the 2024 General Election.

Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless, County Tax Appraiser Tracy Drake and Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara Green all have announced their intentions to seek re-election. Sheriff, tax collector, superintendent, three county commission seats and two school board spots will also be on the ballot. Candidates for those seats still have until June 2024 to qualify.

Chambless decided to announce early since his office will be busy planning for the General Election next year.

"My duties and responsibilities require my full attention, which is why I have filed early for re-election as your Supervisor of Elections," he posted. "If you believe, like I do, that Clay County is best served by a fis-



Tara Green



Chris Chambless



Tracy Drake

cal conservative who fiercely upholds the Florida election code with a proven track record of accurate, transparent elections versus the lawlessness and numerous problems found in some jurisdictions."

Drake announced because he wants to concentrate on Florida's ever-changing property tax laws.

"I have worked for the Clay County Property Appraiser's Office for 30 years and understand that the effective administration of a mass appraisal office re-

quires specialized education, training and management," he said. "Florida's property tax system has become increasingly complex and confusing to taxpayers. I will utilize my extensive experience and credentials to lead the office in a fiscally conservative, bipartisan manner while providing excellent service to all Clay County citizens."

Green offered a simple reason to announce early: "I love what I do and want to keep doing it. I work with some amazing people, and we still have things to get done."

Voters in Keystone Heights will vote by mail, Chambless said, because Nina Rodenroth is running unopposed for Seat 4 after Mayor Karen Lake termed out.

While there are no candidates on the

ballot, voters still will be asked to decide on four charter amendments to the city charter. The first would amend the charter to allow a majority of the city council to set the maximum purchasing amount for bids.

The second would prohibit city council members from interfering with routine operations by the city manager. The third would change the way the mayor's role is determined. Currently, residents vote for four people on the council and the mayor, but the amendment would change it to the election of five city council members, with the council selecting who would serve as mayor.

The fourth would create a procedure in the city charter to censure or reprimand a council member for illegal or serious violations of city policy.

In Orange Park, voters can vote by mail, in person or early, where Doug Benefield and Kenny Radwanski are vying for Seat 1 on the Town Council. Susan Sandlin is unopposed for Seat 2. The only poll that will be open is at Town Hall.

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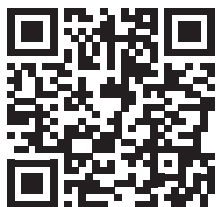




# Dine with a doc: Black maternal health

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## Group: Chemical levels at military bases near Clay County seven times higher than at Camp Lejeune

By Jonathan Sharp  
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CLAY COUNTY – Throughout the 20th century, the U.S. Army's mismanagement of toxic substances has irremediably impacted the lives of countless individuals who lived and served on severely contaminated military bases. In cases like North Carolina's infamous Camp Lejeune, close to one million residents were unintentionally exposed to chemical hazards for over three decades in the form of volatile organic compounds leaching from decaying oil, solvents, degreasers, and industrial chemicals.

With more than 60 toxic contaminants identified on the base's grounds, Camp Lejeune was designated as a Superfund site, only remaining operational due to ongoing cleanup projects and periodic site reviews.

Although Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs have actively sought to address these issues, passing laws and establishing eligibility criteria for service-related exposure, specific hazards with the potential for long-lasting harm remain largely unaccounted for. Per/poly-fluoroalkyl substances are one such hazard, commonly known as "forever chemicals" because they don't decompose.

PFAS was the primary ingredient in aqueous-film-forming foam, a type of fire suppressant used by the military since the 70s in training scenarios and to put out difficult fuel blazes. However, since they don't break down naturally and are environmentally persistent, PFAS can build up in the body and lead to several types of cancer, thyroid issues, lower birth weights, decreased vaccine efficiency in children and higher blood pressure in pregnant women. In 2016, the EPA set a lifetime advisory level for the most prevalent PFAS compounds of only 70 parts per trillion.

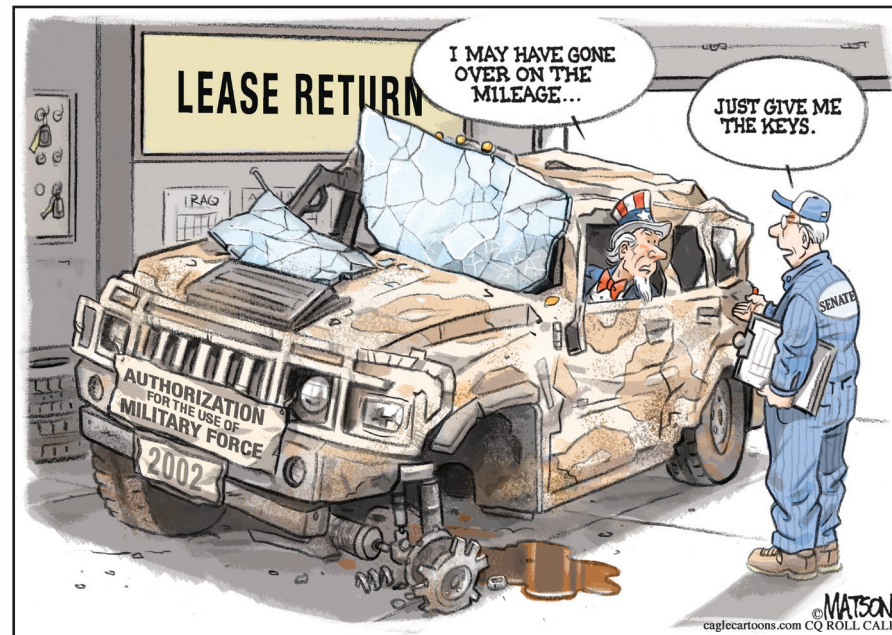
Due to the army's extensive use of AFFF in previous decades, "forever chemicals" were found on the premises of over 700 bases across the US. Florida alone hosts more than 20 such installations, many exceeding concentrations reported at Camp Lejeune, including NAS Cecil Field and NAS Jacksonville.

Coincidentally, both bases were listed as Superfund sites in 1989. For many veterans and military families, the time they spent on contaminated bases incurred a heavy toll.

Jane D. is one of the client from Orange Park resident who previously lived at NAS Jacksonville for 14 years. During her

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## OPINION



## Finding a perfect way to find peace during March Madness

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

LAS VEGAS – The only thing better than being emersed in the NCAA Basketball Tournament is doing it at a Las Vegas casino sportsbook.

There's nothing better – or more intoxicating – than free drinks and 50 televisions with eight different games simultaneously.

Over/under bets. Favorites or underdogs. The choices were enough to make your mind spin. So you have a beer. Or two. After a couple of buckets, you do dumb things like Fairleigh Dickinson to beat top-seeded Purdue in the first round. Oddly enough, it was a winner.

I gave my server, Carla, a big assist – and a tip – for that winning ticket because she kept taking my order.

It's been years since I joined my high school friends for our annual Boys Weekend. I won't miss another one. We've all been buddies for more than 50 years. Instead of talking about new cars and girlfriends as we did in high school, we now discuss Medicare Advantage plans, heart stints, cataract surgery, c-paps, gallbladders, artificial knees and new elbows.

We shut off our phones. We took turns sitting watch five hours in advance at the sportsbook to hold our seats ahead of tipoffs. Strangely enough, we weren't

the first down there.

Then we watched games. And yelled. And had a great time.

The only teams in the tournament I saw this year were Houston and Memphis. That's because they both played against Central Florida. So I went to Las Vegas without a clue. That plan served me – and my bank account – nicely.

I was amazed at how basketball styles have changed since our last Boys Weekend. Except for Michigan State, teams were content with running a half-court game.

There was very little up-tempo offense. I don't know if that's because there are more commercials – and many of them several minutes long – so it was difficult for a team to get into a fast-paced rhythm. With the slower pace, my buddies Dan and Tom feasted on betting the under where total points scored by both teams were less than the projected number set by the casino.

They also jumped on a bet I'd never seen before. You can pick the national champion conference before the tournament began. The options were the SEC, ACC, Big 10, Pac-12, Big East, Big 12 or the field. The field consists of teams considered to be from smaller, presumably less-deserving conferences.

Maybe Dan and Tom knew something. Houston, San Diego State, Creighton, Princeton, Gonzaga and Florida Atlantic are still playing – and all are field bet teams.

Big-name schools like Kansas, Purdue, Virginia, Arizona, Marquette, Kentucky and Duke took early flights home

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Don Coble

## 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.

**Heteroclitite:** (HET-er-ah-klahyt) an adjective that means abnormal or irregular.

"My neighbor is a friendly but heteroclitite person who feeds raccoons."

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2018

- The City of Green Cove Springs, Clay County and the Florida Department of Transportation will study the feasibility of building an airport in Reynolds Industrial Center.

- Repairs at the Spring Park Pool will be part of a construction project in Green Cove Springs, as well as the completion of unfinished projects from the original plan.

- Orange Park Medical Center, Clay County Action Coalition, Florida Counter Drug Task Force and the Clay County Sheriff's Office team to organize the Drug Take Back program to collect unwanted medications.

### 10 years ago, 2013

- The Clay County School Board votes to eliminate 77 jobs after the projected enrollment is 800 students fewer than expected.

- The father of Daniel Linsinbigler Jr. wants answers from the Clay County Sheriff's Office whether his son received proper medicine before dying at the Clay County Jail.

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office and Walgreens hold a Drug Take Back day at the U.S. Highway 17 store on Fleming Island.

### 20 years ago, 2003

- A traffic stop led Clay County Sheriff's Office investigators to an apartment in Jacksonville Beach. They found \$100,000 worth of collectible baseball cards taken from Dan's Sports Cards on Kingsley Avenue.

- The Orange Park Town Council votes to allow Waste Not Want Not to operate out of an abandoned home at 2050 Carnes St.

- K&V Investment and Green Cove

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### Opinions ...

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# Madness

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after being upset.

Winning a few extra dollars was nice, but the best part of the trip was getting away, enjoying the people who've been a big part of your life and turning the outside noise of life off. It's strange, but the best way to unwind and find peace was to be in the middle of a frantic casino.

Now that I'm home, I've watched very little of the tournament. When you're not

with your buddies rooting for teams you've never seen, it loses its magic.

I still believe Alabama will play Houston for the national championship. I picked those two teams because that's how my bracket pool wound up. Dan and Tom would love to see that, too, since they'll win the conference bet if Houston prevails.

Now that I'm home, I'll watch very little of the tournament. I've had my fun. When you're not with your buddies rooting for teams you've never seen, it loses its magic.

Besides, Carla is too far away to take my order.

# Chemicals

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stay, she suffered two miscarriages and was diagnosed with breast cancer years after leaving the base. While multiple toxic agents were identified at NAS Jacksonville, none came close to the levels of PFAS uncovered in 2018.

Currently, my associates are reviewing close to 200 toxic claims from Clay County veterans and their relatives. Like Jane, many were stationed on bases where PFAS contamination was later confirmed and developed afflictions consistent with exposure to these ubiquitous contaminants.

Despite the risks they represent, the U.S. Army's attitude towards "forever chemicals" began shifting only over the past decade due to the growing body of clinical evidence indicating their toxicity. Since they were originally believed to be benign, exposure to PFAS didn't factor into the VA's long-term considerations of service members' health. In August 2022, Congress passed the Honoring Our PACT Act with near unanimous support. The bill seeks to improve access to adequate benefits and compensation for veterans and relatives who developed diseases due to toxic exposure on contaminated bases.

Even though the PACT Act is widely regarded as a significant step forward, the bill doesn't completely cover the health risks associated with emerging contaminants. While more than 20 new conditions are now afforded a service-related status,

the VA still doesn't consider PFAS-related illnesses like thyroid and prostate cancer as presumptive of toxic exposure.

Since different toxins can trigger similar conditions, clinically determining which of the many chemical hazards present on bases like NAS Jacksonville or Cecil Field was the actual cause can be financially challenging for many individuals.

Fortunately, the growing awareness regarding PFAS' potential for enduring harm has determined the adoption of several measures that provide promising prospects of higher regulatory involvement. The National Defense Authorization Act will finance vital PFAS remediation projects on the most affected bases around the country. It will also mandate the phasing out of AFFF from military use by late 2024.

Most encouraging of all, the EPA may be the catalyst for future improvements as it prepares to set federally-enforceable standards for "forever chemicals" in drinking water this fall. In June 2022, the agency updated its advisories for PFAS compounds to reflect the dangers they represent, even in minuscule amounts, slashing what it deems acceptable to under 0.02 ppt.

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buried in the area that were part of Naval Training exercises.

- Nearly 30 Clay County athletes earn spots at the Florida Special Olympic Games.

### 40 years ago, 1983

- A community bake sale in Green Cove Springs raises \$300 for Beth Erdman, who suffers from brain damage caused by Reye's Syndrome.

- Orange Park's Laura Strickland wins the Clay County Pageant at Middleburg High.

- County commissioners will decide if businesses must acquire a license to operate.

## Clay Humane needs donations for severely injured dog

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Clay Humane, a non-profit veterinary clinic in Orange Park, is asking for donations to care for Trevor, an injured Border Collie mix found by Clay County Animal Services on Jan. 21.

"Clay County Animal Services transferred Trevor to us. He came in lame on his left hind leg with a deep laceration in his neck, more than likely from an embedded collar," explained Clay Humane Executive Director Linda Welzant. "He had little fur and a severe skin infection affecting the entire body due to malnutrition and neglect."

Trevor is recovering from a cranial cruciate ligament repair. With the help of heavy antibiotics, antiparasitic medi-

cations, pain management, medicinal bathing and quality nourishment, he is healing nicely from all his conditions. While officials don't know the exact circumstances of Trevor's situation, they suspect neglect. Although he has multiple fractures in his tail, they don't believe he was involved in dogfighting.

"Trevor has an exceptional disposition and is good around other animals," said Welzant. "He is a calm and sweet boy who learns quickly and wants to be with you, preferably in your lap."

Trevor is between 5-8 years old and weighs about 60 pounds. He has several potential adopters and will go into a forever home following his recovery over the next few months. The total cost of Trevor's rehabilitation so far is approximately \$4,000.

To donate to Trevor's Fund, visit [www.clayhumane.org/donate.php](http://www.clayhumane.org/donate.php) or call (904) 276-7729.

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# History

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Springs Down Development presented the city council with initial plans to build 24,000-square-foot St. Elmo Square for restaurants, shops and residencies.

### 30 years ago, 1993

- The Orange Park Police Department investigates the stabbing death of Nelia Fernandez after medical officials said the stabbing wounds suffered by her husband, Victory Puno Ocampos, appeared to be self-inflicted.

- Residents in Clay Hill are warned there may be more undetonated bombs



# Salvation Army looking for sponsors ahead of Empty Bowl event

By Don Coble  
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MIDDLEBURG – The Clay County Women's Auxiliary is working to put together its 18<sup>th</sup> annual Empty Bowls Luncheon, including finalizing sponsors for the program that brings attention and goods to the food pantry at Orange Park United Methodist Church.

This year's program will be on April 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Family Life Center at 2042 Reed St.

"This is the first time since the pandemic we've been able to do this," said Salvation Army Capt. Julie Chamberlain. "We had to shut it down for two years, so it's really nice to see it return."

Empty Bowls was created to help the community understand the nutritional needs of some residents. For \$20, guests can select a bowl and then sit down among the other guests, eat their soup, and learn a little about how their donation helped fill the empty bowls of people less fortunate in their community. Afterward, the bowls are theirs to keep.

Each meal consists of a bowl of soup, a glass of water and slices of bread. The meal is symbolic of the lack of substantial food options for many.

"All of the proceeds stay in Clay County," Chamberlain said. "The money goes



Zana Burnette and John L. Layton joined the Empty Bowls a few years ago to support the Salvation Army's food pantry programs.

toward supporting our feeding programs."

Students from St. Johns Country Day School, Oakleaf, Orange Park and Ridgeview highs and Wilkinson Junior High crafted some bowls that will sold at the event.

According to the Salvation Army, the

program creates and strengthens the community, supports local schools, celebrates delicious food and beautiful pottery and educates people about hunger and poverty.

There will also be a silent auction and bake sale. All proceeds from this year's Empty Bowls Event will be used to keep

The Salvation Army of Clay County's food pantry stocked with nutritious food and hygiene products.

The Salvation Army needs your support to help us end hunger in Clay County. Title sponsorship costs \$2,000, while Soup Tureen sponsorship costs 1,000. A Soup Bowl sponsorship costs \$500 and a Soup Ladle sponsorship is \$250.

For more information, call Nina Wunderlich at (954) 483-5481 or Holly McQueen at (904) 472-7809.

## Garden Club of Middleburg to host 'Meet and Greet'

MIDDLEBURG – The Garden Club of Middleburg will host a "Meet and Greet" in the nursery section of Lowe's Home Improvement, 1700 Blanding Blvd., on April 14 from 10-11:30 a.m.

The club will have a table in the garden department. Members will be available to answer questions about plants, where to plant, bee and butterfly pollinators and much more.

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# Fair volunteer, 94, 'going to keep on kicking as long as I can'

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – It took two minutes for Lemmie Kirkland to make her way from the back of Cattleman's Arena to the state during Tuesday's Clay County Agriculture Fair luncheon.

That was a pretty good pace for someone about to turn 95.

The longtime fair volunteer was honored with the first Lifetime Award for her dedication and effervescent spirit has been a big part of Early Florida Village's success.

Kirkland has worked at the fair for "many, many, many years," Fair Executive Director Tasha Hyder said. And she's not ready to slow down.

"I'll be at the Baxley House greeting people this year, too," Kirkland said. "I'm going to be like the Energizer Bunny. I'm going to keep on kicking as long as I can."

Kirkland not only welcomes fair-goers into the historic village, but she will also tell stories of how simple life used to be. She likes to talk about wood-burning stoves similar to what her mother and grandmother used. "People can enjoy the old-time section of the fair because it gives them an idea of how people used to live,"



"What keeps me going is I don't just sit. You prepare something every day. I plan an activity, something to do every day. I enjoy living."

– Lemmie Kirkland



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Lemmie Kirkland not only will be volunteering at this year's Clay County Agriculture Fair, but she plans to come back for years to come. She is about to turn 95 and was honored by the fair.

she said. "Sometimes I think people are astonished about how we used to live."

Kirkland doesn't hesitate when asked about the secret to living past her 90s. The answer is simple: stay busy.

"One time, they interviewed me over at the University of Florida on people who were living long, over 90," she said. "What keeps me going is I don't just sit. You prepare something every day. I plan an activity, something to do every day. I enjoy liv-

ing."

Especially at the fair.

The Clay County Agriculture Fair starts its 11-day run at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 30. In addition to concerts, rides and agriculture and crafts exhibits, fair-goers can explore how residents lived in the county a century ago. It's a place where Kirkland feels at home.

"I can't wait for this year's fair," she said. "And I'll be back next year, too."

## Clay Education Foundation gives teachers 'Tools' to finish school year

By Don Coble  
don@claytodayonline.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Monday, March 20, was a planning day for teachers. Even with students home for the day, many planned for the final two months of classes by filling bags with enough school supplies to complete the year.

A steady flow of about 160 teachers moved through a small room stuffed with pens, pencils, glue, hand sanitizer and paper as part of the Clay Education Foundation's Tools 4 Clay program.

Teachers have been able to pick up free supplies four times yearly at Garber Auto-mall and Keystone Heights. For many, it's the type of support that helps them concentrate on education instead of making ends meet. "It really does help, especially when children don't have anything," said Nancy L. Johnson, a seventh-grade reading teacher at Oakleaf Junior High. "We can give them what they need and we can keep teaching. It also means we don't have to go to the parents again."

Johnson came with a shopping list in mind. She wanted tissues, folders, sanitizer and composition books. Thanks to the education foundation and its tireless work to attract donations and matching grant money from the state, school district



teachers could fill their classrooms with more than \$100,000 in supplies last year, according to Carolyn Krall, President of the Clay Education Foundation.

"You can never get enough," said Charles E. Bennett fourth-grade teacher Kimberly J. Carter.

Krall said the success of the program depends on the community's generosity.

"A portion of supplies are bought," she said. "We accept donations. We also get supplies from stores like Staples and



From left, Becky Carmody, Travis Cummings and Hannah Marie Carter with the Bailey Group have been founding sponsors for Clay Education Foundation's Tools 4 Class program.

Walmart.

"A portion comes from a matching grant from the state. For every \$500 in donations we get, we can buy \$1,000 of supplies.

The Bailey Group, a company that specializes in healthcare, financial services and corporate benefits, spearheaded the Tools 4 Clay project several years ago with a pair of \$10,000 donations.

Garber gave Clay Education Foundation a room at its Pre-Owned Center to store supplies and open its doors four times a year for a shopping spree. The foundation has access to the room all year.

More than 1,000 teachers participate in the Tools 4 Clay during the year, Krall said.



# Obituaries

## Ethel Frances Bounds Glaze

Ethel Frances Bounds Glaze, 79, of Orange Park, Florida entered Heaven on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

A funeral was held to honor and celebrate her remarkable life on Saturday, March 11 at Newton County Funeral Home in Newton, MS.

Frances was born in Newton, Mississippi on December 18, 1943. She graduated from Newton High School and attended East Central Community College. She was head majorette in both high school and college and had a deep love and talent for dance and art as well as for the outdoors and anything to do with the water.

Fran married her high school sweetheart, Horace Glaze, also of Newton, on November 30, 1963. Together they have two daughters, Ginger and Toni. Horace and Frannie provided for and raised their girls in Shreveport, LA, Orlando, FL, and Orange Park, FL.

While in Shreveport, LA she worked almost 10 years at Western Electric and after moving to Orange Park, FL she had an almost 20-year career at Anheuser-Busch. She was also an accomplished athlete, running numerous marathons and ultra-marathons while working full-time and raising her daughters.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Harold and Ruth Bounds, her brother Gene Bounds and her sister Joy (Bounds) Ward.

She is survived by her husband of



Ethel Frances Bounds Glaze

almost 50 years, Horace (Gene) Glaze; two daughters and two sons in law, Ginger (Glaze) Amador and Arnoldo, and Toni (Glaze) DeLancey and Doug; and six grandchildren: Jay DeLancey and wife Carinna, Justin Amador and wife Erica, Leah DeLancey, Juliana Amador and husband Joe, Gina DeLancey, and Claire DeLancey; one great grandson, Sebastian Amador, and brother-in-law Jack Ward. Extended family include her precious nephew and nieces, Jack Ward, Jr., Jeannie (Bounds) Abell, Joannie (Bounds) Greene, and Angela (Ward) Doane, and their spouses and children.

## Brenda Janea Stribling

Brenda Janea Stribling, 80, of Middleburg, FL, passed away March 18, 2023.

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

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



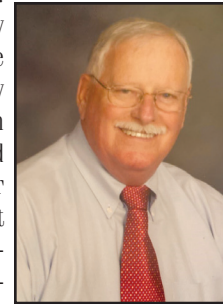
## Richard Allen Davis, Sr.

Richard Allen Davis, Sr., 76, of Green Cove Springs, Florida, passed away at his home on Saturday, March 11, 2023.

Richard was born on March 4, 1947, in Jacksonville, Florida.

He served his country after enlisting in the Army, served the City of Jacksonville as an EMT, Paramedic, and Firefighter for over 32 years, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant and was the Battalion Chief of Training for Clay County Fire and Rescue, retiring after 10 years of service. Richard was a 3rd degree Master Mason, 32nd degree Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and a Shriner for decades. He graduated from Vincennes University in 2004.

He married the love of his life, Annette (Shuman), in 1966. Together, they built a life filled with love and making memories with their family. Richard loved learning, teaching, tinkering with anything broken,



Richard Allen Davis, Sr.

and playing games, but he especially loved building remote-controlled airplanes. He was a member of Immanuel Anglican Church.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Annette; two children, Angela Strausbaugh (Michael) and Richard Jr. (Amy); five grandchildren, Brenden, Parker, Kendal, Avery, and Reece; and his brother, Tom (Faye). He was preceded in death by his parents, George Davis and Abbie Jones-Patterson, and his sister, Francis Riner.

A service will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 1:00 pm at Immanuel Anglican Church, 915 Orchid Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, with Bishop Raul Toro, Jr. officiating.

A reception will immediately follow the service. Donations can be made to the Shiners Children's Hospital @ LoveShiners.org in memory of Richard A. Davis.



## Flipping and flying

### USA aerobatic pilots practicing stunts at Keystone Airport

By Natalie Gilstrap  
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Keystone Heights Airport welcomed the USA Advanced Team from the International Aerobatic Club on Sunday, March 12.

The talented pilots were there to practice their aerobatic sequences or maneuvers for the upcoming Snowbird Classic Aerobatic Contest and eventually for the World Advanced Aerobatic Championship.

“We are always excited when our aerobatic community comes to practice or compete,” airport manager Maria Searcy said.

The pilots will be at the airport for a week, individually practicing in the airport's aerobatic box. The imaginary box is used for aerobatic competitions and acts as the guidelines pilots must stay within while performing sequences.

During practice, the pilots will have coaches on the ground guiding them in areas that need perfecting to ensure they don't lose points during the competition.

Afterward, the pilots will participate at the airport at the Snowbird Classic Aero-

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# County to observe Vietnam War Veterans Day on Saturday

**Annual event returns to TAPS Monument at Historic Triangle**

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A generation of soldiers who fought in the Vietnam War is dwindling.

Nearly 50 years removed from a war that claimed the lives of more than 58,000 with 1,244 still classified as missing in action, veterans will converge at the TAPS Monument at the Historic Triangle on Saturday at 10 a.m. to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day.

The event, which attracts hundreds, is both a celebration of a continued spirit of brotherhood and service and a sad reminder that everyone eventually falls to Father Time.

But as long as one soldier remains, David Treffinger is committed to honoring

those who fought in Southeast Asia.

“Every year, there are fewer and fewer,” said Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 1959 President David Treffinger. “It’s important for us to get the word out because we’re always losing members. We need to get the word out to the public because we still need to be recognized.”

The VVA 1959 William G. Byrns Chapter, Clay County Administration and the TAPS Committee will host the event.

Daughters of the American Revolution will provide lapel pins to veterans. The Green Cove Springs-based Dreamland Squadron will conduct a flyover ahead of



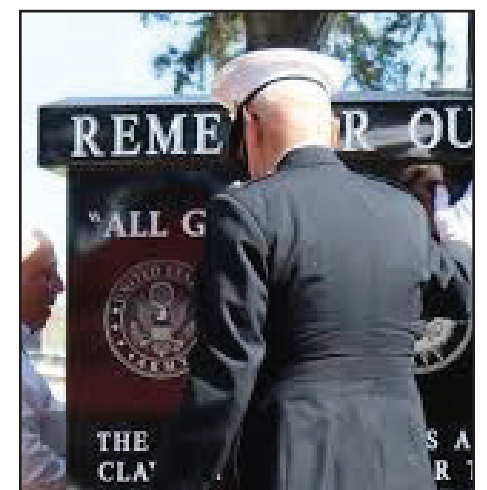
From left, Ron Howard, president of Chapter 1084 in St. Augustine, David Treffinger, President of Chapter 1059 in Clay County, and Tony D'Aleo, former President of Chapter 1046 in Duval County, all were part of last year's Vietnam War Veterans Day remembrance program.

Cmd. Master Chief Mack Ellie and the Clay County Public Safety Honor Guard will present colors and lead in the playing of the National Anthem.

Guest speakers will include keynote speaker Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley, County Commission Chair Betsy Condon, Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless, Commissioner Jim Renninger and U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean.

All 66 Clay County residents who died in Vietnam will be recognized with the ringing of a bell after each name.

From 1965 to 1973, 2.6 million military personnel served in South Vietnam.



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# House Civil Justice Subcommittee applauds Florida Clerks' funding measure following Tara Green's comments

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A measure that would diversify revenues, support staffing needs and account for services without a dedicated funding source for the Florida clerks received high praise during its first scheduled hearing before the Florida House Civil Justice Subcommittee on March 14.

Rep. Adam Botana's (R-Bonita Springs) bill would give Florida's court clerks access to \$31.2 million that would have otherwise flowed to the state's general revenue fund. It's part of a multi-year effort to stabilize a revenue source largely dependent on fines and fees.

Clay County Clerk/Comptroller Tara Green addresses the subcommittee in Tallahassee. Speaking in support of the bill, Green told the committee that Florida's clerks are facing significant challenges in supporting the critical court-related services they perform in their communities.

"The budget that supports our services has only increased by about 1% in the last 10 years," Green said. "Over 90% of the clerks' budget is paid personnel. We are so busy plugging holes in our staffing we often don't have enough time to properly train, manage quality control, and even manage



Tara Green

employees."

Green said these issues threaten accuracy and run the risk of mistakes and increased errors.

"We want our records to be accessible, accurate, and timely and so do many others who rely on our information, including law enforcement, state agencies, the judiciary, and The Florida Bar," Green said.

Green said the bill addresses the gaps in funding that result in all these issues and provides a more stable base.

"Quite honestly, we're here because we are struggling to meet the expectations and obligations we have in our communities and to be there to serve the people when they need us," Green said.

Clerks presented a united front as seven of the 67 came to Tallahassee to waive in support of the measure, including Green, Martin County Clerk and Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers President Carolyn Timmann, Polk Clerk Stacy Butterfield, Lee Clerk Kevin Karnes, Madison Clerk Billy Washington, St. Lucie Clerk Michelle Miller, Suwannee Clerk Barry Baker and Volusia Clerk Laura Roth.

Members of the committee praised the bill and said they understood the clerks' difficulties.

"I think it's good that we're trying to

ease the financial burden on the clerks. This is a great start, and I look forward to working on it," Rep. Mike Beltran, R-Riverview, said.

Rep. Rick Roth, R-West Palm Beach, said the redistributing of funds is a necessary step.

"One of the things I really like to see in legislation is things like redistributing the money back from the general revenue fund . . . to where it belongs. [F]ees and stuff have been going into general revenue and not staying with the clerks of the court, and I've seen it in other locations," said Rep. Rick Roth (R-West Palm Beach).

The Civil Justice Subcommittee reported the measure favorably by a unanimous 18-0 vote. Its next stop is before the Justice Appropriations Subcommittee.

## Dr. Tiffany Hill joins Orange Park Family Care

ORANGE PARK – HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital announced board-certified family medicine physician, Dr. Tiffany Hill, is its newest care provider and education leader for the health system's graduate medical education practice, HCA Florida Orange Park Family Care.



Dr. Tiffany Hill

Hill is an American University of the Caribbean graduate and completed her Family Medicine residency at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Will She provide comprehensive care for the entire family unit, focusing on women's health. Her specialties include annual wellness checkups, vaccinations, and

treatment for chronic health conditions, including COPD, high blood pressure, diabetes, and asthma.

"Dr. Hill will bring an expert level of care and detailed attention for our patients," says Dr. Bradley Shumaker, Chief Medical Officer for Orange Park Hospital. "We look forward to having her on our team of skilled specialists in the HCA Florida Healthcare network."

Orange Park Family Care is led by a dedicated partnership of experienced physicians, including Dr. Nick D'Angelo, Dr. Nilmarie Guzman, Dr. Anjan Parghi, Dr. Suzanne Martinez, and Dr. Marilian Canals-Rivera, and a care team consisting of nearly 90 residents.

Dr. Hill will provide care at the practice's office location at 2021 Professional Center Dr., Suite 100.



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# Clay County Fair hits high note again with its music lineup

By Don Coble  
don@claytodayonline.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Fans aren't only returning to outside functions; they're returning in record numbers.

The Clay County Agriculture Fair is expecting the same kind of response during its 11-day run, which starts on Thursday, March 30.

Music groups that struggled to find venues, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, are now able to demand higher fees in what's become one of the biggest sellers' markets in concert history. But fair organizers worked their fiscal magic to create an eclectic lineup that starts on opening night with X Ambassadors and Charlotte Sands.

"Difficult is an understatement," Fair



Tasha Hyder

Executive Director Tasha Hyder said. "The world is opening up after COVID. Bands that used to be available during our fair are now on tours."

Much of this year's lineup was based on feedback from fair-goers.

"We really do listen to feedback," Hyder said. "People don't think we do, but we really do. If you're going to ask, you need to listen because they're telling you what they want. We can't always fulfill all the requests and make everyone happy, but we do try to try to listen the best we can."

Hyder said that also means offering a variety of genres. She shifted from a country music-heavy showcase to acts that feature rap, rock, country and Christian music a few years ago. "The lineup was very challenging, but we're very proud of what we were able to come up with," Hyder said.

General admission to all seven concerts is free with gate admission. However, VIP packages and reserved seating is available for purchase. Packages are at claycounty-fair.org.

compatible not long ago.

If you like country music and are on any social media app, you've probably seen Cooper Alan on your screen in the past two years. The up-and-coming country star has independently built a fanbase of more than 10 million followers and has earned over 200 million streams on his music. He spent his high school and college years playing bars, college campuses and Honky Tonks across the Carolinas.

Chris Janson and Shane Profitt  
Saturday, April 1, 7 p.m.

Chris Janson is a proud member of the Grand Ole Opry and a multi-platinum songwriter and artist who is part of country music's new breed. In touch with the lighter side of life with self-penned No. 1 hit, "Fix A Drink," "Good Vibes" and the triple-platinum "Buy Me a Boat," as well as

SEE LINEUP, 18

## 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.

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

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

All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

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

Steve Kennedy, City Manager



X Ambassador

Here's what's coming to Cattleman's Arena this year:

**X Ambassadors  
and Charlotte Sands  
Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m.**

X Ambassadors members currently include lead vocalist Sam Harris, keyboardist Casey Harris and drummer Adam Levin. Russ Flynn is a touring member that plays guitar and bass. Their most notable songs include "Jungle," "Renegades," and "Unsteady."

They referenced Incubus and the Red Hot Chili Peppers as heroes. The band includes a lot of different eclectic sounds in their songs, such as jazz, alternative, trap and R&B.

When Charlotte Sands posted a TikTok at the beginning of COVID asking Yung-

blud to let her open for him on tour, she didn't know it would happen. The blue-haired singer-songwriter found herself inspired by storytelling songwriters like Bonnie Raitt, Sheryl Crow and Grace Potter.



**Niko Moon and Cooper Alan  
Friday, March 31, 7 p.m.**

"Good Time" isn't just Niko Moon's best-selling song; it's a way of life for Moon, an adventurous artist, writer and musician with an enduring optimism and a flair for challenging boundaries. That attitude is apparent in the EP, a judiciously layered synthesis of his Georgia roots, pairing Atlanta-bred hip-hop and rural-fed traditional country, two genres considered in-



# March perfect time to plant spring flower gardens

By Carolyn Warren

*Garden Club of Orange Par Birds, Bees, and Butterflies Chairman*

ORANGE PARK – March is the perfect month to start planning for your spring flower garden. Take a day and give thought to your plant selection for the upcoming season. Whether you are starting your plants from seed or planning on purchasing them from a big box store or nursery, why not give thought to our insect friends, particularly the butterflies.

Here are some things you might want to consider: Heirloom (old)

plant varieties are best. Hybrid and GMO plants were created for our pleasure and consumption, not for the benefit of beneficial insects. In fact, some GMOs are designed to deter insects and are known to kill bees. Make sure you read the label to see if the plant(s) have been treated with pesticides in the neonicotinoid family, which you want to avoid purchasing.

Another thing you might want to consider is succession planting. Look at the blooming period for your plant selections. Try to ensure that something is in bloom throughout the grow-

ing season. Plants that I have successfully grown in our area, and are sure to attract a host of insects, especially butterflies are: the old-fashioned zinnias (the taller the better); black-eyed Susans are easy to grow and will come back year after year; cone flowers--while they can be a bit fussy, are excellent butterfly plants; cleomes (spider plants) add a bit of pizzaz to the garden; and, last but not least are the pentas, the tall red ones are preferred by several of our local butterfly species.



## 2023 Municipal Super Tuesday Election Tuesday, April 11, 2023

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS LEGAL NOTICE / PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE CANVASSING BOARD EVENTS

Pursuant to Section 100.342 of the Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that a special mail ballot-only election will be held for the City of Keystone Heights for the Municipal Super Tuesday Election on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Notice is hereby given that meetings for all Municipal Super Tuesday Canvassing Boards will be held at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 500 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs on the following dates at the scheduled time or as soon as possible thereafter.

**April 7, 2023 9:00 a.m.** Orientation & Logic and Accuracy Test  
**12:30 p.m.** Public View of Sealed Mail Ballots

**1:30 p.m.** Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication

**April 11, 2023 11:00 a.m.** Public View of Sealed Mail Ballots

**12:00 p.m.** Opening of Mail Ballots & Ballot Duplication

**1:30 p.m.** Process and Duplicate Mail Ballots

Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system

**4:30 p.m.** Review Duplication/Voter Intent

**7:00 p.m.** Scenario 1: Unofficial/Official Certification, Audit Selection

(if no Provisionals, Signature Discrepancies, or Questionable Ballots and no Machine Recount)

**April 12, 2023 9:00 a.m.** Scan ballots into independent recount/ audit system (if necessary)

**April 13, 2023 1:00 p.m.** Scenario 1: Audit

**3:30 p.m.** Canvass Provisional Ballots, Signature Discrepancies, Questionable Ballots, Unofficial Results  
Scan ballots into independent recount/audit system (if necessary)

**5:00 p.m.** Scenario 2: Official Certification, Audit Selection (if no machine recount)

**April 14, 2023 11:00 a.m.** Scenario 2: Audit

**2:30 p.m.** Scenario 3: (If Recount) Logic & Accuracy Test, Machine Recount,  
Second Unofficial Results, Official Certification, Audit Selection

Scenario 3B: (If applicable) Manual Recount, Official Certification

(no Audit necessary if doing a Manual Recount)

**April 17, 2023 11:00 a.m.** Scenario 3: Audit (if no Manual Recount)

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<b>County Commissioner</b>	Betsy Condon
<b>County Judge (Alternate)</b>	Raymond Forbess Jr.
<b>County Commissioner (Alternate)</b>	Jim Renninger

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.

Note: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

#### Elección del Súper Martes Municipal de 2023 martes, 11 de abril de 2023

### AVISO DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL PARA LA CIUDAD DE KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AVISO LEGAL / AVISO DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA EVENTOS DE LA JUNTA DE ESCRUTINO

De conformidad con la Sección 100.342 de los Estatutos de Florida, por la presente se notifica que se llevará a cabo una elección especial de votación por correo únicamente para la Ciudad de Keystone Heights para la Elección Municipal del Súper Martes el martes 11 de abril de 2023.

Se da aviso que todas las reuniones de la Junta de Escrutinio del Súper Martes Municipal se llevarán a cabo en la Oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones, 500 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs en las siguientes fechas a la hora programada o tan pronto como sea posible después de eso.

**7 de abril de 2023 9:00 a.m.** Orientación y prueba de lógica y precisión

**12:30 p.m.** Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas

**1:30 p.m.** Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas

**11 de abril de 2023 11:00 a.m.** Vista pública de boletas por correo selladas

**12:00 p.m.** Apertura de boletas por correo y duplicación de boletas

**1:30 p.m.** Proceso y duplicación de boletas por correo

Clasificación de boletas de recuento

**4:30 p.m.** Revisar la duplicación/intención del votante

**7:00 p.m.** Escenario 1: Certificación no oficial/oficial, selección de auditoría (si no hay discrepancias provisionales, de firma o las boletas cuestionables y sin recuento con máquinas)

**12 de abril de 2023 9:00 a.m.** Clasificación de boletas de recuento (si es necesario)

**13 de abril de 2023 1:00 p.m.** Escenario 1: Auditoría

**3:30 p.m.** Escrutinio de boletas provisionales, discrepancias de firmas, boletas cuestionables, resultados no oficiales

Clasificación de boletas de recuento (si es necesario)

**5:00 p.m.** Escenario 2: Certificación Oficial, Selección de Auditoría (si no cuenta la máquina)

**14 de abril de 2023 11:00 a.m.** Escenario 2: Auditoría

**2:30 p.m.** Escenario 3: (En caso de recuento) Prueba de lógica y precisión, recuento con máquinas

y segundo resultados; Certificación Oficial, Selección de Auditoría  
Escenario 3B: (Si es aplicable) Recuento Manual, Certificación Oficial (no auditoría necesario si hay recuento manual)

**17 de abril de 2023 11:00 a.m.** Escenario 3: Auditoría (si no hay recuento manual)

#### Miembros de la Junta de Escrutinio del MST de 2023 para Keystone Heights

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De acuerdo con la Ley Sunshine de Florida, esta reunión está abierta al público.

Nota: La Sección 286.0105, Estatutos de la Florida, establece que si una persona decide apelar cualquier decisión de la junta, agencia o comisión con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en una reunión o audiencia, necesitará un registro de los procedimientos, y que, para tales fines, él o ella puede necesitar asegurarse de que se haga un registro literal de los procedimientos, el cual incluye el testimonio y la evidencia sobre los cuales se basará la apelación.

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# Aerobatic

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batic Contest from March 23-25. Aerobatic pilots throughout the Southeast will join the contest's five categories of difficulties: Primary, Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced and Unlimited, based on their flight proficiency.

The USA team will use the contest as a preliminary practice for the World Advanced Aerobatic Championship in late October. "These members were picked last year at Nationals and will be competing in the Advanced category in October this year in Las Vegas," said Hector Ramirez, president of International Aerobatic Club Chapter 89 and contest director of Snowbird Classic Aerobatic Contest.

Though the competition is not open to the public, visitors can watch from outside the airport fence boundary at the FBO airport building. Overall, the International Aerobatic Club is a division of the Experimental Aircraft Association that promotes the safety and enjoyment of aerobatics. In addition, the Keystone Heights Airport has been active in the aerobatic community for many years, as it is one of the few remaining airports in the state to have an aerobatic box. "We hosted the US Team back in 2013 for two months of intense practice before they went on to win 3rd place in Austria for the World Championship. It was a great honor," Searcy said. "We will be hosting the US Team again the week of March 13th for practice as well as the IAC pilots the week of March 20th."

# Local musicians, community rally to support 'Nugget' Dani-Lynn

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Her situation is dire, but her smile remains radiant. While others worry, Dani-Lynn giggles.

The community will come together on April 1 to put another smile on the 7-year-old's face in a day-long music fest at The Corner Pocket to provide financial and emotional support for the girl battling three heart ailments.

The girl joined Paul Wane's Rising Star Family in 2019. The program provides musical instruments to give children an alternative to playing video games and getting into trouble.

Wane will be joined by many of his friends to raise money and support for the little girl in what he calls "Keeping Faith." There will be free concerts, a pool tournament, a silent auction, raffles and vendors to help the family pay for mounting medical bills – and the inevitable decision to move Dani-Lynn into Hospice.

"We want to make our 'Nugget' shine," Wane said.

The Music lineup will include Wane's Duval County Line, Curt Towne, Doc Mccasin, Remedy and Emily Anne Faith.

Wane, Towne and artist Lyneke collaborated to create a custom guitar that will be one of several items raffled. The guitar will be displayed at Towne's Guitar Station at



Dani-Lynn

421 Walnut St. in Green Cove Springs until the fundraiser.

Wane gained national notoriety in January when he played the "Star-Spangled Banner" ahead of the Jacksonville Jaguars-Tennessee Titans game. Within minutes national media outlets were posting stories on the impressive performance.

Dani-Lynn was diagnosed with HLHS, VSD and PAPVR. She's already been through two major surgeries, and a transplant isn't likely to be successful.

"She has half of a heart, a hole in her heart, and poor left lung function," said her mother, Amelia Early.

Currently, there is no cure for her heart disease.

"She always has a smile on her face," her mother said last month. "She's never met a stranger and loves life," Early said. Dani-Lynn loves her sisters, misses her teachers and friends, and has a big heart for helping others. She dreams of being a heart doctor when she grows up."



Dani-Lynn and Curt Towne

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# Solite

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continued.

The political, legal and environmental saga continued after a resident eye-witnessed excavation on the property two weeks ago. County Commissioner Kristen Burke also received a fresh batch of emails from current and former residents, which she forwarded to Florida Rep. Sam Garrison (R-Fleming Island), the FDEP and Clay Today. The complaints detailed severe health and quality of life issues.

In addition, an anonymous expert provided email testimony on a scientific report relating to the plant from 2022.

The latest significant political development was this:

Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley (R-Fleming Island) and Garrison spoke with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection during a 90-minute phone call on March 16.

The sale of the property was to be finalized between Stoneridge Farms and Danhour Group CEO Micheal Danhour on Monday, March 20, the FDEP told Bradley and Garrison.

William D. Preston, a Tallahassee-based attorney representing Stoneridge Farms and Danhour, did not return a phone call from Clay Today to confirm whether the sale occurred.

One thing seems to be certain for now: the consent order for Solite won't be amended, FDEP confirmed to officials.

That could change if the sale to Danhour is completed, but it will continue to be upheld until Bradley and Garrison wait to hear back from the FDEP. A moratorium was passed on placing residential zoning on the property at the BCC's Nov. 22 meeting.

The consent order applies to all 900 acres, but only 264 acres are currently being tested under the FDEP's current work plan. That's is because the agency believes the remaining acreage is clean, Burke said.

The consent order won't be modified unless Burke, Bradley, Garrison and residents get advanced notice, and if another purchaser were to buy the parcel, the status of the consent order would not change, Burke confirmed to Clay Today.

New evidence was provided to the state agency during a recent phone call meeting that included Burke, County Attorney Courtney Grimm, County Manager Howard Wannamaker, three ex-employees of Solite and the FDEP.

"(Not) testing the remaining acreage is what we have a problem with, and FDEP still feels that the remaining acreage has been clean since 2006. (The recent evidence provided by ex-employees) is (why) we have a problem with (no current testing on the remaining acreage), due to the new information provided to the FDEP from the ex-employees (testimony) and residents (emails)," Burke said.

Other details from the meeting also reveal one significant concern: Danhour or Stoneridge Farms are currently allowed to clear-cut the property.

Because of that, Bradley and Garrison expressed their concern to the FDEP.

"So their question to the FDEP was, 'What are we supposed to tell the residents as they are upset and fearful as we know contaminants are most likely in the moisture in the trees, and that if the trees are disturbed, the contaminants can get into our waterways and air?'" Burke said in a social media post to the local Facebook group, Save Russell Landing/Stop Toxic Solite last week.

After the meeting, Bradley and Garrison told Burke they told the FDEP it was important for a third party to conduct an independent study of the property.

The legislators further stressed the consent order wouldn't be modified, and neither the state agency nor anyone else could stop the property sale.

Bradley, Garrison, and Burke, County Commissioners and Grimm are seeking to have the remaining 600 acres tested by an independently-hired consultant.

Then, there's the other piece of the puzzle: what has happened at the property over the last two weeks?

Danhour and the FDEP conducted a walk-through of the property on Wednesday, March 8, at one of the 14 areas identified by ex-employees as zones that could be potentially marked as contaminated on the map.

Danhour and the FDEP discovered either one or multiple fiberglass barrels. The number of barrels found wasn't disclosed, according to Burke.

On Wednesday, March 17, representatives of Golder, an agency that conducts environmental testing and assessments, were on the property. Solite has been a client of the company for several years.

During their stroll through the property, Golder checked peninsulas that connect to the main lake bordering the plant's central operation.

The waterways are believed to be part of a system of ponds, peninsulas and lakes designed to hide the containers and toxic chemicals, according to ex-employee and Solite whistleblower Micheal Zelinka.

While the nearby lake is believed to be more than 100 feet deep and contain items like cars, trucks and boom lines, Golder tested at only a depth of eight feet in the peninsulas, Burke said.

A truck also returned to the site on Monday, March 20.

Area resident Dan Mills, whose home borders the alleged toxic site on Buckeye Road, provided an eyewitness account of the vehicles entering and exiting the property. He also talked with employees.

"We saw a piece of equipment go in on a trailer, a truck hauling a mini-excavator. Then, a little while after, there was another truck behind it. They were there for several hours. We could hear them, and it sounded like it was all going on around the lake. Then, five to six hours later, they were coming out, so I went down and talked to them. They said they were digging test holes to make samples. (The employee) elaborated a little bit, and another gentleman in another truck said that he was a 'geo tech' guy and that they were taking samples to the lab to be tested," he said.

Then, his account from just three days ago: "The white truck, the second truck that came in (the first time), was coming out of the property at 8:30 a.m.," Mills said.

Mills said he had similar interactions with surveyors in 2017, 2018 and a month ago. Six or seven years ago, one employee told Mills they were surveying the property where homes would eventually be built.

Construction isn't allowed while the moratorium and consent order is in place.

More pejorative details are now in the "Solite Files" from scathing emails from 14 current and/or former residents obtained by Clay Today that allege horrific mishaps by the company.

Lee Bishop grew up on CR 209-B in the 1980s and 1990s, where he and friends would sneak on the property to play and explore, mainly around Doctor Ira Drive.

"We would climb on big dirt hills around the lakes. When the water was low, you could see the tops of trucks and tractors in the bottom of the ponds," he said.

Bishop said he and his friends would stick to areas 10, 11, and 12 on the Solite map and that a tall dirt perimeter ran along the fence line where barrels are believed to be hidden. Bishop also said ormer ponds that are no longer on the map used to exist.

"They built tall dirt walls around the edge of the property. Crazy that my playground was toxic a dump," he wrote to Burke.

Robert Ownby has lived in the area since 1984, shifting from 1776 Oak Grove Dr. to the corner of CR 209-A and North Fork Road in 1992. The two properties in the Solite area are just 1.8 miles apart.

He served as a firefighter on the Lake Asbury Volunteer Fire Department in the mid-1980s, where he and other volunteers would go to Solite to train and familiarize themselves with the area.

"I remember seeing rows and rows of 55-gallon drums and the smell of chemicals in the air. It was spooky to me," Ownby said. "I just had an unsettling feeling about the place. I've always wondered why we never received any (service) calls to Solite. No accidents, fires, or chemical spills over the years."

After moving to Oak Grove Drive, he heard scraping clay from the ground.

"It sounded like they were coming through the bedroom wall," he said.

"Treetops appeared bright, reddish and orange glow. There seemed to be a white, mist-like substance emitting from the glow."

He later learned kilns operated at full speed during nighttime, nicknamed "balls to the wall," according to Zelinka.

Another witness that provided email testimony to FDEP was former American military hero Henry Danley, a retired Command Master Chief for the U.S. Navy stationed at NAS Cecil Field from 1987-1992.

After earning his position as Command Master Chief, Danley said he took the opportunity to question one of the personnel loading a truck, inquiring what the material was.

The employee told him it was oil laced with toxic PCBs scheduled to be destroyed by fire at Solite.

"This was and still is of great concern to

me since I lived at 2974 Russell Road," he said. The home is just a stone's throw from Solite: west and across the railroad tracks of the entrance of the former plant.

"Their burning of the oil left residue on my vehicles and there were times when the air would be full of smelly, oily smoke and raining ash," he said.

Patricia Foss relocated to Green Cove Springs with her husband, Doug, in the mid-1980s. After she started noticing suspicious signs at the plant in the late 1980s, health problems possibly linked to the plant began to arise in her family.

"My immediate family endured multiple symptoms, including heart, digestive issues and cancer. My son, Douglas, has been affected by Bradycardia, which has resulted in five pacemakers since the age of 16. I have had four lumps removed from my breasts and various treatments," Foss said.

Also, her daughter, Kimberly, who was 13 years old, was diagnosed with Giardiasis, which Giardia forms. This tiny parasite is found in soil, food and water that was contaminated with feces, and died two years ago from Ventricular fibrillation, a dangerous type of arrhythmia or irregular heartbeat.

Her husband suffers from heart issues as well.

Debbi Spradlin moved to the neighborhood in 1983.

"Our little neighborhood was in shock when we started noticing an occasional tanker truck with crossed bones and 'Hazardous' on the sides of the tankers heading into Solite down a tiny road alongside the railroad tracks late at night. It wasn't long until the same tankers, all with out-of-state plates, became more noticeable and multiplying in number," she said.

She knew that something wasn't right. "The General Manager of Solite, John Kuiken, after Solite closed, told me personally that there was so much hazardous waste buried in barrels all over the property, that it would not be habitable in our grandchildren's, their grandchildren's, or their grandchildren's lifetime. Sadly, he passed away from cancer last October," she said.

Burke said she would like to focus on three main goals.

First, it would be to verify that the FDEP is still actively managing the portion of the Solite property under the consent order and does not allow for residential usage until a complete clean-up is done.

Then, the commissioner said she would like to work with FDEP to review the rest of the property based on the widespread allegations of chemical dumping.

"If contamination is verified, then the rest of the property would also not be suitable for residential use until properly cleaned up," she said.

Next, she would like to work with FDEP to investigate potential violations stemming from stormwater runoff from the former Solite property through the canal and into Black Creek.

he final troubling detail of the "Solite Files" series is an anonymous expert wit-



# Seton Hall students spend Spring Break with Habitat for Humanity

**College Challenge helps build new home in Middleburg**

*For Clay Today*

MIDDLEBURG – Instead of spending their Spring Break on a sandy beach or on a ski

slope, 18 students from Seton Hall University spent the week working on a new home for Clay County Habitat for Humanity.

The volunteers worked on various projects on the home on Hibiscus Avenue before returning to classes in South Orange, New Jersey.



The Collegiate Challenge students began activities at the ReStore on Monday, March 6, and they spent the remainder of their trip at the construction site.

Activities at the site included hanging exterior vinyl siding and interior finishing work. The students worked alongside the Core Construction Volunteers and they had the opportunity to meet the CCHH Board of Directors, Family Selection Committee and Family Support Committee.

Through these interactions, they learned the importance of affordable hous-

ing and CCHH's strategy to address this critical issue in our community. The community supported the event through Publix Super Markets being a lunch sponsor and Waste Not Want Not being a breakfast sponsor.

For more than 25 years, Habitat for Humanity has provided alternative school break volunteer opportunities to college students. Since this program began in the late 1980s, more than 250,000 individuals have committed to building safe and affordable homes across the United States.

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- 4/4 Lily Rose, Ashley McBryde
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# Fair

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the more thoughtful truths of “Done” and “Things You Can’t Live Without” and the CMA Song of the Year nominee and ACM Video of the Year “Drunk Girl.”

Shane Proffitt’s musical catalog is filled with natural talent. Two years ago, he worked for the city an hour south of Nashville. Now he’s entertaining crowds at the historic Ryman Auditorium.

Now he has his own collection of hits, like “Guys Like Me,” “Better Off Fishin’” and “How It Oughta Be.”



**Tracy Lawrence and the Cumberland Band**  
Sunday, April 2, 7 p.m.

Tracy Lawrence began performing at 15, and he moved to Nashville, Tennessee,

in 1990 to start his country music career. He signed to Atlantic Records Nashville in 1991 and debuted late that year with the album “Sticks and Stones.”

Five more studio albums, as well as a live album and a compilation album, followed throughout the 1990s and into 2000 on Atlantic before the label’s country division was closed in 2001. Lawrence has released a total of 14 studio albums. His most commercially successful albums are “Alibis” and “Time Marches On,” certified double-platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America. He has charted more than 40 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts.

The Cumberland band is from North Florida, including lead guitarists Gabe Bullard from Middleburg.

“We’re going to try to do a pretty good job of blending newer country in some 90s country. That was kind of been one of our things. There aren’t too many people in town playing that 90s country,” said guitarist and singer Hunter Hays. “Our influences are kind of like the sound that we’re going for are Jason Aldean, Bradley Gilbert and Muscadine Bloodline. I’d say those are three pretty good influences that helped shape our sound.”

**Casting Crowns with We Are the Messengers and Ben Fuller**  
Monday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Lead singer and songwriter Mark Hall



**Ashley McBryde and Lily Rose.**  
Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m.

began crafting songs about his own struggles, fears, and uncertainty, and an undeniable theme emerged.

“Desert Road,” a harmony-filled tune that plays like a Casting Crowns classic, speaks to those moments when God’s plan isn’t clear, but we’re still called to follow. It’s about the journey of getting past yourself and realizing God knows what He’s doing, that He’s already at the end of the road looking back on it.

We Are the Messengers have more than 400 million career streams, more than 2.5 billion airplay audience and a 14-week No. 1 billboard radio song, “Come What May.”

(For more on Casting Crowns, see story on page 24.)

Ben Fuller grew up in Southern Vermont on his family’s dairy farm working beside his father. He passed the time by

Two months after winning A Grammy Award for her duet with Carly Pearce called “Never Want to Be That Woman.”

McBryde’s musical style combines country with the genres of rock, bluegrass, country pop and country rock. Writer Mark Deming characterized McBryde as “a vocalist and songwriter with a touch of rock & roll swagger, a honky tonk heart, and a lyrical voice that puts a modern-day spin on classic country themes.”

Words like “groundbreaking” and “trailblazing” are often overused. But for country star Lily Rose, that may be an understatement. The modern expression of country’s most treasured ideal – pure, unflinching honesty – her debut hit “Villain” revealed Rose as a talent, both 100% unique and utterly relatable. The Georgia native, whose inspirations range from Bruce Springsteen to Keith Urban and Katy Perry, Rose broke out in 2020 with “Villain.”

Her mix of personal lyricism and distinctive language meets the sonics of a post-genre fanbase as pure country sound merging with Hip-Hop and R&B.

**Jimmy Fortune, Bradley Walker, Mike Rogers and Ben Isaacs**

Wednesday, April 5, 2 p.m.

The chart-topping 1983 hit “Elizabeth” has always been one of the most beloved songs in the Statler Brothers’ extensive repertoire. Longtime Statler member Jimmy Fortune is reviving the song with three new musical partners – Bradley Walker, Mike Rogers and Ben Isaacs – for a new project, “Brotherly Love.”

It wasn’t hard for Fortune to get the other three on board.

The collection features the four artists serving up their renditions of country, pop and gospel standards. Fortune delivers a stellar version of Vince Gill’s “Go Rest High on That Mountain.” Rogers serves up a lively version of the “O Brother, Where Art Thou” hit “Man of Constant Sorrow,” and Isaacs wonderfully revive Don Williams’ hit “Lord, I Hope This Day is Good.”



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# Keystone Heights Rotary Club celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

By Natalie Gilstrap  
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Keystone Heights Rotary Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Local philanthropist Alfred B. Watson and local businesses formed the club in 1948 as a service organization. They are a part of Rotary International and are one of 46,000 Rotary Clubs. Their vision was to unite people to make communities, their selves, and the world a better place through meaningful actions. Their mottoes are “Service above self” and “One profits most who serves best.”

Over the years, the Rotary Club of Keystone Heights has served its community in more ways than one. They have participated in community events, food drives and fundraisers. The club also donates to local organizations, provides scholarships for high school students and supports the

local football and soccer school programs.

Rotary has served in other countries, providing necessities and promoting education. They put in a well in Haiti, a sanitization well in the Dominican Republic, and a literacy project in Guatemala.

“We want the community to know that we are here and to be aware that we’re here to serve the community,” President-Elect Heather Davis said.

The club plans to host a 1940s-themed gala and auction for its 75th anniversary. The event will be held at the Keystone Heights RV Resort on Saturday, March 25, from 5:30-8 p.m.

Guests who purchase a ticket will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a vacation voucher. The money raised will be used for future service projects.

“The anniversary celebration is a way to say thank you to the people who put this club together and to say to the community that we’ve been here a long time and we in-



PHOTO BY NATALIE GILSTRAP

From left, Rotarians Heather Davis, Deirdre Murphy, Rick Egle, Cheryl Owens, Ginger Lee, Richard Segall, Bruce Ford, Scott Kornegay, John Raimer, Shelly Gibbs and Todd Beals all will be part of their club’s 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on March 25 at Keystone Heights RV Resort.

tend to stay a long time,” Rotary President Richard Segall said.

For more information about Rotary,

visit [www.rotary.org/en](http://www.rotary.org/en). For more details on the 75th-anniversary celebration, visit, [tinyurl.com/gala75th](http://tinyurl.com/gala75th).

# Montgomery Center hosts weekly Fish Fry Fridays

By Natalie Gilstrap  
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Every Friday through April 7, the Montgomery Center will host an outdoor fish fry.

“We’re doing a fish fry every Friday during the season of Lent. That’s the season when we set aside to prepare for Easter.” Rebekah Rodgers, the Transitional Director at Montgomery Center, said.

The center started hosting the fish fry last year to be more involved in the community and to raise money for its summer camp program.

“We started them last year as a way to get more involved in the community and open our doors to the community,” Rodgers said. “It also serves as a fundraiser for our summer camp program.”

Guests attending the fish fry will be able to enjoy a meal of grits, hush puppies, collard green, and either fish or shrimp.

Afterward, guests can enjoy a dessert while enjoying each other’s company and



PHOTO BY NATALIE GILSTRAP

Lake Region residents can enjoy Fish Fry Fridays through April 7 at the Montgomery Center.

the scenery. Various recreational activities such as Hula Hoops, basketballs, soccer balls, and jump ropes will be available at the Fish Fry for children. Music will be available for everyone to enjoy.

“We would just love to see everyone come out for our Fish Fry Fridays at Montgomery Center,” Rodgers said.

The fry starts at 4:30 p.m. and runs until 7:30 p.m. Fish dinners are \$15; fish and shrimp dinners are \$20.

The center has enjoyed good turnouts on Fridays.

“It’s been good. We’ve had two so far this year, and they both averaged about 50 participants,” Rodgers said. “We’re happy

with the outcome.”

“It was great,” said the Becks, who are locals to the area.

Customers from neighboring counties like as Alachua and Bradford have attended – and plan to visit again.

“It’s just excellent,” one customer said. “We were here last week, and we are going to try to come every Friday.”

To learn more about the Montgomery Center, visit [montgomerycenter.net/](http://montgomerycenter.net/) or call (352) 473-4516.



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## Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register  
True Life Church  
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### Spring: A Time of FLOWERS and NEW GROWTH

In the Springtime, you can see it all around. Flowers and new growth everywhere. The dormancy of the earth is gone and everything around you are blooming with new life! It's a beautiful sight to behold and all designed by the hand of our Creator. His boundless creativity is unmatched, and we are blessed to witness it year after year.

*In Matthew 6:28-29, Jesus says, "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are." Jesus' words are a testament to the natural beauty that God's created all around us.*

Martin Luther once said, "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

We must remember that the beauty and splendor of spring flowers didn't "worry" themselves into their beauty. We should not either! 1 Peter 5:7 reads, "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." While our worries get heavy, we don't need to carry them with us. God is strong enough to handle anything we face, and we have the continued opportunities to place all our worries directly into His mighty hands.

Maybe take a stroll through a park or even stand in a light sprinkle of rain. Take in the new season of spring. Enjoy all the senses, every sight, smell, sound, taste, and touch God has given us. Activities such as these help to center our hearts and minds. Spending time in God's creation helps us to slow down and place our focus on God once again instead of the worries of this world.

God refreshes the world every Spring. Ask God to do the same in you, in order to bring a newness and freshness into your heart, mind, and spirit. When He does, all your worries will melt away and be replaced by His peace. Walk in His new growth for you today!

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

## Japanese exchange student etches her mark on community

By Kylie Cordell  
For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – "My name is Sakura Inoue. I'm from Aichi Prefecture, which is in the middle part of Japan," she said straightforwardly.

Inoue came to the United States in January. She lives with her host parents in Middleburg and attends Fleming Island High through a partnership with Green Greenheart Exchange. This non-profit organization finds host families for international high school students.

In about two months, Sakura has significantly impacted her new community, painting calligraphy for Koushinryou Curry and Sando, a local Japanese Restaurant in Jacksonville. Koushinryou specializes in Japanese sandwiches and curry, the national dish of Japan, and is located in Pablo Station.

An employee familiar with Inoue's work from local events offered to put Chef Levi Broadwell in touch with Inoue to do calligraphy for the restaurant.

"I wasn't sure if she would be interested in it or not, but I asked her for her contact information, and to my surprise, she was super excited," Broadwell said.

Broadwell had been looking for someone to do calligraphy for his new restaurant sign. Inoue did the work for the sign, and she drew calligraphy on the back of the seats.

"Since the beginning of 2023, I went to Mr. Levi's restaurant three or four times," Inoue said. "I worked on the signs, and I worked on the tables and backs of chairs. For almost two or three months, I have been working on calligraphy work at the restaurant."

Japanese Calligraphy, or Shodo, is "the way of artistic handwriting or beautiful writing." It is traditionally done with ink and brush, the tools which create the form's flowing, cursive style.

The art came from China around 2000 years ago but was adopted by Japan. It is still widely taught in traditional Japanese elementary schools.

"The most important role of calligraphy was communicating, but now we don't use it to communicate as much. It's more of a symbol of Japanese culture. It was important for communication many years ago, but now it is more symbolic," Inoue said.

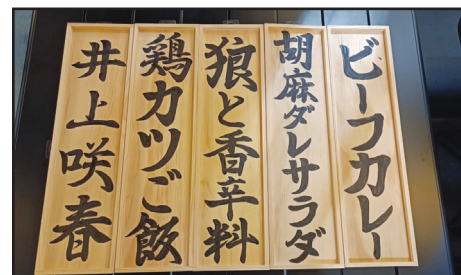
However, many families enroll their children in calligraphy classes to improve handwriting skills, a symbol of both education and professionalism. Inoue started taking private calligraphy lessons nine years ago.

"When I was in Japan, in my private class, I would have to work on my calligraphy for two or three hours. It was very long. And when I went to my calligraphy camp, I would have to work almost all day long. I got used to a lot of work," she said.

"My calligraphy teacher was really strict, but thanks to him, my calligraphy skills really improved. Calligraphy has been a hobby and a big interest of mine for



Sakura Inoue shares her Japanese culture by creating calligraphies. She's part of the foreign exchange program at Fleming Island High.



many years."

Now her calligraphy will be on display for years.

Besides being an artist, Sakura is an A student taking English, government and American history. She is on the track team and loves her yearbook class.

"I have been taking those classes since the beginning of the year. My teachers and my friends are very kind to me. There are many differences between my Japanese school and Fleming Island High School, but it has been really great so far," she said.

Inoue also participated in World of Nations, an annual international festival in Jacksonville and one of North Florida's largest multicultural festivals, featuring exhibitions and events from various countries.

"There are many countries at the event and I was working on Calligraphy at the Japanese booth. It was very exciting," she said.

After graduating from high school, Sakura plans to pursue international relations and diplomacy.

"I want to learn about international relationships between many countries so that we can make a peaceful world. I am learning a lot about the relationship between America and Japan," she said. "I

don't think calligraphy is going to be my work. It's more like a hobby, but from this experience, I get to introduce my calligraphy to the world. It became part of my dream."

Many foreign exchange students come to the United States for an American high school experience and English language immersion. They embrace our culture and share their own.

"This is just one example of that," said Greenheart High Exchange Coordinator Wanda Cox.

"If anyone is interested in becoming a host, they can go to [www.hostwithgreenheart.org](http://www.hostwithgreenheart.org). They will come up to a screen that says, 'I am interested in hosting,' and they can fill that out. We reach out to them and start the conversation," she said. "We are always on the lookout for host families because without them, we can't bring these students here."



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Harry Horton and family are seen taking a Sunday drive in Harry's Stanley Steamer – you heard it right, as a steam-powered car. The Magnolia Springs Hotel once stood where St. Johns Landing apartments now stand. Dowling-Shands Lumber Mill, later purchased by JC Penney. The mill was at the mouth of Governors Creek across the water from the Magnolia Hotel.



## Clay County and the Industrial Revolution

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

CLAY COUNTY – The second phase of the Industrial Revolution (1850-1940) came to Clay County via the railroads, and the railroads and steamboats came tourism. The county saw a boom in tourism and agriculture.

Once Henry Flagler and Henry Plant completed railroads in Florida, northern visitors, our original “snowbirds,” flocked here in droves, some even in private railcars.

### Transportation

Steamboats, the essential steam-powered means of transportation, ruled the St. Johns River and Black Creek. The sound of their whistles, each different from the other, floated over the water. Graceful, steam-powered paddle wheelers created churned waves that washed over the riverbank.

Suddenly, grand hotels started popping up beside the Spring and along the banks of the St. Johns River.

### Hotels

The Magnolia Hotel was the grandest of all, with its third version standing as a massive four-story structure with an indoor spring-fed swimming pool, a ballroom, and wraparound porches. The grounds boasted tennis courts and a golf course that used Civil War-era Union trenches as sand traps. National golf and tennis champions like Richard Sears and Clarence Hobart came and played in tournaments. One of those trophies is on display at the county courthouse, as are hotel keys, photos, and other items found at the former site.

Those porches captured the cool winter breezes. The scenery entertained hotel guests and visitors like Thomas Alva Edison, President Chester Arthur, President Ulysses Grant, President Grover Cleveland, John Murray Forbes, William Morris Hunt and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

In its early history, the hotel's (1850-1870s) guests were Northerners active in the abolitionist and suffragist movements.

The hotel's second owner, Dr. Seth Rogers, was Susan B. Anthony's cousin.

The hotel offered state-of-the-art amenities like gourmet food, fresh milk and dairy products, hot water, a phonograph donated by Edison, and lights inspected by Edison. He seemed to enjoy his visit, although he did complain about lunch one day.

### Farming

Meanwhile, back at the farm, engines replaced animal and human muscle. In Clay County, especially in the early 1900s, large-scale farming and ranching took place. Florida Farm & Industries (FF&I) held tens of thousands of acres on which they ran hundreds of head of cattle and operated a dairy. Recent scientific discoveries improved the soil with new types of fertilizer, creating greener and healthier pastures.

FF&I also had a full-scale cannery on site and used to can crops of tomatoes and other vegetables. A narrow gauge railway ran from Longbranch, now known as Penney Farms, to Green Cove Springs. Railroads made it much easier to harvest fresh fruits and other crops and get them to northern markets unspoiled. The Atlantic Coast Line railroad, which had routed all over the state, played a crucial role in transporting farm products and people.

Large sawmills like the Dowling-Shands Lumber Mill were located near railways and waterways. Timber was shipped down Black Creek on rafts pulled by steamboats, then cut and milled into planks, barrel staves, shingles, and other products. The mill could produce 1,000 barrels a day at full production speed. The cutting capacity in the day shift was 3,000,000 feet a month. The planer's capacity was 1,000,000 feet a month. A.G. Shands later went on to build the original Shands Bridge.

E.I. DuPont began phosphate-mining operations near Camp Blanding using steam-powered shovels. Today, the mine produces titanium, ilmenite, kyanite, leucosene, rutile and zircon.

### Camphor trees

A little community known as Waller, located near Camp Blanding, was once home to E.I. DuPont's 12,000-acre camphor farm. Camphor is a white, crystalline substance with an aromatic smell and bitter taste in certain essential oils. Obtained especially from the wood and bark of the camphor tree, it was used as an ointment, a mild topical analgesic in medicine, as a plasticizer and as an insect repellent.

By 1916, there were 400 acres planted with mature camphor trees and another 350 acres of seedlings. By 1919, 2000 acres of camphor trees grew.

Camphor was also an essential ingredient in gunpowder and fireworks. Alfred Nobel's 1877 explosive creation of Ballistite, also known as smokeless gunpowder, required camphor. Camphor stabilized the explosives against decomposition and spontaneous explosions.

The trouble was that, before this decade, Japan controlled the world market on camphor. In 1919, the United States imported over a million dollars worth of camphor. WWI created a considerable demand for gunpowder, and the price rose to \$3.75 a pound. The solution was to grow trees in Florida and produce our camphor supply. Unfortunately, the tree is an invasive species, just like so many other plants and animals in Florida. The trees at the DuPont farm were not allowed to grow tall because of the inconvenience of harvesting. It took about six years for a tree to grow large enough to use for camphor production. Leaves and twigs were distilled. That produced about one pound of camphor crystals from every 100 pounds of twigs and leaves. Almost as soon as DuPont got the Waller plant ready, a process for producing synthetic camphor was invented. In 1921, DuPont's chemists made synthetic camphor from the turpentine of Southern pine stumps. The price of camphor plunged, and Clay County was left with acres and acres of a beautiful but invasive tree.

### Electricity

Electrical grids came to Clay County

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Above top: The cannery at Longbranch later became Penney Farms. Middle: Clay Electric linemen stringing power lines. Bottom: A large, beautiful, and fully mature camphor tree on the grounds of the 1890 Courthouse.





# Four face additional charges following jailhouse brawl

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – An argument between two inmates on March 10 led to the attack of one of the men by four others, including three who were in jail on murder charges.

According to a five-page arrest report, Dontae Cameron Reid and Bernard Reese got into a confrontation in the B4 Wing of the Clay County Jail. Reese punched Reid in the face before Deshaun Michael Green, Kyle Randelston, Qwentin Deshaun Simmons and Daveion Austin joined in the attack.

Reid also sustained several stab wounds to his back and the back of his head. He was transported to HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital for treatment.

The fight started when Austin entered Reid's jail cell while he was asleep. He said Austin said he wanted to use his cell so he could talk to somebody in another dorm. Reid told Austin not to sneak up on him while he was asleep, and that started the argument.

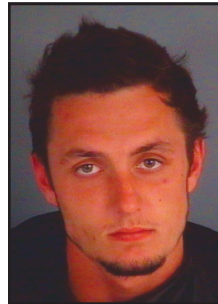
Reese then attacked Reid to trigger the



Dontae Reid



Bernard Reese



Kyle Randelston



Deashaun Green

melee.

Surveillance video showed Simmons striking Reid's back with a weapon, but nothing was recovered. Simmons told deputies, "You're not going to find it. I got rid of it."

Deputies believe the weapon was either a pencil or pen. Simmons, who was in jail after being charged with six counts of attempted murder, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, firefighter or EMT, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and attempted murder of a law enforcement officer after he fired at U.S. Marshals agents and deputies with the Clay County Sheriff's Office and officers with the Green

Cove Springs Police Department. On Dec. 16 when they tried to apprehend him during school hours near Green Cove Springs Junior High and Charles E. Bennett Elementary, Simmons fired randomly at law enforcement while he tried to escape on a bicycle.

He now faces an additional charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Austin, Reese, Green and Randelston all were charged with aggravated battery in jail.

Green was in jail after being charged with second-degree murder after Jandel Rodriguez was shot while walking on Claremont Avenue in Orange Park on Jan. 2,

2022.

Randelston was arrested for jail fight on Feb. 26, in 2021, and for two counts attempted murder for shooting .380 into a Sweet 16 party on Vine Street on April 10, 2020. There were 20-to-30 people at the party when a fight broke out in the living room after someone commented about somebody's nose ring. One man was shot in abdomen, another in the back.

CCSO arrested Austin following Nov. 17, 2020, armed robbery in Green Cove Springs. Felony murder charges were then added after 18-year-old Skyler Townsend was shot on Center Street during the robbery. Reese was charged with murder and possession of a concealed weapon after the Orange Park Police Department said he shot his brother in the back with a gun he bought to threaten someone to stop "hitting" on his cousin.

He was in the bedroom with his brother when he pulled the trigger and it discharged. He told police he forgot he had a bullet in the chamber. Reid was arrested on Jan. 27 and charged with stalking and making threats against his former fiancée.

## 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 21

Melissa A. Alba, 56, Middleburg, possession-drug paraphernalia, trafficking-amphetamine/methamphetamine

Justin M. Walker, 31, Green Cove Springs, two counts violation of pre-trial release conditions against domestic battery

Lazaro E. Gonzales-Morales, 26, Middleburg, shoplifting

Nicole R.A. McCreevy, 33, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove contraband into jail, possession-methamphetamine

Isabela Padron-Camba, 22, Middleburg, shoplifting

Christian I. Timones, 32, Fleming Island, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana

Erik A. Williams, 34, Fleming Island, trafficking-cocaine, possession-marijuana with intent to sell/distribute, two counts possession-controlled substance

Matthew T.I. West, 36, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Amber R. Rippel, 38, Orange Park, shoplifting

Michael S. Yetman, 34, Keystone Heights, fugitive from justice

Briana R. Richards, 26, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, battery

Deborah D. Hatcher, 51, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

Eugene E. Jenkins, 45, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-failure to register vehicle

Jimmy S.H. Liu, 20, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

### Monday, March 20

Walter G. Trancynger, 36, Middleburg, non-support, FTA-DWLSR

Joseph B. Shoemake, 54, Middleburg, driving without valid license

Chelsea R. Busbee, 32, Middleburg, shoplifting

Alyssa M. Smith, 23, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-cocaine

Deborah S. Wills, 54, Orange Park, violation of pre-trial release conditions against domestic violence

Donald T. Harrell, 56, Middleburg, trespassing

Rainier C.Q. Briones, 32, Orange Park, battery

Gregory A. Sheffield, 33, Green Cove Springs, FTA-failure to register vehicle, DWLSR

Jaime A.G. Esteban, 27, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license

Filgence Wilson, 30, Orange Park, possession-unlicensed firearm, discharging firearm in public

### Sunday, March 19

William F. McHale, 57, Middleburg, petit theft

Timothy L. Brown, 42, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, criminal mischief

Christopher J. Turner, 33, Middleburg, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Robert L. Horne, 46, Green Cove Springs, DUI

Jesse C. Velasco, 34, Oakleaf, DUI with BAL .15 or greater

Eleazar Torres, 32, Orange Park, domestic battery

Sebastian B. Blount, 18, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana

Lance A. Braswell, 24, Orange Park, possession-marijuana

Felisa P. Pinkerton, 65, Orange Park, DUI

Everette H. Lawrence, 22, Orange Park, DUI

Autumn L. Anderson, 26, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance

### Saturday, March 18

Joshua L. Williams, 38, Orange Park, possession-drug paraphernalia, DWLSR

Destiny L. Tolbert, 33, Fleming Island, two counts petit theft

Lee E. Rupert, 32, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, DWLSR, possession-drug paraphernalia

Jon P. Shaver, 57, Keystone Heights, domestic battery

Devin J.R. Hyland, 25, Middleburg, domestic battery

Robert C. Gill, 57, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine

### Friday, March 17

Tabius M. Booker, 18, Middleburg, FTA

Skyla M. Kelm, 21, Fleming Island, petit theft

Roger C. Weber, 50, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice

Shawn P. Riley, 55, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Ronald J. Sweat, 47, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA-creating community hazard by littering more than 500 pounds, two counts FTA-uttering false bills

Leann E. McClain, 43, Middleburg, battery, shoplifting

Amos J. Boykin, 32, Orange Park, selling-cocaine, sale/delivery-fentanyl

Marcus W. Curry, 36, Green Cove Springs, possession-drug paraphernalia

Nehemy Rene, 34, Green Cove Springs, FTA-attempting to flee/elude law enforcement with disregard to public safety, FTA-DUI with property damage, FTA-hit and run/leaving scene of accident, FTA-driving without headlights, FTA-failure to obey traffic sign, FTA-failure to drive in single lane, FTA-speeding

Joseph M. Baranowski, 41, Middleburg, VOP-community control

Shaun C. Murphy, 43, Fleming Island, DUI (fourth offense)

Dalton R. Hooks, 27, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia, atler/destroy/conceal evidence, DWLSR

Helen Franklin, 56, Middleburg, trespassing

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### Thursday, March 16

Linda F. Blanchard, 66, Orange Park,



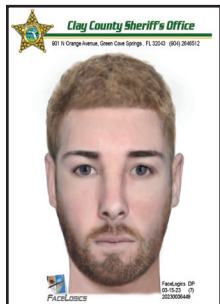
# Police Briefs

## Sheriff's Office needs help finding man wanted for sexual assault

MIDDLEBURG – The Florida Sheriff's Association Criminal Apprehension Assistance Program is offering a \$5,000 reward for information that can lead to the arrest for a man wanted for sexually assaulting a woman in her home on March 13.

Sheriff Michelle Cook identified the man as being 5-foot-10 with a red beard and wearing a black hoodie and shorts and black slide-style sandals.

"At approximately 6 a.m. deputies responded to the area of Blanding and Blairmore (boulevards). The victim, who we're not going to identify, reported that a white male adult with a red beard illegally entered her residence and sexually assaulted



Rape Suspect

her. "After the assault, the suspect fled on foot. We saturated the area that morning. We conducted an exhaustive and extensive search, including using our police K-9s, but unfortunately, we're not able to locate the suspect."

The Clay County Sheriff's Office asks that if you recognize the man or have any information to contact them at (904) 264-6512 or leave a tip at SaferWatch.com.

## Man jailed for firing gun at his apartment complex

ORANGE PARK – The Clay County Sheriff's Office was called to an apartment complex after receiving a complaint of a shot fired in the parking lot and they stopped a man who was leaving the complex at 1:55 a.m. without his headlights on.

Filgence Wilson,



Filgence Wilson

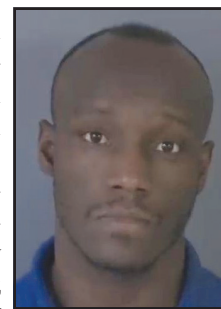
30, of Orange Park, eventually was charged with possessing an unlicensed firearm and shooting it in public on March 20.

After Wilson was stopped by deputies, they found two spent 9 mm casings by his car.

## Man on lam caught, returned to jail to face litany of traffic charges

MIDDLEBURG – A man whose been on the lam for a month was caught and returned to the Clay County Jail after he was caught on March 18.

Nehemy Rene was supposed to stand trial for several DUI-related charges on Feb. 7, but he failed to appear in court. In addition to being charged with attempting to flee law enforcement without regard for safety of



Nehemy Rene

others, DUI, hit and run, driving without headlights, running a stop sign, failing to remain in a single lane and speeding, he now faces a charge of failure to appear.

In response, he was ordered to remain in jail without bond.

According to the original arrest report, Rene crashed a U-Haul van and fled the scene in a high-speed chase on March 31, 2021, in Middleburg.

According to the arrest report, a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy clocked Rene at 72 mph shortly after midnight on Blanding Boulevard in a 45-mph zone. When the deputy gave chase, Rene ran a red light while turning left onto Coppergate Drive. After turning, Rene turned off the van's lights, according to CCSO.

When Rene turned onto Icen Court, he tried to make a U-turn in a yard and he struck the corner of a home. Rene continued to drive away, and he eventually struck an unoccupied Toyota.

After being detained, Rene failed the field sobriety test, according to the arrest report. He also refused to submit to a blood alcohol test at the scene.

## Arrests

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trespassing

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

Quazire D. Smith-Brown, 21, Orange Park, criminal mischief

Destiney C. Downs, 24, Middleburg, shoplifting

Shane M. Carter, 32, Green Cove Springs, possession-fentanyl, introduce/remove contraband into jail, fugitive from

justice

Kershell J. Vickers, 32, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Mi A.J. Pare, 19, Orange Park, shoplifting

Shawn A. Sieling, 49, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft

Andre D. Wilson, 34, Green Cove Springs, VOP-trespassing

Juan B. De La Cruz, 31, Orange Park, illegally obtaining property, possession-methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Philip A. Martin, 40, Orange Park, FTA

Bernard E. Reese, 29, Green Cove

Springs, battery in jail

Daniel R. Williams, 34, Orange Park, domestic battery

Deashaun M. Green, 19, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail

Kyle L.K. Randelston, 23, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail

Daveion B. Austin, 22, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail

Qwentin D. Simmons, 24, Green Cove Springs, aggravated battery with deadly weapon

Anthony M. Loomis, 44, Middleburg, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, domestic battery, resist/obstruct/oppose

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Qwentin D. Simmons, 24, Green Cove Springs, aggravated battery with deadly weapon

Anthony M. Loomis, 44, Middleburg, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, domestic battery, resist/obstruct/oppose

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## Wednesday, March 15

Brian O. Ford, 39, Orange Park, aggravated battery

Ziumin Chen, 42, Middleburg, shoplifting

Nancy E. Singleton, 30, Middleburg, domestic battery

Antwane M. Staten, 30, Orange Park, grand theft

Daniel D. Pokrajac, 29, Orange Park, domestic battery

Tyson G. Frisbee, 42, Middleburg, failure to report name/residency change

## Solite

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ness in an email response to his thoughts regarding a six-page document completed on May 23, 2022. A Corrective Measures Study Addendum reviewed by the University of Florida Center for Environment and Human Toxicology and the FDEP Business and District Support Program dated Feb. 9, 2021, presents testing results from the Solid Waste Management Unit 11 Scrubber Pond and the SWMU-12. "It appears that FDEP may not be fully on-board with what Stoneridge Farms wants to do," the scientist said. Without a map, it will be hard to know if the lake, where much of the alleged dumping occurred, was included in the assessment and testing, the source said.

During tests, Hyalella Azteca, a small crustacean amphipod similar to shrimp, was found at the bottom of bodies of water.

"They are good indicators of the health of sediment, as they are sensitive to various

metals, pesticides and other contaminants. The testing indicated that these amphipods were adversely affected by contaminants,"

the source said.

The FDEP is likely to take some course of action, he suggests.

"FDEP believes, and the reviewer concurs, that doing nothing is unacceptable," the source said.



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# Record-setting Christian band, Casting Crowns, to headline at Fair

Band has sold more than 12 million records, earned 18 Dove Awards

By Alan Sculley  
Last Word Features

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The popular Christian band Casting Crowns took a unique approach to release their latest collection of songs. January 2022 saw the release of the seven-song EP “Healer.” Those seven songs have been released on a deluxe version of “Healer,” adding seven more pieces to complete a 14-song full-length album.

The band, which will play at the Clay County Agriculture Fair on Monday, April 3, has been a leader in ticket demand, according to Fair Executive Director Tasha Hyder.

Mark Hall, lead singer and main songwriter for the group, chose this approach because of how many people consume music.

“The reason I did it this way, it was my idea, is that people will get your record. They listen to it for a week, and they’re like, ‘OK, when’s your new record coming out?’ Hall said in a recent phone interview. “I just thought, man, there are so many things we’re talking about, and so many themes that we’re hitting here (on “Healer”), I want to space this out. I want people to digest some of the songs, live with these songs, and then give them the other half.”

So now, as Casting Crowns follows up a fall tour with an extensive run of shows this spring, all 14 songs written for the project are together on the deluxe version of “Healer.” That’s enabling the band to tweak the set list for this latest installment of the “Healer” tour.

“The first seven songs came out for that (spring 2022) tour. But the second seven have come out now,” Hall said. “So we’re going through and looking at some of the (new) ones we want to play for everybody.”

Hall and his bandmates select which “Healer” songs to perform judiciously. Most of the set will be drawn from a cat-

alog with more than 20 top 10 Christian music singles, including 11 chart-toppers.

The consistent ability to write hit singles has made Casting Crowns one of Christian music’s most popular and long-running acts.

Hall formed the band in 1999 with Hall, and the current lineup includes guitarists Juan DeVevo and Josh Mix, violinist Melodee DeVevo, bassist John Michael Hall (the frontman’s son), keyboardist/accordionist Megan Garrett and drummer Jack Williams.

After releasing two independent albums, Casting Crowns signed to Beach Street Records. In 2003, they made a significant breakthrough with their third album, a self-titled effort that became one of the fastest-selling national debuts in Christian music history. The band has remained at the forefront of Christian music since, with seven of the eight subsequent albums debuting atop the Christian albums chart. The one album that failed to reach that mark, “Only Jesus,” reached No. 2.

The group has sold more than 12 million copies of its albums, winning a Grammy award, four American Music Awards and 18 Dove awards (Christian Music’s highest honor).

The 14 songs came to explore a variety of ways healing happens through God. The title track speaks to how people sometimes seek comfort and healing through social movements, political candidates, or internet influencers instead of turning to the only true healer, Jesus. “Anything But Easy” is about bringing loved ones to Jesus, no matter what challenges must overcome. “Scars In Heaven” (a top 10 single from the first half of “Healer”) is about healing after the death of a friend and how that process can come in unexpected ways.

Such messages are within songs that fit the Casting Crowns’ trademark brand of uplifting, anthemic pop ballads filled with inviting melodies, burnished instrumental tones and layered choir-like harmony and backing vocals.

With the pandemic upending life every-



Casting Crowns will play at the Clay County Agriculture Fair on Monday, April 3. The band has attracted considerable interest in advanced sales.

where, the topic of how and where to find healing was nothing if not timely.

“We’ve seen the world, especially our country, trying to come together behind things, like causes, candidates, hashtags, and all of these kinds of things and it’s just Jesus is the one that heals us. He’s the one that heals relationships,” Hall said. “So we

really want to talk about how he is the true healer.”

General admission to the show, which includes performances by We Are the Messengers and Ben Fuller, is free with paid fair ticket. Reserved seats and VIP packages are available from \$50 to \$160. Tickets can be found at claycountyfair.org.

## Celebrate from page 21

late in the game. Ed Wiggins, as described on his WWI draft card, was a slight man with grey eyes and gray hair at 36. This unassuming man electrified Clay County — literally.

In 1924, Wiggins was running a hardware store in Green Cove Springs when the founders of Keystone Heights, the Lawrence Development Company, asked him to come down and help with the plumbing and electrical work at the new Keystone Inn. He ended up owning the town’s electrical plant — if you can call it that.

It was a diesel Delco generator with a few lines stretched across poles and through trees. It was an unreliable system, flickering, and so on. A gust of wind or the wrong bird on a wire would cause total blackouts. People kept their kerosene lanterns nearby.

In 1936, the electric company’s power plant had grown to 115 kilowatts. The distribution system grew to 100 miles of line. The community was deep into the Great Depression, and Keystone Heights’ population had barely reached 320 people.

On Dec. 9, 1937, the Clay Electric Cooperative was incorporated. The first member meeting was on Dec. 21, 1937, where it all started: the Keystone Inn.

Today the Cooperative is one of the largest in the United States, and the headquarters are still in Keystone Heights. There are approximately 183,000 member-owned accounts, and its service area stretches into 14 North Florida counties with more than 13,000 miles of distribution and transmission lines.

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## OHS's Turner, SJCDS' Scott on Dairy Farmer's Best of List

Courtesy of Dairy Farmers High School Awards

GAINESVILLE (March 16) -- Oakleaf High girls basketball guard Kaylah Turner and St. Johns Country Day School point guard Taliah Scott both earned their Class 6A and Class 2A players of year awards, respectively, and are now on the list as finalists for the Dairy Farmer's Girls Basketball Miss Basketball Award denoting the best player in Florida.

Ironically, Turner and Scott were former teammates at Oakleaf High School three years ago under coach Fred Cole and pushed the Knights to a first-ever Final Four finish.

Two years later, both players upped their game with Turner leading the 2023 Lady Knights and Scott leading the Class 2A St. Johns team to a Final Four finish as well as Clay County had an astounding three girls basketball teams; Ridgeview the third, make it to their region finals. Ridgeview, in Class 5A, lost to Daytona Beach Mainland in that region final.



St. Johns Country Day School senior guard Taliah Scott, also a McDonald's All American choice, is one of two Clay County girls basketball players on the Dairy Farmer best of list. Scott is the Class 2A player of year choice.

The seven individual class finalists for the 2023 Florida Dairy Farmers Miss Basketball and Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year have been announced following balloting by a statewide panel of high school

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Oakleaf High senior point guard Kaylah Turner, known for her steals to layups, got her second Final Four appearance in three years and was named a Class 6A player of year.



Fleming Island high jumper Gabrielle Flores overcome weather and a strong field to win her event at the Bob Hayes Memorial Invitational held this year at the University of North Florida.

## Flores, Keester earn Bob Hayes titles

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE – Fleming Island High distance runner John Keester IV turned the trick for a third Bob Hayes title while teammate Gabrielle Flores endured wet, sloppy conditions to win the high jump as area track athletes not only competed against the best athletes in Florida, but also had weather factors throughout the Saturday festival of events. The annual event, the 58th running on Saturday, has recently moved from its historical venue of Raines High School, who has staged the meet since 1968 in honor of NFL and Olympic sprint legend Bob Hayes, to the state of the art track facility at University of North Florida.


"We think the move to University of North Florida was a great move for the enhancement of the meet as was evident by this being one of our biggest athlete participation in recent history even with the bad weather," said Henry Smith, a 25-year veteran of staging the Bob Hayes Memorial Invitational with its long history at Raines High School now being elevated with the world class track at UNF. "Greg Coleman, the event director who took over after coach James Day passed

last year, has made the transition a world class move into a world class facility. We saw the world class performances like never before just like we used to see every year at Raines. On Saturday, the 4 x 400 and the 100 meters, the two showcase events, were the highlights of the meet."


Top local performances for the day were a third 3200 meter title to Keester IV who ran a 9:42.29 split to outdistance Fleming Island teammate Jacob Campbell who was runnerup at 9:55.02; a high jump title to Flores who won with a 5'-.25" leap to win by two inches and a courageous elite mile run by Fleming Island's Graham Myers, who led the entire race, extended on the final lap, but could not hold off a late charge from Mandarin's Gavin Nelson who won by .16 seconds with a 4:18.41. Myers time; 4:18.57, was a new school record for Fleming Island.

In the sprints, Oakleaf's Evan Brown continued his strong season of sub-11 second splits in the 100 meters as he finished fifth in 10.81 against an elite field that was won with three runners at the front all under 10.60; winner Brandon Bennette of American Heritage, just a freshman, in 10.51. In second and third,

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# Holy Wallizada! 30:50 10K on home track

Nesi: Flagler record 5K

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor  
with excerpts UNFospreys.com

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Fleming Island High track and cross country graduate Kameron Wallizada, a sophomore track runner at the University of North Florida now, blasted an incredible 60 second final lap of a track 10K (6.2 miles) race on his home track to lead a 1-2-3 finish for Osprey runners at the River City Classic season opener on Thurs., March 16.

"I just felt good and wanted to win the race," said Wallizada, who was among a four-man pack near the bell lap when he revved up his engine for the incredible finish to win the event in 30 minutes, 50.51 seconds. "I've been training hard with Aiden O'Gorman and the rest of the team and the payoff was tonight."

UNF track coach Jeff Pigg commented that Wallizada's performance, though exciting and dramatic, was not much of a surprise.

"He's a tough kid," said Pigg. "He's got a strong character and I don't have to worry about the little stuff of readiness. He's also hungry to do well. One big thing is he is not afraid to hurt. Sometimes, he works too hard, but we keep him easy on the easy days."

Also at the River City Classic, in the 5000 meters (3.1 miles), former Ridgeview High track standout Joel Nesi, now a sophomore at Flagler College, shredded the Flagler track record in his event with a sixth place finish in 14:32.82 with two Florida State University runners taking the top two spots in 14:15.81 and 14:18.87.

For Flagler, also in the 5K, Oakleaf High grad A'Jani Stokes finished 34th in 16:30.18.

Just a week ago, Nesi and teammates Brandon Knieja, Chase McKee and Francisco Ramirez received all-region honors (top five finishers) in the distance medley relay at the 2023 NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field region championships. Flagler had the third best region time at 10:08.15 to break the old record of 10:20.17.

In the 10K, Wallizada blasted away to

finish in a time of 30:50.51 seconds to win the event followed by UNF freshman runners; Paul Lespacio and Cole Perry; in at 30:51.35 and 30:57.39, respectively.

"Kameron [Wallizada] won with a great 60 seconds over the last 400m," said UNF coach Jeff Pigg.

"These guys work their tails off constantly. They are humble, respectful and are hungry. I'm happy for them and so proud of those guys. It was Paul [Lespacio]'s first collegiate race and what a way to start his career."

Pigg noted that Wallizada's 60 second finish was not much of a surprise.

"I knew they were all working together to break 31 minutes and it was a great, cool night to run out there," said Pigg. "The three of them exercised good patience and took turns leading; Kameron maybe doing a bit more than the other two, but he later said when Paul (Lespacio) took off near the end, Kameron said that was what got them trio under 31 minutes. It's good to see a kid like Kameron, who works his butt off, do well."

Cool winds accompanied the North Florida men's track and field team, as it highlighted the outdoor season debut on the home course at Visit Jax Track in Hodges Stadium on Thursday evening. The Osprey men went for personal-best times in several athletic events including the 200m, 1500m, 3000m steeplechase, 5000m and the 10,000m.

Wallizada, who visited the UNF track on Saturday to watch the Bob Hayes Invitational, noted that his training while at North Florida has simply become more simple.

"Consistency, good nutrition and easy runs that are easy," said Wallizada, noted in his high school days as a torrid-paced runner both in competition and in training with his Fleming Island teammates which ultimately led to nagging injuries. "The rest and recovery we are required has been the biggest change."

In the women's 5K, Middleburg High grad Emma Mussante, a sophomore at Florida Southern College, finished eighth in 17:24.37 to break her school's record for the event.

In the women's 10,000 meters, for-



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Former Fleming Island High track runner Kameron Wallizada, second from right, runs in pack of four in early miles of River City Classic 10K track race at University of North Florida en route to thrilling win Thursday night. Wallizada is sophomore at UNF.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Former Fleming Island High state champion hurdler Glenn Rodgers, center red, will be going for a second NAIA All American finish in the hurdles for Southeastern University.



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Former Ridgeview High track star Joel Nesi, second from right, has been clocking out fast times on the track for Flagler College including a recent sub-15 minute 5K (3.1 miles) at the River City Classic at UNF.

mer Fleming Island cross country runner Emma Millson, now a freshman at UNF, finished fourth in 37:15.07 behind winner Raquel Lespacio of UNF, who won in 36:57.24. Former Bishop Snyder cross country champion Gianna Forte, a senior at UNF, was third in 37:11.94.

In the mens 1500, Keystone Heights High grad Alex Guy, a junior at Florida Southern, was 16th in 4:01.87. Winner was UNF's Mac Franks in 3:45.33. Guy posted a 1:53.64 800 meters in February at the Collegiate Last Chance Qualifier in Gainesville during indoor season.

In womens high jump, Middleburg High grad Kaley Petrosky, a senior at UNF, was third at 5'-3" with Kristi Snyman of Jacksonville University winning at 6'-0".

In the mens 400, former Orange Park High trackster Markez Sermons, now at FAMU, was 17th in 51.25 seconds.

In Brookings, SD, the NAIA mens track and field national title went to Southeastern University with former Fleming Island state hurdle champion Glenn Rodgers, a senior, finishing eighth in the 60 meter hurdles.

At the University of South Florida's Bulls Invitational on March 18, two area state champions; Fleming Island hurdler Glenn Rodgers, now at Southeastern, and Oakleaf triple jumper Loren Johnson, now at USF, competed with Johnson taking 15th in the long jump at 18'-5.26" and fourth in the triple jump at 39'-5". Rodgers was seventh in the 110 hurdles in 14.35 seconds.

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# SJCDS' Mateo on Dairy Farmer best of list; Pickett second

*Courtesy of Florida Dairy Farmers*

GAINESVILLE (March 14) – St. Johns Country Day School coach Mike Pickett and senior forward Lauryn Mateo both earned Florida Dairy Farmer's coach and player of year nominations as the Lady Spartans entered a 12th straight championship game only to be thwarted by Lakeland Christian Academy in an upset of sorts between two known rivals.

"I think every kid that has played here has had the thought of the attention to not being on the team that ends the streak, but it was inevitable," said Pickett, after his 2-1 loss to fellow Class 2A coach of the year nominee Jason Streets of Lakeland Christian. "As a coach, it will be a teaching moment for me after a week or two of thinking about it."

Note: Streets was chosen as the Class 2A coach of the year and will be in mix for the Dairy Farmer Coach of the Year honor.

From Pickett's 2023, senior Lauryn Mateo continued a Lady Spartan record of Dairy Farmer nominees over the past two decades.

Every finalist was the leading vote-getter in their classification, making each one the Player of the Year or Coach of the Year in that class. The 2023 Miss Soccer and Girls Soccer Coach of the Year will be announced following a final round of balloting by coaches and media.



Fleming Island forward Kaitlyn Scherer was senior leader of Golden Eagle region final finish with two thrilling overtime finishes; a penalty kick win over Ponte Vedra and a double overtime loss to eventual Class 6A champion Gulf Breeze.

**Following are the six finalists for the 2023 Miss Soccer Award:**

## Grace Ivey

Grace Ivey, Bartram Trail, Senior, Midfield, Class 7A Player of the Year. Ivey, daughter to former Fleming Island High School girls soccer coach, scored 19 goals

and added 35 assists in leading her squad to an unbeaten season and the Class 7A state championship. Signed to play soccer at Texas A&M. Also, Bartram Trail has a second nominee with senior forward Olivia Bori; 27 goals, 12 assists, on the Class 7A nominees list.

## Meredith Pugh

Meredith Pugh, Gulf Breeze, Senior, Midfield, Class 6A Player of the Year. Pugh scored 24 goals and added 17 assists in leading her squad to the Class 6A state championship. Signed to play soccer at Georgia Southern.

## Ryleigh Acosta

Ryleigh Acosta, Mariner, Junior, Forward, Class 5A Player of the Year. Acosta, scored 25 goals and added 21 assists in leading her squad to a state runnerup finish. Committed to play soccer at the University of Florida.

## Leah Finkelman

Leah Finkelman, North Broward Prep, Senior, Forward, Class 4A Player of the Year. Finkelman scored 36 goals and added 26 assists in leading her squad to the regional semifinals. Committed to play soccer at the University of Pennsylvania.

## Annalise Cannada

Annalise Cannada, The Bolles School, Senior, Forward, Class 3A Player of the Year. Cannada scored 26 goals and added 13 assists in leading her team to the state Final Four. Committed to play soccer at the University of Kentucky.

## Lauryn Mateo

Lauryn Mateo, St. Johns Country Day, Senior, Midfield, Class 2A Player of the Year. Mateo scored 18 goals and added six assists in leading her squad to a Class 2A state runnerup finish. Signed to play soccer at Embry-Riddle.

**Following are the six finalists for the 2023 Coach-of-the-Year Award:**

## Jen Rodriguez

Jen Rodriguez, Bartram Trail, Class 7A Coach of the Year, Rodriguez, who tied St. Johns Country Day School 1-1 in regular season play, led her team to a 21-0-2 record and the Class 7A state championship, the school's third state title in the past four years (2020-21, 2023). Ranked No. 1 nationally by both the United Soccer Coaches and MaxPreps. In 22 years, she has posted a 359-93-43 record.

## Albert Gatica

Albert Gatica, Gulf Breeze, Class 6A Coach of the Year. Gatica, who beat Fleming Island in the region final in a double overtime victory, led his team to a 20-2-



St. Johns Country Day School senior forward Lauryn Mateo continued long tradition of Spartans as Dairy Farmer nominees with her Class 2A player of year choice.



Fleming Island coach Joy Rosano was nominated as a Class 6A coach of year after huge playoff win over Ponte Vedra and region final finish.



Keystone Heights High sophomore Kiersten Shaw was one of top scorers; 71 goals, in state and garnered a Class 3A player of year nomination.

## Amy Geltz

Amy Geltz, Bishop Moore, Class 4A Coach of the Year. Geltz, who lost a 4-2 regular season match with St. Johns Country Day School, led her squad to a 20-2-3 record and the school's second straight Class 4A state title. In 10 years at Bishop Moore, Geltz has a 159-49-25 record with a state runnerup finish in 2016.

## Hillary Carney

Hillary Carney, Benjamin, Class 3A

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Clay High home run hitter Merrick Rapoza gets team welcome at home plate was enough for 1-0 win over Arnold High on Friday. Blue Devils, with win over unbeaten Oakleaf, jolted to top 10 in state baseball rankings.

# Blue Devils knock out Knights

By Ray Dimonda  
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - The Clay High Blue Devils baseball team, compliments of the hot bat of Merrick Rapoza, needed only a single early home run to get the one point, then rode the back of their defense to notch a 1-0 shutout over Panama City Arnold High on Friday. Clay improved to 9-1.

In the final three innings, the team watched Rapoza go up on the hill as the closer, striking out three batters, including the final Arnold batter to seal win and push the Blue Devils to 8-1 overall.

After an emotional Tuesday afternoon game at the baseball grounds of Jacksonville where Clay handed inter-county rival Oakleaf Knights their first loss of the season, a 6-2 game, it was go to work time in the backyard at Clay High for some Thurs-

day night thunder against the Panama City Beach Arnold High Marlins. Arnold drove across the state with their 4-3 record looking to stop their two game slide.

"Tuesday was one of the most intense games we played all year," said Clay Head Coach Josh Persinger, who got three runs apiece in the fifth and seventh innings after Oakleaf scored the first runs and held a 2-0 lead to that point. "To come right back, yes they are kids, but it was emotionally draining as coaches. Today when they showed up, we had a small crowd, spring break, everything together was like an energy vampire. I knew we had to bite, scratch, claw; we had to find a way because I knew it's not going to be pretty, we just have to have more runs when it's all said and done."

Against Oakleaf, sophomore pitcher Easton McMahan struck out six and also hit a two run single in the seventh inning for Clay. Cole Carnell had a two run single in the fifth to tie the game at 2-2. Oakleaf scored two in the third off singles to JP Espinosa and Jaythian Arriaga before coupling the hits with stolen bases and a passed ball to go up 2-0.

Two days later against Arnold, Rapoza, the second batter to face the Marlins' Ethan Gill, was a little off on Gill's first pitch as he swung and did not connect. But on the second throw, Rapoza extended and got everything he could, sailing the ball into right-center field to clear the fence.

"The kid hung a curve ball and that's all it takes," said a very happy Merrick Rapo-

za. "One hit changed the entire game. 1-0 is all we needed."

Gill would only give up three hits all evening, walking three, and striking out 10 Blue Devils.

On the mound for the Blue Devils, the first four innings were held out by Elijah Roberts as he faced 16 batters, giving up only two hits and two walks, striking out five. Rapoza followed Roberts lead for the final three innings to keep the stout defense on-point with no walks and no hits.

Asked about his efforts on the pitcher's mound this season, Rapoza said "I've thrown eight innings this season. All eight scoreless, so I have a zero ERA right now. I'm doing good. Tonight, it was just let the defense work. I don't have to be a big strikeout pitcher, just let the defense work. I have a defense behind me for a reason. 1 V 9; you have to think about it that way."

The Clay defense was strong when they needed to be, even with the draw of spring break hitting on top of the drain from the Tuesday win.

The rest of the evening, Arnold's Gill would use his repertoire of pitches at just the right time to keep the Blue Devils guessing in the batter's box. Also in the first inning, Clay's Parker Lowrance got on with a single to left field, only to be left on base with nothing to show for the effort. In the bottom of the fifth, Cole Carnell drove a single to right field and could advance no further. Outside of the three walks, the Clay runners never did any further dam-

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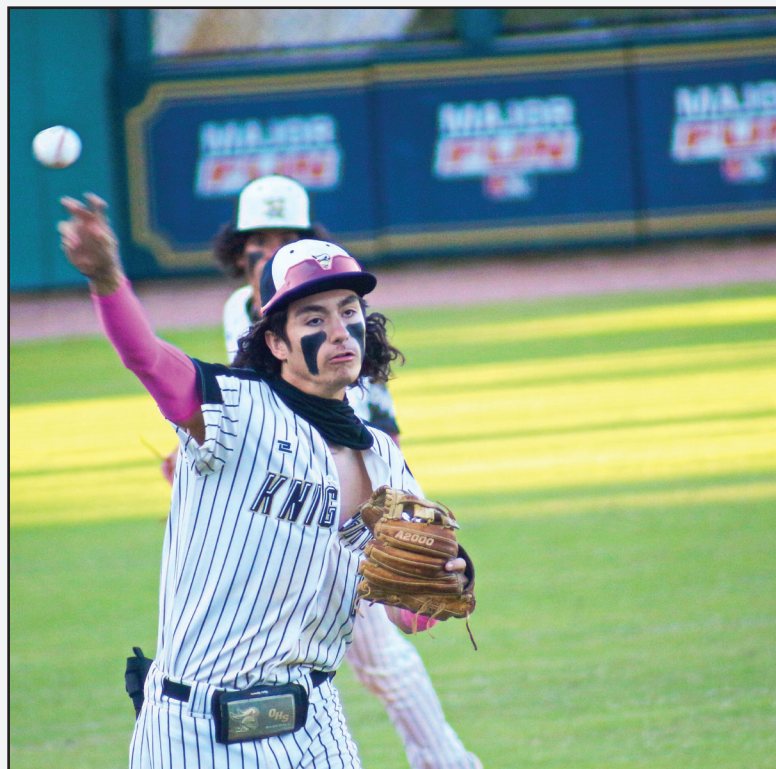
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**Clay knocks out Oakleaf**

Clay High got late runs to ward off an early 2-0 lead by Oakleaf in a battle of Clay County powers at the Jacksonville Baseball Grounds. Clay and Oakleaf are among a handful of area teams pushing to high state rankings with strong seasons thus far.



**Panthers seventh inning winner**

Ridgeview banked off a solo homer by catcher Clayton Gulbrand, below, in the first inning and some seventh inning baserunning; a two run single by Billy Girgis also, and defense to thwart Toco Creek High 5-1 in a Spring Break tournament win at Toco Creek.



**Devils**

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age. The lone Rapoza run would have to do. The Marlins walked two batters early, only to have the Clay defense snuff out any hopes for a win as Arnold was handed their third loss in a row.

With a few days down until the next game, Persinger still has work to do finding just the right spot for everyone.

“Literally, there are 13-14 guys I have who can all play,” said Persinger. “I had a third baseman playing left field to start out. I’m just trying to get the defense and who is pitching and all that sorted out. I’m not even close and I don’t even know if I’ll have it figured out in districts.”

Clay High baseball, after their 6-2 win over previously unbeaten Oakleaf, jumped 13 places to be ranked 10th in Florida, according to the latest Maxpreps.com Florida baseball rankings.

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- Thurs., March 23 vs. Ponte Vedra (7-4)
- Fri., March 24 vs. Middleburg (1-7)
- Tues., March 28 vs. Trinity Christian (6-2)
- Thurs., March 30 vs. Orange Park (5-4)
- Fri., March 31 at Fleming Island (8-1)

**Oakleaf (8-1) Upcoming games**

- Wed., March 22 vs. SJCDs (8-2)
- Fri., March 24 at Ponte Vedra (7-4)
- Mon., March 27 vs. Flagler Palm Coast (6-4)
- Tues., March 28 at Middleburg (1-7)

top ranked program in Florida at 10-0 and with a strength of schedule rating of 10.8, the top three teams in Florida; IMG, Stoneman Douglas (7A defending champion) and Archbishop McCarthy, both 9-0 and with strength of schedules of 10.0 are all established as the best teams based on MaxPreps goal of ranking teams based on wins and losses plus opponents within

those records.

**Area teams high in state ranks (as of March 16)**

According to Maxpreps, the ranking system utilizes the huge number of game results stored in the MaxPreps database. Generally, the more a team wins, the higher the ranking. However, the system takes into account quality wins (against other highly ranked opponents) and strength of schedule.

For 5A-Clay, 8-1 after their win over unbeaten Oakleaf, jumped 13 points to 10th in Florida with a 7.4 strength of schedule rating. Clay is third ranked in Class 5A; Ridgeview at 11th, behind Archbishop McCarthy of Fort Lauderdale and Tampa Jesuit.

Oakleaf, 11th in Class 6A, dropped 18 spots with the Clay loss and sits at 43rd statewide.

St. Johns Country Day School, second in Class 2A to Canterbury (Fort Myers), jumped 12 spots to 20th with their 8-2 re-

cord and 8.3 strength of schedule. Spartans coach Tom Lucas has never backed down from a tough schedule and has, in the future, Oakleaf, Providence (twice), Fleming Island, Trinity Christian, Clay, Trinity Christian and Bishop Kenny (beat Clay).

Fleming Island, also 8-1 and ranked 6th in Class 6A, but with a 5.7 strength of schedule, sits at 31st with a 27 spot jump after six wins in the last seven games; a loss to 11th-ranked Providence, and wins over Bolles, Spruce Creek and Buchholz (54th).

Clay and Fleming Island are scheduled to play a rained out game on March 31 and that will jumble the rankings even more.

In Class 3A, Keystone Heights at 5-2, is ranked 16th in the class with the likes of Trinity Christian Academy (6-2, 9th), Providence (9-2, 2nd) and Fernandina Beach (7-3, 17th) around the Indians.

Keystone Heights has such high-ranks as Baker County (6-2, 2nd in 4A), Fernandina Beach and North Marion (6-3, 4th in 4A) in the second half of their schedule.



# Oakleaf Tourney of Champions spotlights playoff hopes

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - Oakleaf, Middleburg and Ridgeview put on shows of softball excellence in a weekend of play at the Oakleaf Tournament of Champions with all three teams readying for next months district to state run with anticipation of the playoff rigors.

"I think, at this point, we have a lot of options to find the right combination of players," said Middleburg coach Ashley Houston, who won a tactical 15-5 game over Ridgeview in a consolation semifinal at the tournament. "The youth on our team is great and it's just a matter of getting them confident of their abilities in games like this which was like a playoff game."



One of Middleburg's big bats is Madison Wesley in 16-5 win over Ridgeview.

For Houston, who took her 9-9 midseason record last year to an 11-game win streak en route to the Class 5A title off the strong pitching of pitcher Mallory Forrester, now at Flagler College, and some opportunistic hitting and baserunning throughout the region to state run.

Against Ridgeview, ironically with former Oakleaf High state champion catcher Angela Agurkis now the latest head coach, Middleburg was able to fend off numerous bases loaded situations behind the arm of pitcher Morgan Beckham to keep the Panther offense at bay.

"I didn't sleep much last night thinking about the whole aura of returning here as a former player and state champion, playing on my old field against a defending state champion coach and then knowing I may play against my old team in later game depending on the bracket," said Agurkis. "I know I was a player out to beat everyone in my way to get to the state championship game and I know coach Houston is the same mindset. Coach Heather Han, at Oakleaf, is also a championship level coach in all her experiences as a player and as a collegiate coach. It was pretty nerve-wracking."

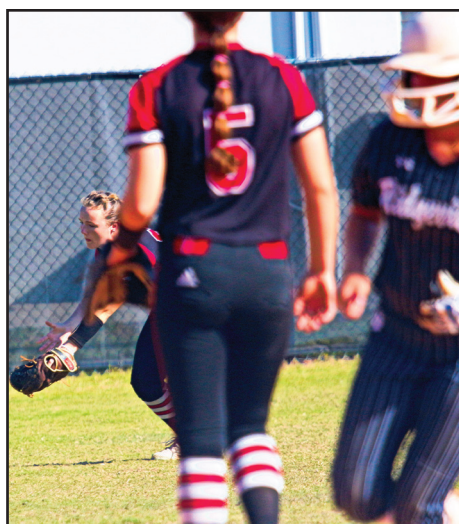
Against Ridgeview, in a game that pitted last year's two district final combatants with the Broncos stealing the title from

Ridgeview (5-5) upcoming schedule  
Thurs., March 23 vs. Keystone Heights (4-4)  
Mon., March 27 at Baker County (6-3)  
Wed., March 29 at Yulee (3-8)  
Tues., April 4 at Ponte Vedra (6-0-1, 6th in 5A)  
Thurs., April 6 at Palatka (3-4)

Middleburg (5-4, 14th in 5A) Upcoming schedule  
Tues., March 21 at Buchholz (1-6)  
Thurs., March 23 vs. Trinity Christian (0-6)  
Tues., March 28 at Baldwin (9-0, 8th ranked FL)  
Thurs., March 30 at Palatka (3-4)  
Fri., March 31 at Columbia (8-3)

Oakleaf (3-5) upcoming schedule  
Tues., March 21 at Keystone Heights (4-4)  
Thurs., March 23 vs. Baker County (6-3)  
Thurs., March 30 East Ridge (9-4) (tournament)  
Fri., March 31 Tourney

Ridgeview under coach Casey Thompson, now ironically, athletic director at Middleburg, Houston got at least one run in all seven innings with five in the second as the gap maker. Houston got homers from three players along the way; Kerra Clarida (7th inning 3-runs, 16-5), Kaelyn Hagan (1st inning 1-0) and Madisyn Strickland (4th, solo, 10-4) to boost the offense. Mika Wesley also hit an RBI triple (9-2) to show off the Bronco power. Ridgeview kept putting



Middleburg got two outstanding catches in left field by Carly Johnson to keep Panther baserunners from advancing; here a snag in the fifth inning.

baserunners in play with just three strikeouts on the day off eight hits and eight walks including five singles in the first inning the gave Ridgeview a short-lived 2-1 lead before a nifty double play with bases loaded as starting pitcher Libby Bennett, a Ridgeview transfer, covered a grounder with a flip to catcher Alyssa Prather who alertly sniped a laser throw to first base

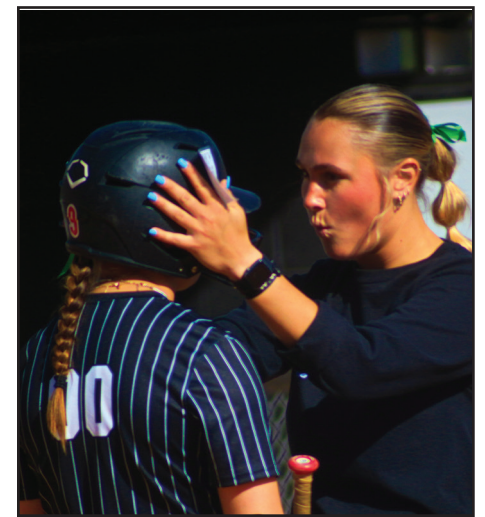


Oakleaf baserunner Ava Tolbert is in scoring position at second base in ninth inning loss to Providence at Oakleaf's Tournament of Champions.

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Oakleaf hitter Amaya Mirelez watches her solo homer fly to tie game against Providence.



Ridgeview High coach Angela Agurkis tries to telepathically put spirit of state champion into her batter Hannah Crosby in thrilling game against Middleburg.

to knock out Panther hitter Cynthia Hilton before she reached first base.

"It's important for us to understand that defense wins games," said Houston. "We're not quite there yet with that, but it's getting there. We hope to be running on all cylinders in the next few weeks."

For Agurkis, the transition to being a state champion again will be reliant on which players step up as leaders in the next few weeks.

"This team has great players and I think we need to put our egos aside when we have situations like the bases loaded we had and just score runs," said Agurkis. "We don't need one shot to be a hero, but three singles smartly hit can score the same four runs." For Oakleaf, where coach Heather Han enters for her second season at the helm, a regular season 9-1 win over Middleburg at Middleburg opened a flood of confidence in her dugout that the next level is forthcoming. The Middleburg win came after a string of three losses to state powers South Lake (lost 1-0 to Middleburg in Class 5A championship game last year), Fort Myers (region finalist last year 5A) and West Orange (7A region semifinalist, lost to champion Lakewood Ranch).

In her tournament, Han got a 10-0 win over Matanzas to advance but ran into Providence with a nine inning 4-3 loss in another championship level game in the tournament semifinal. Providence beat

Oakleaf 8-4 in the season opener with a flurry of home runs with the tournament set to be a barometer of the team's improvements.

"Their pitcher was still able to keep control of our bats pretty much, but I think we were not backing down after the pitching we faced in our previous games," said Han. "This is championship caliber play and we have to be able to face off against the best pitching, hitting and fielding that is in front of us."

One key play for Han was a solo homer by Amaya Mirelez that tied the game at 3-3 to give Oakleaf a breath.

"She can do that everytime she gets to bat, she does it at practice all the time," said Han, who directed Oakleaf to the region final last year with a loss to eventual Class 7A runnerup Lake Brantley ended her playoff run. "We got good bats and games like this and the Middleburg effort will keep us sharp. This team has a history of late inning heroics."

In the seventh, Oakleaf pitcher Charlie Maddox lost a bit of control with two hit batters putting two Providence baserunners in play, but Han stayed with her sophomore hurler and Maddox delivered two strikeouts to end the inning.

"That was confidence in her defense," said Han. Both teams buckled up their defenses for two innings before an RBI single won the game.



# Hayes

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also both freshmen, were Kai Baker of Somerset Academy in 10.56 and Zamarii Sanders of American Heritate in 10.59.

“Bob Hayes was the world fastest human in his time and this event is all about speed,” said Smith. “That’s one of the fastest and closest 100 meters ever for this meet.”

In the girls distance races, the combination of Oakleaf’s Sierra Barrera, a senior, and Fleming Island’s top pair of Katie Thompson, a senior, and Brooke Reynolds, a freshman, provided some track excitement with Barrera finishing fourth in the elite mile in a new record of 5:18.13 with Thompson, who chased the lead pack of winner Alyson Johnson, a Creekside freshman who won in 5:08.56, and Grace Finneran, a sophomore at St. Thomas Aquinas who was second at 5:09.94, for most of the middle section of the race before Barrera overtook her on the final lap for her fourth. Thompson finished eighth in 5:22.64.

In the girls 800 final, Barrera came back to take fifth in 2:22.22 behind again two front runners in Cha’iel Johnson of St. Thomas Aquinas who won in 2:14.65 with Ka’Myya Haywood of Bishop Kenny just shy for second in 2:14.73. Reynolds was 12th in 2:26.23.

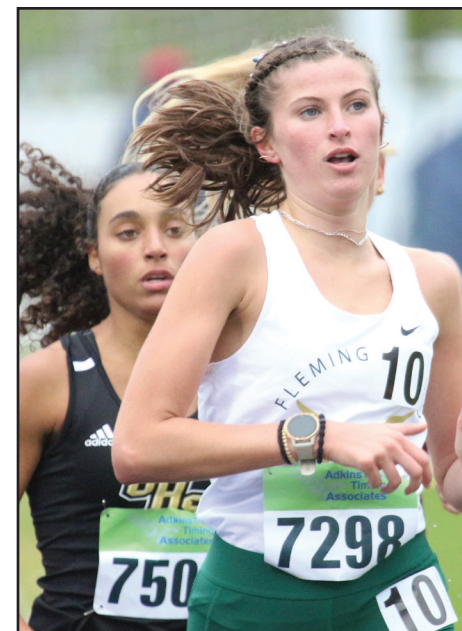
In the 3200, Fleming Island’s Allie Knotts, a junior, was 10th in 11:55.14 (winner 11:28.18).

One event that showcased numerous Clay County athletes and highlighted the prowess of the area girls weightlifting success (Clay state champions) was in the discus with Clay’s Annalee Harbison second at 123’0-2” (winner 130’-10”), Middleburg’s Madison Underwood fourth at 120’-10” and Clay’s Kenya Tinajero sixth at 110’-0”. All three athletes were state weightlifting competitors.

For area boys athletes top finishers included Brenden Cook, Fleming Island 110 hurdles; sixth in 15.27 (winner 14.17); Oakleaf’s 4 x 100 relay, seventh in 43.02 (winner 41.39 Miami Northwestern); Fleming Island’s 4 x 800, fifth in 8:25.09 (winner 8:00.72); Orange Park freshman long jumper Nethan Verger, seventh in 21’-3.25” (winner 23’-5.25”); Oakleaf triple jumper Takoda Brown, third in 42’-4.25” (winner 46’-3.5”); Fleming Island pole vaulter Gideon Gilaspy, third at 12’-11.5” (winner 14’-11”) and Oakleaf shot putter Jordan Mitchell, eighth at 48’-11.50” (winner 56’-8”).

For the girls, outstanding finishes came from Orange Park, Oakleaf and Fleming Island in the 4 x 400 relays; 6th-8th-9th; Fleming Island freshman triple jumper Mikayla Shavers was seventh in 35’-4” (winner 38’-8.25”); Oakleaf javelin and also a weightlifter Madison Linscomb finished fourth in 102’-5” (winner 126’-11”) and Orange Park shotputter Mychalea Parker finished fourth in 35’-5” (winner 38’-2.75”).

In Friday’s middle school Bob Hayes Invitational, Oakleaf Junior High, coached by



Clay County was well represented at the Bob Hayes Memorial Invitational track meet at the University of North Florida with, from left, Clay’s Annalee Harbison getting second in the discus; Oakleaf Amarion Grant powering in the 200 and Fleming Island’s Katie Thompson and Oakleaf’s Sierra Barrera battling in the 1600.



Merlin Smith, got wins in the 800 by Tyara Vasquez-Williams in 2:27.30; the girls 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 relays; the boys 100 hurdles by Emmett Egger in 15.35, and the boys 4 x 400.

Strong second and third place finishes came from Ryan Mangome (3rd Long jump; Jack Strombeck, second in 1600; Leandre Washington, third in 400; Brooke Linscomb, second in long jump and 100 hurdles; Tamia Yarns, third in 100 hurdles; Skylar Smith, third in 400, and Jazmine Soto, second in 100, third in 200.

Green Cove Springs Junior High had 10 athletes with sixth grader Camden Ghisolfi finishing sixth in the 400 as top performer. Ghisolfi was 20 in the 200.

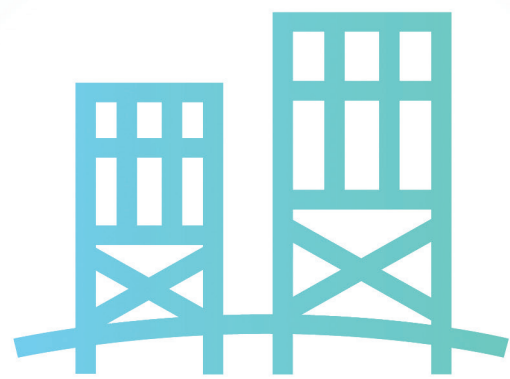
Oakleaf sprinter Evan Brown powered to 10.81 finish in Bob Hayes 100 meters final with Fleming Island hurdler Brenden Cook flying in the 110 high hurdle final.



Top left, Fleming Island miler Graham Myers battled to a school record runnerup finish after courageously leading most of race; above, Oakleaf 4 x 100 anchor Devin Collings powers to the finish, and, left, Oakleaf Junior got an middle school title from hurdler Emmett Egger, an eighth grader, in the 100 hurdles (with coach Lonzell Wilson on left).

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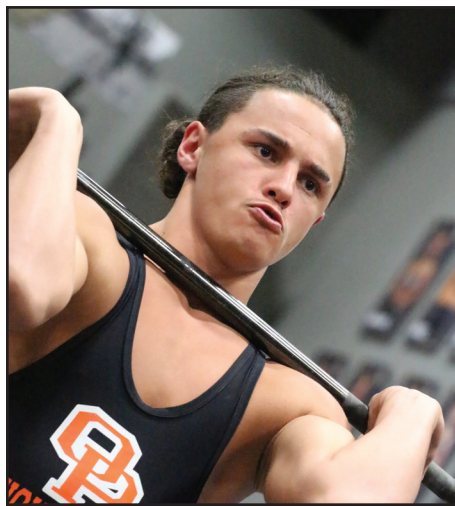


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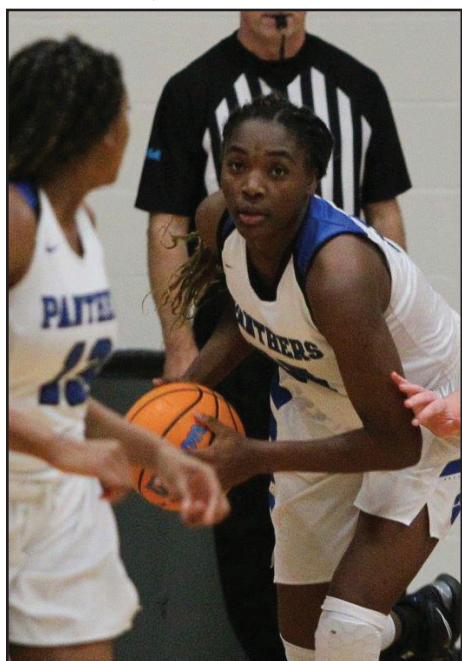
## Tuesday Action: County Weightlifting and Flag Football (OHS, RHS)







Keystone Heights girls basketball coach Jessica Carter ended her coaching career with nomination for Class 4A coach of year. Carter was a state champion point guard for Lady Indians in her high school days.



Ridgeview High center Nia Blocton, left, put her Panthers into the region final against eventual champion Daytona Beach Mainland while Keystone Heights High center Dezaray Bright was strong in paint for Lady Indians.



Oakleaf High coach Fred Cole, above, and Ridgeview High coach Tyler Miller, below, along with St. Johns Country Day School coach Yolando Bronston and Keystone Heights coach Jessica Carter were all nominated for coach of the year honors in their classes by the Dairy Farmer's voters.



### The seven finalists for the 2023 Miss Basketball Award

**Trinity Turner, Dr. Phillips, Junior, Guard,** Class 7A Player of the Year. Turner led her team to its second straight state title, averaging 20.6 points, 10.9 rebounds, 7.1 assists, 4.6 steals and 1.2 blocks per game.

**Kaylah Turner, Oakleaf, Senior, Guard/Forward,** Class 6A Player of the Year. Turner, with an unrelenting presence at half court with her steals to layups ratio keeping the Lady Knights at a high pace of play, led her team to the Class 6A Final Four by averaging 22.5 points, 5.0 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 5.7 steals per game. Turner has signed with Alabama A&M.

**Anovia Sheals, Mainland, Junior, Forward,** Class 5A Player of the Year. Sheals led her team to the Class 5A state title averaging 19.7 points, 9.1 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game.

**Emma Risch, Palm Bay, Senior, Guard,** Class 4A Player of the Year. Risch led her team to the regional finals by averaging 23.3 points, 6.4 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 2.9 steals per game. Signed with the University of Notre Dame.

**Janessa Williams, Kings Academy, Senior, Forward,** Class 3A Player of the Year. Williams led her team to the state Final Four by averaging 16.0 points, 11.8 rebounds, 1.9 assists and 2.2 steals per game. Signed with Long Island University.

**Taliah Scott, St. Johns Country Day, Senior, Guard,** Class 2A Player of the Year. Scott, with a second Final Four visit in her final three years of high school basketball, led her team to the state Final Four by averaging 36.2 points, 9.2 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 2.9 steals per game. The McDonald's All-America signed with the University of Arkansas.

**Trinity Harris, Wildwood, Sophomore,** Class 1A Player of the Year, led her team to a Class 1A state runnerup finish by averaging 22.8 points, 3.4 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 4.2 steals per game.

### The seven finalists for the 2023 Girls Basketball Coach of the Year

**Anthony Jones, Dr. Phillips, Class 7A Coach of the Year,** led his team to a 30-1 record and its second straight Class 7A state title. In 15 years at Dr. Phillips, Jones has compiled a 300-133 record with five state championships (2011-13 and 2022-23).

**Oliver Berens, St. Thomas Aquinas, Class 6A Coach of the Year,** in his sixth year as head coach at Aquinas, Berens led his team to a 24-8 record and its third straight Class 6A state title. He has a record of 126-40 at Aquinas with a state runnerup finish in 2019.

**Brandon Stewart, Mainland, Class 5A Coach of the Year,** led his squad to a 21-8 record and the Class 5A state championship, ending American Heritage's five-year title run. In four years at Mainland, Stewart has posted a 68-33 record.

**Al Honor, Lake Highland Prep, Class 4A Coach of the Year,** led his squad to a 25-6 record and a fourth straight Class 4A state title. In 12 years at LHP, he has a 293-37 record with six state championships and eight Final Four appearances.

**Ochiel Swaby, Miami Country Day, Class 3A Coach of the Year.** The two-time state Coach of the Year led his squad to a 25-7 record and the Class 3A state title. In 19 years at MCD, Swaby has compiled a 424-122 record with eight state championships.

**Andy Sarasty, Faith Christian, Class 2A Coach of the Year**

The school's boys basketball coach added the girls coaching job in the preseason and led the team to a 16-11 record and the school's first state title after it finished as the 2022 state runnerup.

**Cornelius Ingram, Hawthorne, Class 1A Coach of the Year.** Ingram, who coach the school's football team to its first state title last fall, led his basketball squad to its second state title in the past four years (2020). In six years he has compiled a 115-32 record.

Also nominated for their class players of year were, in Class 6A, **Eris Lester,** junior guard for Orange Park High; and Oakleaf High coach **Fred Cole,** who earned a second Final Four ticket in three years.

In Class 5A, Ridgeview High's junior forward **Nia Blocton** was nominated with an 11.6 points per game and 12.7 rebounds per game resume. Ridgeview coach **Tyler Miller,** who put the Panthers into the region final against eventual champion Daytona Beach Mainland, was nominated for coach of year.

In Class 4A, Keystone heights senior forward **Dezaray Bright** was nominated with a 12.5 points per game and 14.0 rebound per game average. Keystone Heights High coach **Jessica Carter** was nominated as a coach of year.

In Class 2A, St. Johns Country Day School coach **Yolando Bronston,** Final Four finish, 19-6, was nominated for coach of year.

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school girls basketball coaches and prep media members.

Every finalist was the leading vote-getter in their classification, making each one the Player of the Year or Coach of the Year in their class. The two winners will be announced following a final round of balloting by coaches and media.







CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, call (904) 213-2464.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, April 17, 2023, for the following: RFP NO. 22/23-42, TRIM Processing and Exemption Renewals Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, April 18, 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. The solicitation package is available at: HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENG.OV.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 Donna Fish in the Purchasing Department at (904) 278-3761 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com. Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for bids in any respect during the Request for Bid Period. The Request for Bid Period during which no contact may occur commences from the date of publication of the notice of a Request for Bids and ends upon a Bid Decision becoming final, i.e. after the notice of bid protest period of 72 hours has expired. However, in the event of a notice of protest, the no contact rule continues in place during the Protest Period and does not end until a resolution of the protest has occurred and become final. The following exceptions exist to the no-contact rule: a. Inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids; b. Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.

The Board reserves the right and power to reject any and all Bids without cause and to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the Request for Bids or submittal of any Bid, and in its discretion to re-advertise the Request for Bids. The Board reserves the right to award Bids, quotes, or Proposals which would be in the Best Interest of the County. Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy for both can be viewed at: https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/vendor-information. A PERSON OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, MAY NOT SUBMIT BIDS ON LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT BE AWARDED OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT UNDER A CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AND MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING FOR CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of Cross Creek North Community Development District ("District") will hold a meeting on April 11, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Cross Creek North Amenity Center located at 2895 Big Oak Drive, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc, 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33614 ("District Manager's Office") on the District's website www.crosscreeknorthcdd.org or by emailing the District Manager at lgallagher@rizzetta.com and/or by telephoning 904-436-6270 during normal business hours. The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 436-6270 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office. A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. Lesley Gallagher District Manager

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PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on April 6, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. 2002 Honda ID# 1HFSC47012A108742 2008 Ford ID# 1FTPW14VX8FA08740

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No: 2022CA000396 WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST M, Plaintiff, vs. Jami M. Brooks, et al., Defendants. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 15, 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022CA000396 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST M, is the Plaintiff and Jami M. Brooks, N/K/A Spence Caroway; James R. Brooks; State of Florida; Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for Clay County, Florida are Defendants, I, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, beginning at 10 a.m. on May 17, 2023, the following described property set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: Lot 164, Bear Run Unit 3, According to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Plat Book 21, Pages 44 and 45 of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Property Address: 1253 N BEE STREET, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. DATED in Clay, Florida this, 16th day of March, 2023. As Clerk of Circuit Court CLAY COUNTY, Florida Gracie Moore Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE 2022/2023 VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY

Please be advised that an organizational meeting of the 2022/2023 Value Adjustment Board of Clay County will be held on March 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in the Meeting Room of the Clay County Board of County Commissioners on the 4th floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone number at 904-269-6334, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). Value Adjustment Board Clay County, Florida By: Its Chairman

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No: 2018-CA-00557 Division: E FIRST MORTGAGE STRATEGIES GROUP, INC, a Tennessee corporation Authorized to transact business in Florida, Plaintiff, vs. BILLY JOE GREENE a/k/a BILLY J. GREENE a/k/a BILLY GREENE, KAREN DENISE SHEETS a/k/a KAREN SHEETS, CHASE BANK USA, NA, FRANK ANDREA, SUMMIT VIEW PROPERTIES, LLC, STATE OF FLORIDA, UNKNOWN TENANT #1 and UNKNOWN TENANT #2,

Defendants. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 27, 2021, together with Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule and Set Mortgage Foreclosure Sale entered March 10, 2023 and entered in Case No. 2018-CA-00557 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein First Mortgage Strategies Group, Inc., is the Plaintiff and Billy Joe Greene a/k/a Billy J. Greene a/k/a Billy Greene, Karen Denise Sheets a/k/a Karen Sheets, Chase Bank Usa, NA, Frank Andrea, Summit View Properties, LLC, State of Florida, Unknown Tenant #1 and Unknown Tenant #2, are the Defendants. Tara S. Green, as the Clerk of the Court of the Circuit Court, shall sell the property located in Clay County, Florida, described as:

THE WEST 150 FEET OF THE SOUTH 300 FEET OF NORTH 300 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1650 FEET OF THE EAST 1320 OF WEST 4070 FEET OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING SHOWN AS LOT 6A ON A SURVEY OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, PROPOSED BY LOUIS H. MCKEE, DATED JUNE 14, 1998.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1997 MOBILITY 28' X 64' MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: N16452A AND N16452B AFFIXED THERETO.

At public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash by ELECTRONIC SALE AT: www.Clay.RealForeclose.com. In accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, Florida at 10:00 A.M., on the 26th day of April, 2023.

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 within sixty (60) days after the sale. Dated this 14th day of March, 2023. TARA S. GREEN As Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Leigh Lucroy As Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinance: ORDINANCE NO. O-13-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY PLANNING ACT (CHAPTER 163, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES), REVISING POLICIES 1.2.11, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.7, 1.3.9, 1.3.10, 1.6.2, 1.6.3, 1.6.7, 1.6.8, 1.7.1 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT TO ENSURE MULTIMODAL FACILITIES AND ACCESS; REVISING POLICIES 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.5, 2.1.6 AND 2.1.10 AND ELIMINATE POLICY 2.1.8 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT TO ENSURE AND ENHANCE MULTIMODAL ACCESS; REVISING POLICIES 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.6, 2.2.7, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.4.5 AND 2.4.6 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT TO ENSURE SAFETY OF MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION; REVISING POLICIES 2.5.3, 2.5.4, 2.5.5 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT TO ENSURE MOBILITY FEES ARE ASSESSED TO NET ADDITION NEW DEVELOPMENT TRIPS, REVISING POLICY 8.3.1 TO ADD A NOTE TO REMOVE THE LOS STANDARDS FOR ROADWAYS AND REPLACE WITH THE MOBILITY FEE SYSTEM OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA; 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: 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. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay - Dial 7-1-1. Said Ordinance is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All interested individuals are invited to at-

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tend this public hearing.  
City of Green Cove Springs  
Lilly DelVecchio, Development Services Representative  
321 Walnut Street  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
Steve Kennedy, City Manager

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## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-2023-DR-000433 IN RE: THE INTEREST OF VALIENA NICHOLE HORN and, KAYLEE ANN HORN, Minor Children, ANNALISA M. PHILLIPS, Petitioner, and KENNETH ELLSWORTH HORN, Respondent.

TO: KENNETH ELLSWORTH HORN 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 Annalisa M. Phillips, c/o Veronica R. Owens, Esq., whose address is 189 S Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before 30 days from the 1st day of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of the Clay County Courthouse, 825 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida, 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 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.**

**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: March 16, 2023.  
TARA S. GREEN,  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Leigh Lucroy  
Deputy Clerk

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on April 19, 2023. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on April 12, 2023 and end at 10AM on April 19, 2023. The public sale will take place on [www.storage-resources.com](http://www.storage-resources.com). KO Storage of Keystone Heights - Annex, 1029 FL-100, Keystone Heights FL 32656, (952) 314-7121 Time: 10:00AM CST K106, Tosh, Ashley, K112, Cochran, Dylan, K057, Simpson, Heather Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on [www.storage-resources.com](http://www.storage-resources.com). All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068 at date and time listed below.  
CLAY COUNTY TOWING AUCTION: April 17, 2023 At 10:00 AM  
2000 Toyt VIN # 4T1BG22K5YU969985  
2009 Toyt Vin # JTDL40E09J046499  
Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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## 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 Lake Lot Owners Access & Privacy Organization located at 282-A Branscomb Rd. in the County of Clay, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 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 14th day of March, 2023.  
Lake Asbury Lake Lot Owners Association, Inc.

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## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case # 2023CA000232 THOMAS P. HAYS LIVING TRUST EDWIN K. MARTIN LIVING TRUST Plaintiff, vs. MARZ LORD & YAN HUO and any person claiming by through or under named Defendants & WORLD O WORLD CORPORATION Defendants TO: MARZ LORD & YAN HUO and any person claiming by through or under named Defendants.

YOUR ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint to Quiet a Tax Title has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses to it, if any, to: Kevin Monahan Attorney for Plaintiff PO Box 2682 Palatka, FL 32178 (386)538-9935 on or before 30 days from first day of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, at the Clay County Courthouse, 825 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; or a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.  
WITNESS my hand and Seal of this Court on March 13, 2023.  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
As Deputy Clerk

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 04/17/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold at public sale at 2175 KINGSLEY AVE, 215 ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 for the amount owed on each vehicle to satisfy the lien for repairs, services and storage charges and any administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585.  
2GNALAEKXE1134934 2014 CHEV 450.00  
The name, address and telephone number and public sale location of the repair shop claiming the lien for unpaid charges is:  
Lienor Name: MILLER'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC.  
Lienor Address: 2175 KINGSLEY AVE STE 215, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073-5118  
Lienor Telephone #: 904-213-1180  
MV License #: [COMPANY\_MV\_LI- CENSE]  
Location of Vehicles: 2175 KINGSLEY AVENUE, 215, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073  
The customer or person claiming an interest, or a lien may redeem the vehicle by satisfying the amount due in cash on or before the sale date and time. The customer or person claiming an interest in or lien on a vehicle may file a demand for a hearing with the Clerk of Court in the CLAY COUNTY where the vehicle is held to determine whether the vehicle has been wrongfully taken or withheld from him or her. At any time before the date of sale a customer or person of record claiming a lien on the vehicle may post a cash or surety bond in the amount stated on the invoice with the Clerk of Circuit Court where the disputed transaction occurred.

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## 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 PERI-

ODS 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](mailto:service@fightingforall.com) Personal Representative: **ROGER ROTHWELL, JR.** Personal Representative 7711 Beachview Street Keystone Heights, FL 32656

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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.**

**IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**  
Dated this 10th day of March, 2023.  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: Gracie Moore  
Deputy Clerk

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## NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE# 10-2022-DR-002284-AXXX-XX Division F Marie Venise Jean Petitioner and Jean Dieusel Nervilus Respondent.  
TO: Jean Dieusel Nervilus 3279 Horseshoe Trail Dr. Orange Park, FL 32065  
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 Marie Venise Jean whose address is 1745 Wells Rd. Apt 410, Orange Park, FL 32073, on or before April 24, 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: March 10, 2023  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Leigh Lucroy  
Deputy Clerk

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## INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the School Board of Clay County until April 12, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. in the Purchasing Conference Room, 800 W. Center Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of LAKESIDE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - RESTROOM RENOVATION PHASE III, CCDS Project No. C-29-22/23.  
All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by: ARCHITECTURE: LICENSE NO. AR0017162 KASPER ARCHITECTS + ASSOCIATES INC.  
10175 FORTUNE PARKWAY, SUITE 701 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256  
P 904.683.9201 [www.kasperarch.com](http://www.kasperarch.com)  
MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL:  
POWELL & HINKLE ENGINEERING  
1409 KINGSLEY AVENUE BLDG 12A, ORANGE PARK FL 32073  
P 904.264.5570

Email all Requests for Information to [Projects@kasperarch.com](mailto:Projects@kasperarch.com) by April 7, 2023 at 5:00p.m. Please include the project number in the subject line.  
Plans are on file and available for purchase at a cost in the following Plan Rooms:

LDI REPROFITTING - ORANGE PARK 550 WELLS ROAD, SUITE 8 ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 P 904.579.4027  
There will be a Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting at the site on April 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. per Section 002113, Part 9.2. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid.

Prime bidders, who will be submitting a bid to the owner, are required to register with the Architect their intention to bid and as a plan holder. Any addenda will be sent automatically (electronically) to the know plan holders. Other delivery methods may be arranged with the Architect.  
Partial sets of drawings and/or specifications are not advised and neither the Architect nor Owner will be responsible for partial information given to subcontractors by the General Contractors.  
Only Contractors having been pre-qualified by the School Board of Clay County are eligible to submit bids for this project. Only pre-qualified Contractors should submit bids for this project (Florida Statutes).

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

DISCRIMINATION: An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entities, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid price, payable to the Owner.  
The successful bidder will be required to provide a Recorded Performance, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted Bid amount.  
No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the Invitation To Bid, Contract Award, or Recommendation for Contract Award, shall file a Notice of Protest with the Superintendent of Schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award, and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the Notice to Protest. Failure to observe such timelines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The School Board requires a protest to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S. Bond Requirement:  
Should a contractor wish to protest the bid

recommendation, the protest shall be required to post a bond as follows:

- Five percent (5%) of the recommended award for all projects valued less than \$500,000.00; and
- Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) for all projects in excess of \$500,000.00.

Conditioned upon payment of all costs and fees which may be adjusted against the protestor in the Administrative Hearing. If at the Hearing the School Board prevails, it may recover all costs and attorney's fees from the protestor; if the protestor prevails, the protestor shall recover from the School Board all costs and attorney's fees.  
Bid Tabulations shall be posted online and in the lobby area of 925 W. Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours.  
David Broskie, Superintendent Clay County District Schools

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE # 2023-CP-129 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY M. HAMILTON, DECEASED.

The formal administration of the estate of MARY M. HAMILTON, who died on October 6, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is March 16, 2023 PAMELA HAMILTON-GAGNO PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 5735 Sequoia Road Keystone Heights, FL 32656

By: /s/ VeRonica R. Owens, Esq. Fla. Bar No.: 73568 VeRonica@VeronicaROwens.org 189 South Lawrence Boulevard  
Keystone Heights, FL 32656 2000 Henley Road, Suite B Middleburg, FL 32068 Telephone: (352) 473-5000 Attorneys for PETITIONER

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 19-CP-000578 Division CP-F IN RE: ESTATE OF KENNETH L. JACKSON Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Kenneth L. Jackson, deceased, whose date of death was November 20, 2019, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Ave., 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 ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is March 16, 2023.  
Attorney for Personal Representative: Isi Simon D. Rothstein, Esq, Attorney Florida Bar Number: 109025 ADAMS ROTHSTEIN & SIEGEL

4417 Beach Blvd. Suite 104 Jacksonville, Florida 32207 Telephone: (904) 398-1419 Fax: (904) 398-1395 E-Mail: [SkipLaw@ARSJaxLaw.com](mailto:SkipLaw@ARSJaxLaw.com) Secondary E-Mail: [skiplaw68@gmail.com](mailto:skiplaw68@gmail.com) Personal Representative: /s/ Jacqueline Donohoo Jacqueline Donohoo 962 Hacienda Drive Benton, AR 72019.

**Legal 61019 Published 3/23/2023 and 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 2018-CA-000707

**The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1 Plaintiff vs. DONNETTE MCCALL and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant who are unknown to be dead or alive whether said unknown are persons, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONNETTE MCCALL; WHITESTONE CAPITAL TRUST LLC, a FLORIDA LLC AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST NO. 32068 DATED JULY 30TH 2012; FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; FOXMEADOW LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC; TENANT I/UNKNOWN TENANT; TENANT II/UNKNOWN TENANT; TENANT III/UNKNOWN TENANT and TENANT IV/UNKNOWN TENANT, in possession of the subject real property, Defendants**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the final judgment/order entered in the above noted case, that the Clerk of Court of Clay County, Florida will sell the following property situated in Clay County, Florida described as:

**LOT 38, FOXMEADOW UNIT 2-A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14 PAGES 70, 71 & 72 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, online at [www.Clay.real-foreclose.com](http://www.Clay.real-foreclose.com) at 10:00 A.M. on **April 21, 2023**. The highest bidder shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to five percent (5%) of the final bid. The deposit must be cash or cashier's check payable to the Clerk of the Court. Final payment must be made on or before 4:30 P.M. on the date of the sale by cash or cashier's check.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.  
Dated March 8, 2023.  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
By: Rebecca Crews  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 61018 Published 3/16/2023 and 3/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 2023-CP-000123 DIVISION : CPAXXX IN RE: ESTATE OF PHILIP M. HERNON, JR., Deceased.

The administration of the estate of PHILIP M. HERNON, JR., deceased, File Number: 2023-CP-000123, DIVISION CPAXXX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 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 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: Isi Simon D. Rothstein, Esq, Attorney Florida Bar Number: 109025 ADAMS ROTHSTEIN & SIEGEL



CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 16, 2023.  
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 Secondary Email: twegmann@lawfuller.com  
 cperryman@fdhattomeys.com  
 Pamela Jean Hemo.n 2005 Wedge Court  
 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043  
 Personal Representative:  
 Pamela Jean Hernon  
 2005 Wedge Court  
 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

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NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 2022-CC-001786  
 DIVISION: D  
 COPPERGATE ESTATES OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 LARRY N. GUNNELLS, SR., GLORIA P. GUNNELLS, UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1,  
 and UN,OWN TENANT NO. 2,  
 Defendants.

Notice is given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 6, 2p23, in the above styled civil action of the County Court, in and for Clay County, Florida, in "which COPPERGATE ESTATES OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. on April 19, 2023, on Clay County's Public Auction website: www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. The property to be sold as set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure is more particularly described as:  
 Lot 267, COPPERGATE UNIT FOUR-C, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 46, Pages 68 through 70, inclusive, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.  
 Dated this 7th day March, 2023.  
 Tara S Green  
 Clerk of County Court  
 By: Robbin Tefft  
 Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 Case No.: 2023CA000076  
 Division:  
 FRANK ELY,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 XIANRONG ZHANG,  
 Defendant.  
 TO: XIANRONG ZHANG  
 660 LAKE MEDLOCK DRIVE  
 ALPHARETTA, GA 30022

**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 HIGHRIIDGE 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 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.:** 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

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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 HIGHRIIDGE 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 CHAMCHOUROVA

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

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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 HIGHRIIDGE 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

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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 HIGHRIIDGE 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 HOWANEC

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

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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 HIGHRIIDGE 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

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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 HIGHRIIDGE 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 MARK-ING

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

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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 HIGHRIIDGE 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

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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 HIGHRIIDGE 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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 04/12/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at FIRST COAST TOWING INC - 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.  
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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 CASE NO.: 2022-DR-2002  
 DIVISION: E  
 IN RE:  
 LISA ZEIGLER, F/K/A LISA LAUDIANO  
 Petitioner,  
 And  
 JEREMY LAUDIANO,  
 Respondent.  
 To: JEREMY LAUDIANO  
 164 Tomahawk Drive  
 Livingston, Texas 77351  
**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Petitioners' attor-

ney, **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 crintrp@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

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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

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 HIGHRIIDGE 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

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

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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://flaglercofl.housingmanager.com/> or the link may be accessed through our website at: [www.flaglercountyhousingauthority.org](http://www.flaglercountyhousingauthority.org) Applications can only be provided online or by advanced written request to the Flagler County Housing Authority, P.O. Box 188, Bunnell, FL 32110-0188. Paper applications are offered as a Reasonable Accommodation for elderly and disabled applicants only with verification of Social Security Income (letter must be dated within 60 days) and current ID. The submission deadline for paper applications given out as a reasonable accommodation is April 07/2023. Once the waiting list is closed, applicants will be placed in ranking order according to date and time of application. ACCESS TO INTERNET AND COMPUTERS To ensure availability and access to the online system, the Flagler County Housing Authority will have 2 computers available at our Flagler Office Resource Center, 502 South Bacher St. • Bunnell, FL 32110 from 8:30am-10:30am.

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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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.

CONFLICT HEREWITH: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Resolution: City Council: Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;

LEGAL NOTICE

THE DATE OF THE APRIL 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING DATE AND TIME: DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, AGENCY, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING OR HEARING, HE/SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE/SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

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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 K & D Stitching located at 2390 Moon Harbor Way, in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 04/07/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(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.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following resolution: ORDINANCE NO. O-23-2022 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT; MAKING FINDINGS; ADOPTING A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: DNA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC, 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.: 3696/2019 Legal Description: LOT 5 & 7 BLK 268 FELLOWSHIP PARK

Legal 61939 Published 3/23/2023, 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023 and 4/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: RAJENDRA INC, 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.: 348/2020 Legal Description: LOT 10 BLK 36 BIG TREE LAKES SEC A AS REC O R 2643 PG 1519

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