

The fairest of them all ... Rosie, Ashton earns 'ultimate bragging rights' as fair's biggest fans

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Rosie Williams isn't too particular, especially if it's picking her favorite ride at the Clay County Agricultural Fair – as long as it goes fast, up and down and in circles.

The 7-year-old RideOut Elementary student said she planned to ride the merry-go-round as soon as opening ceremonies

were completed Thursday afternoon at the main gate.

Rosie joined Ashton Hernandez as the inaugural winners of the fair's greatest fan program. Rosie was selected as the Fairest Fair Kid; Ashton was chosen as the Greatest Fair Fan. Both will receive a shirt, button, free admission and "the ultimate bragging rights," according to fair executive director Tasha Hyder.

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STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Rosie Williams, left, and Ashton Hernandez were selected as the Clay County Agricultural Fair best fans. Rosie won as the Fairest Fair Kid; Ashton was selected as the Greatest Fair Fan. Both were honored during opening ceremonies Thursday.



Clay County Regional Park quickly becoming reality

First phase will include 8 multi-sports fields, trails, ponds

By Don Coble
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MIDDLEBURG – Bulldozers were five acres away, busily turning Florida scrubland into what soon will become Clay County Regional Park when County Com-

mission Chair Betsy Condon put the project in perspective Tuesday.

"I can't wait for the day to see this open," she said. "I can't wait to see kids out here playing. I want to bring people outdoors and onto the playing fields."

If construction stays on schedule, the opening day should be next spring, construction site administrator Jeb McLendon

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Although work started months ago at the Clay County Regional Park, officials gathered on Tuesday for a groundbreaking ceremony.

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— Larry Rayburn, director of production for the Orlando Ballet



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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

KidsFirst, other groups unite to protect our most vulnerable

By Kylie Cordell
For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Every child deserves to be in a safe and loving household. And yet, for hundreds across our nation, abuse and neglect are devastating realities.

According to the CDC, at least one in seven children has experienced child abuse in the past year in the United States. Unfortunately, this is likely an underestimate of the actual number of cases, considering many go unreported.

However, we can all take a stand against child abuse. KidsFirst of Florida is a nonprofit organization that assists children in Clay County who are either at risk of abuse or neglect or have already been victims of abuse or neglect to find safe and loving homes.

“We have foster care programs, respite programs, and adoption,” said FirstKids of Florida CEO Elizabeth Franco.

“Our mission is to ensure the safety of children through a holistic approach designed to support the health and well-being of families. Together we are building a healthcare community one family at a time.”

During April, KidsFirst of Florida will join with child advocates around the country to bring awareness to child abuse and neglect, Franco said.

“We know that childhood trauma can



cause lifelong physical and mental health problems. Together, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect,” she said.

Leaders in Clay County are making it known April is Child Abuse Prevention Month to bring awareness to child abuse.

“There is a proclamation going out to the County’s Board of Commissioners (during Tuesday, March 28, meeting),” said the administrative assistant Holly McCann. “So with that being said, we are following up with that at the beginning of April to put out the blue pinwheels.”

According to the campaign’s website, Pinwheels for Prevention, the national symbol for child abuse prevention, is a physical reminder of the great childhoods we want for all children.

During April, blue pinwheels will line the streets of Kingsley Avenue in Orange Park as local organizations gather outside of FirstKids of Florida to kick off the nationally recognized Child Abuse Prevention

Month and the importance of communities working together to help families and children thrive.

The kickoff will be on Monday, April 3, at 9:30 a.m., beginning with a statement from Sheriff Michelle Cook on behalf of the Clay County Sheriff’s Office and its mission to prevent child abuse and bring to justice those who hurt innocent children.

Although this is not a public event, there are ways to get involved. If you would like to be an advocate for children across the nation, begin child abuse prevention month by wearing blue and letting others know that you support growing a better tomorrow for all children.

As part of this effort, KidsFirst has joined the MANicure Movement, which encourages men and women to apply blue nail polish to a single fingernail. KidsFirst of Florida also will be at Kids Fest in Orange Park on April 22-23 and will have bottles of blue polish.

“We will gladly paint one fingernail blue to help “polish off child abuse” for anyone who would like to come by our booth,” said McCann. Prevention month partners with many nonprofit agencies, including KidsFirst of Florida and Guardian ad Litem.

“Guardian ad Litem is a state-wide, partially state-funded, partially nonprofit agency. We are a team of social work professionals and attorneys, and together we work to represent the best interest of children who are in the child welfare system,” said Volunteer Recruiter Grant Jones.

The foundation provides advocacy training for the program staff, volunteers and local nonprofits “so that they can be the child’s voice” and speak and act as advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children.

If you want to make a difference in the lives of people, especially abused and neglected children, sign up for an info session or call directly at (904) 535-7152 to find out how you can get involved.

“We have a lot of kids who need a voice, and it is a really rewarding experience, so I urge anyone who is even thinking about volunteering to contact us,” Jones said.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities contact KidsFirst of Florida at (904) 278-5644.

BCC denies changes to changes to its Comprehensive Plan

One request wanted to build 270-unit multi-family development

By Lee Wardlaw
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The Board of County Commissioners denied changes to its Comprehensive Plan to the 2040 Future Land Use Map and Future Land Use designation during its meeting Tuesday in Green Cove Springs.

One of the changes would create changes of two parcels from Urban Core-10 to Urban Core-16, along with changing the FLU designation from Urban Core-10 to Urban Core-16.

The figures denote the dwelling units for each acre that would be allowed on the parcel, which would increase by six. Elderly, disabled and low-income residents would be required to be accommodated.

The properties, which total 23.74

acres, are located on the west side of Oak Lane just north of Blanding Boulevard, and south of 16 Fountain Dr. Both parcels currently exist as vacant land with a small retention pond in commissioner Alexandra Compere’s district and the Doctors Lake/Ridgewood Planning District.

Meanwhile, another change would rezone two parcels from Agricultural Residential to Planned Unit Development.

The applicant pitched constructing a 270-unit multi-family project, which would include nine buildings and amenities, proposing 12.5 lots to be built on an acre.

Both Vice Chair Jim Renninger and Kristen Burke expressed their doubts about the item, with Renninger characterizing his thoughts as “conflicted” and Burke noting



CLAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE
Jim Renninger, Kristen Burke, Mike Cella and the entire Board of County Commissioners denied an application that sought to build a 270-unit multifamily project in the Doctors Lake/Ridgewood Planning District, which is part of Alexandra Compere’s District 2 Commission District

“concern.” A motion was denied, 5-0.

Residents and officials also heard a presentation from the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, which was a trans-

portation study. Here, the agency offered short-term and long-term recommendations for county bus routes and service recommendations.

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Top 5 smartphone features you can't live without

By StatePoint Media
For Clay Today

Smartphones are our lifeline – we use them to connect us to just about everything and everyone in our world. Americans check their phones an average of 344 times a day – once every four minutes – according to a 2022 Review.org survey. But when was the last time you upgraded your phone? If it's been more than two years, you may be missing out on some of the latest tech upgrades. Here are five must-have features to consider when shopping for a new smartphone:

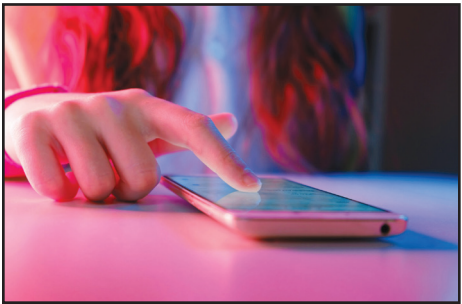
• **Battery life:** When it comes to battery life, you may not realize what you've been missing out on until you start using your new phone. A decade ago, smartphone battery capacity ranged from 1560mAh to 3200mAh, according to findings from Android Authority. Today, that capacity typically ranges from 4000mAh to 5000mAh, with some batteries as large as 6000mAh. And, the latest development of USB-C ports has allowed for faster charging capabilities, charging a near dead phone in just 30 minutes. Look for phones with fast charging technology, from 15W to 20W, and wireless charging options.

• **Phone storage:** Storage matters, especially if you're a business owner, gaming enthusiast or social media influencer. Read-Only Memory (ROM), the internal main storage on your phone, allows you to store media, files and games, and ranges anywhere from 64GB to 128GB, even 256GB and higher in some of the latest models. Random Access Memory (RAM) is used for short-term data like apps, photos and videos. The more RAM you have, the more multitasking you can do. When purchasing a new phone, look for at least 6GB to 8GB of RAM and 128GB of ROM.

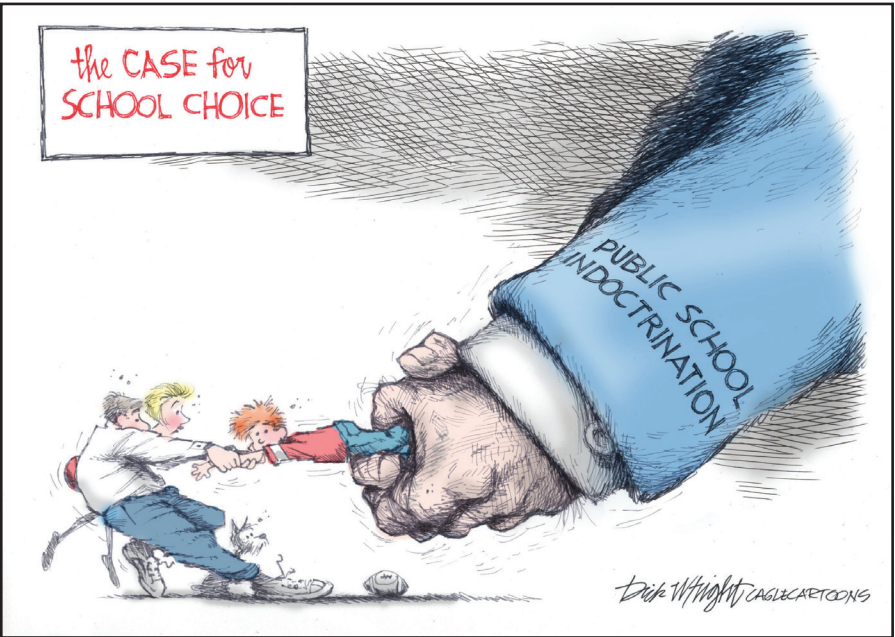
• **Camera:** Phones have nearly replaced traditional cameras, with 90% of people using only their smartphones to take photos versus digital cameras, according to 3D Insider. If you're an avid photo taker, make sure your new phone features editing software, a variety of camera lenses, like ultra-wide and telephoto, and special functions like night mode to optimize lighting.

• **Network:** How you stay connected is an important decision. The latest deals

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OPINIONS



Sports teams, colleges, airports aren't bound by truth in advertising

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

Do you remember in 2010 when LeBron James called a press conference on ESPN to announce where he would play professional basketball after spending the first seven years of his career with the Cleveland Cavaliers?



Don Coble

His words, not mine: "In this fall, this is very tough, in this fall, I'm taking my talents to South Beach and join the Miami Heat."

James may be the most prolific scorer in NBA history, but no matter how hard he tries, it's not likely he can hit his jump shot from 4.9 miles – no matter how many times he flops. That's the distance from South Beach to the arena where the Heat play.

Professional sports have an issue with geography. It's like nobody owns a map. For James to compete at the Heat's arena, he would have to be able to score from the other side of Biscayne Bay. Good luck with that.

I was reminded of that lack of geographical common sense this week as World Wrestling Entertainment prepared for its biggest weekend – WrestleMania. The professional wrestling organization has promoted for months its biggest show was coming to Hollywood.

The reality is WrestleMania will be at SoFi Stadium in Englewood, California. The problem is Hollywood is nearly 12

miles away. So if you want to see oiled-up men lifting weights and surgically-enhanced women, you can go to Hollywood, but most of them will be in Englewood.

It doesn't make sense, like driving on a parkway or parking on a driveway. And South Beach and Hollywood aren't the most significant mistakes when reading Google Maps.

Did you know the New York Giants and New York Jets NFL football teams don't play in New York? They play across the Hudson River in New Jersey – a state that's too ashamed to name any of its colleges after New Jersey. The official state university in New Jersey is Rutgers. The other 49 states have universities named after their state, like the University of Florida and Florida State University.

Speaking of universities, whose idea was it to name the school in Tampa, South Florida University? Didn't those educators realize South Florida University is nearly 300 miles north of the state's southern border?

Also, Florida Southeastern University is in Lakeland, which is north and west of Central Florida.

Even in NASCAR, where the driving directions are clear – go fast, turn left. Go fast, turn left – doesn't know how to read a map.

The Atlanta Motor Speedway is two counties away from Atlanta in Hampton. The Charlotte Motor Speedway is in Concord. The Phoenix International Raceway is in Avondale. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is in Speedway. The Nashville Superspeedway is in Lebanon, Tennessee.

SEE TRUTH, 5

Word OF THE WEEK

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

Saturnine: (SAT-ur-nahyn) an adjective that means slow and gloomy.

"Rainy weather during the first two days of my vacation put me in a saturnine mood."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2018

- State prosecutors take the death penalty off the table after Jacquilla Bullard agrees to plead guilty to manslaughter after she shot her husband Jerry Ray Bullard.
- County Commissioners voted unanimously to remove Rescue 19 from Orange Park.
- Superintendent Addison Davis said he would rather see teacher armed with information instead of firearms.

10 years ago, 2013

- More than 20 students from Murray State spend Spring Break helping Clay County Habitat for Humanity build a new home.
- Green Cove Springs receives bids ranging from \$5.6-\$5.9 million for a new police department headquarters.
- JEA spends a week removing EZBase, which contains traces of mercury, chromium, vanadium, arsenic and lead, from Steve Johnson's property in Middleburg.

20 years ago, 2003

- Despite pleas from parents, the school board decided not to overturn Superintendent David Owens' decision to end block scheduling.
- The board of commissioners adopt a plan to charge developers \$2,000 for new construction.
- The Clay County Humane Society celebrates its grand opening on Filmore Street in Orange Park.

30 years ago, 1993

- Former county parks program director Scott Diehl, who called administrators "sinners" after he was fired, files a federal lawsuit against Clay County claiming he

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Opinions ...

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Challenge Enterprises part of National Disabilities Awareness Month

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Challenge Enterprises spent March participating in National Disabilities Awareness Month programs.

Funded by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and Vocational Rehabilitative Services, Challenge Enterprises is committed to providing quality services to individuals with disabilities, including screening and certifying all staff. The agency’s mission is to proudly promote the Power of People and Possibilities for individuals with disabilities.

For the past 50 years, Challenge Enterprises has been grateful to many partner agencies, businesses, churches, corporations, and private citizens in Clay County

and surrounding communities who have significantly enriched the quality of life for persons with disabilities to find jobs, own a house, rent an apartment and have friends to share the good times.

President Reagan recognized March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in 1987 as a way to increase public awareness of the needs and potential of Americans with developmental disabilities. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, developmental disabilities include impairments in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas, such as autism spectrum disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, hearing loss, vision impairment and other developmental delays.

Clay Humane needs donations for severely injured dog

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,” said 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 medications, pain management, medicinal bathing and quality nourishment, he is healing nicely from all his conditions. While offi-

cials 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 or call (904) 276-7729.

Truth from page 4

Did you know the Cincinnati airport isn’t in Cincinnati? Or in Ohio? It’s across the river in Covington, Kentucky.

While we’re on the subject of airports, have you ever flown into the Denver Airport? It’s 25 miles from Denver. The airport in Pittsburgh is a \$45 one-way cab ride, plus tip, from downtown.

Phones from page 4

can help you select a phone and wireless provider. For example, Samsung just unveiled its latest Galaxy S23 lineup, and T-Mobile is the only provider that can light up 5G standalone three-carrier aggregation, unleashing faster speeds and better responsiveness for some of the newest 5G smartphones – 16% faster speeds on average than phones without it. And switching to what studies have shown is America’s largest, fastest and most reliable 5G network comes with perks. New customers can get \$200 off via a virtual prepaid card (allow 8 weeks) for each line they switch to T-Mobile – that’s \$800 off for a family of four. And paired with T-Mobile’s offer to save \$800 on the new Samsung Galaxy S23

Imagine how disappointed I was when I learned there are no hills in Mt. Dora. I’ve also been to Grand Isle, Nebraska, and I can tell you it’s neither grand or an island.

Early explorers must have been sampling rum when they named Iceland and Greenland. Iceland is green and beautiful. Greenland is an ice cap. I guess after a few mugs of alcoholic nectar, it would be easy to be confused.

So before you go, check Google maps. A day at the beach in Greenland might be

lineup via bill credits when they choose the Magenta Max plan, that family gets four new phones and saves a total of \$4000. To learn more about Samsung’s latest Galaxy S23 Series lineup, visit www.t-mobile.com/cell-phones/brand/samsung.

• **Security:** Gone are the days of remembering a PIN or typing in a password to safely access your phone’s data. Biometric security features like fingerprint, facial or voice recognition are crucial for keeping your private data secure. Most new smartphones feature in-display fingerprint screening and facial recognition, and more institutions like online banking apps are using this method now over passwords.

Other important deciding factors include overall phone display, size and water resistance. Priorities may vary from person to person, but selecting what’s important for your new smartphone is something only you can determine.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Millisecond

5. Narcotic drug

11. Accident

14. Formal submissions

15. Popular 70s rock band

18. Discourage from doing

19. More socially elite

21. Arid

23. A way to look

24. Heroes

28. A surfer rides it

29. Potato state

30. Insect repellent

32. Cool!

33. Have already done

35. Collegiate women's fraternity

36. To the __ degree

39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

41. Blood type

42. Looked over

44. Language of Cameroon and Chad

46. Species of armadillo

47. Touch softly

49. Part of your upper body

52. Large, stocky lizards

56. Lack of social or ethical standards

58. Congressman

60. Unofficial force

62. As a result of this utterance

63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Woman (French)

2. Province of Pakistan

3. This (Spanish)

4. Transportation device

5. Greater in importance or priority

6. The human foot

7. Within

8. Consumed

9. Respectful Malaysian term

10. Therefore

12. Ceased to exist

13. Type of macaroni

16. English composer

17. Wooded tract

20. Tall, slender-leaved plant

22. 36 inches

25. Take too much (abbr.)

26. Allow

27. Individually

29. Journalist Tarbell

31. Bar bill

34. Hong Kong food stall: __ pai dong

36. Not messy

37. Species that includes reed mace

38. Former MLB catcher Ed

40. Northern U.S. state

43. Wilt

45. Commercial

48. Bolivian river

50. Nursemaid

51. A car needs four

53. Guns (slang)

54. American state

55. Clusters of fern fronds

57. Body part

58. A person's brother or sister

59. Breed of sheep native to Sweden

61. Of I

History from page 4

was unfairly discharged.

- Three men and a woman, all from Orange Park, are arrested on drug and grand theft charges by Clay County and Jacksonville sheriff’s office deputies following a month-long investigation.
- The school board votes create vice principal positions at all four of its junior highs.

40 years ago, 1983

- County commissioners set a goal of starting the Clay County Fair by 1984.
- A truck carrying explosive materials is found and sent to Cecil Field after it was stolen.
- While the state’s crime rate dropped by 5% compared to figures from 1982, Clay County’s crime rose by 1.6%, according to Sheriff Jennings Murrhee.



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Gov. DeSantis hand-delivers bonus checks to seven Clay teachers

Program rewards \$3,000 to those who emphasize civics courses

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ORANGE PARK – Governor Ron DeSantis made good on his pledge last week to return civics as a main course of study by hand-delivering seven \$3,000 checks to Clay County teachers who’ve completed a 50-hour Civics Seal of Excellence “boot camp” to help them understand the American legislative process so they can channel that knowledge to their students.

“If you think about the purpose of the school system, it’s giving our young people a foundation so that they can lead productive lives that’s going to provide many people a pathway to go to university to provide a pathway to go to get vocational training, some way to stay in college,” DeSantis said during a stop at Ridgeview High. “The one thing that you’ll do, regardless of what you decide to do, as a younger person, everybody is going to be called upon to exercise the duties of being an American citizen. And that is something that we take seriously in Florida.

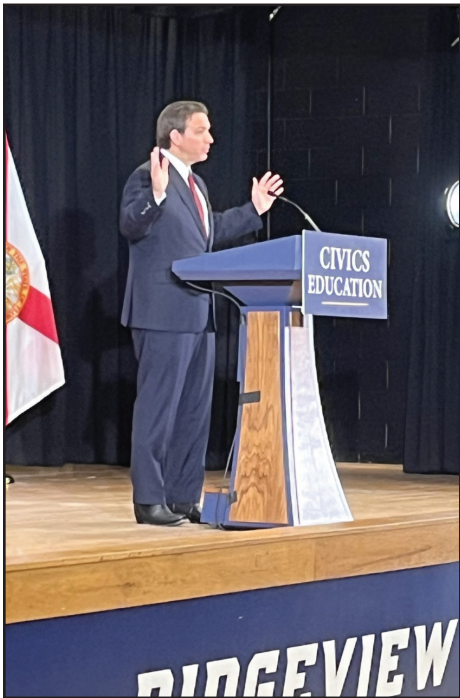
“The legislature has done some good things over the years, but we really needed to take it to the next level.”

The program was limited to 20,000 teachers, DeSantis said. Days after sign-ups started, there was already a waiting list of 14,000.

Green Cove Springs Junior High civics teacher Michael Taft was one of eight who got a bonus.

“Within the next year or so, the United States will be begging for this course,” Taft said. “They took a lot of time and a lot of effort to put it together. They put so many primary and secondary sources for additional reading materials that can be turned around and used in the classroom. I’ve already started doing so.

“Also, this is innovative, inspiring and incredibly educational, not just for students but for us as teachers as lifelong learners. And it’s a way for us to encourage our students to step up, do the right thing and be exemplary citizens within the community. And that’s what it’s all about the citizenship side of it.”



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Gov. Ron DeSantis promoted the success of the Civics Seal of Excellence by awarding seven county teachers with \$3,000 bonuses.

Other teachers honored included Coppergate Elementary fifth-grader teachers Brittany Bishop and Lynda Selby, Fleming Island Elementary teachers Penny Turner and Karen McCarthy, Plantation Oaks Elementary fifth-grade teacher Benita Pelzer and Oakleaf High science teacher Billie Anne Lentz.

DeSantis spent an hour at Ridgeview. Florida Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz Jr. and Superintendent David Broskie joined him.

DeSantis reminded invitees why there is a need for civics refresher courses.

“If you look at the civics knowledge of the population and it’s abysmal. Half of U.S. adults can’t name the three branches of government,” he said. “Less than one in four people can name the five freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment. More than half of college graduates don’t know the process for amending our nation’s constitution.

“And there was even one study seven years ago, in which 10% of college graduates thought that Judge Judy was a member of the U.S. Supreme Court.”



Superintendent David Broskie, left, is joined by staff, seven Clay County District teachers and Gov. Ron DeSantis during a ceremony last week at Ridgeview High.

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Obituaries

Shirley Marie Bland Forbis

Shirley Marie Bland Forbis of Green Cove Springs, Florida went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Sunday Morning, March 26, at 6:41 am. She was born to John Walton and Eva Mae Bland December 14, 1952 in Bremer-ton, Washington.

She graduated from Clay High School of Green Cove Springs, June, 1971. She also retired from Clay High School, De-cember, 2016, where she worked in staff support. She had pre-viously worked at Holiday Inn of Orange Park, FL and Maidenform of Jacksonville, FL.



Shirley Marie Bland Forbis

She and Robert Michael Forbis, of the Westside of Jacksonville, were married in Kingsland, GA, September 9, 1977. They have two sons, Ted William and Terrence Michael. They had been married 45 years.

She had been a member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church of Green Cove Springs from the age of 1. She had been ac-tive in GA's as a teenager. She also attend-ed Sunday School for a number of years.

She had a great love of her family. This includes not only her immediate family, but also her siblings who remained close, both in proximity and emotionally, throughout their adult lives. She loved her four grand-children, dearly, and had been blessed with two great-grandsons in recent years.

She will be remembered for her witty smile, her generosity, her love of family,

and her strong work ethic.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother, her sister, Cheryl, and her brother James, an Army Veteran.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Michael, sons, Ted William Spencer and Terrence Michael Forbis (Michelle), broth-er Raymond Bland (Faye), brother Keith Bland (Joyce), all of Green Cove Springs, FL and sister Patricia Campesi of Mar-rero, Louisiana. She is also survived by four grandchildren and two great-grand-children, and many cousins and nieces and nephews.

Please sign the family's online guest-book at www.broadusraines.com

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



Ruth W. Yant Hammett

Ruth W. Yant Hammett, 88, formerly of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away March 26, 2023

Please sign the family's online guest-book at www.broadusraines.com

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Samuel DeWayne Huff

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Samuel DeWayne Huff (64) of Middle-burg, FL shares that he closed his eyes for the last time on March 14, 2023. Often it was the bearded biker look that caught the attention of others, only to later be capti-vated by the warmth of his sweet soul. He always gave more than he received.

After his retirement from Ironworkers Local 597, he found joy in simplicity. He was a lover of sweet tea, onion sausage and the freedom he felt while riding his Harley. His family was what his world re-volved around, and he cherished every mo-ment spent with them. To know him, was to love him and to be loved by him, was a blessing. He will be dearly missed by many.

He leaves behind so many who loved

him immensely: Children; Aaron (Helen), Julie Ann (Dustin) and DeAnn (Derrick); Grandchildren; Leland, Grace, and So-phie. His sister, best friend and confi-dant Susan Harmon and brother Chris (Denielle) Huff. Nieces; Amy (Tim), April, Mallory (Chris) and Dreama (Steve). Nephe-ews; Eric and Matthew. Great nieces; Kari, Kayla (Shawn), Karly (Jonathan), Lauren (Casey), Josie (Ray), Emilee, Katelynn (Hunter) and Brianna. Great nephews; Chris, Justin (Kaitlynn), Reese (Amanda) and Julian. Wife; Kathy Huff. Numerous great-great nieces and great-great neph-ews. His biker brothers, iron worker broth-ers and anyone who was blessed enough to call him friend.

A celebration of life service will be held for "Huff" to be announced later. All his family and friends will be welcome.

Art Guild and Garden Club team up for 'An Art and Garden Party'

ORANGE PARK – The Art Guild of Orange Park and the Garden Club of Fleming Is-land are preparing for its annual "Art and Garden Party" at Club Continental on May 16 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

The event will feature sales of art, plants and gifts. There will be a silent auc-tion and raffle of items, donated or made by the two clubs. Tickets are \$8 if purchased before the event. Tick-ets are available from Art Guild or Garden Club members. Tickets are also available at the door for \$10.



The Courtyard by Ana Flynn, Oil on Canvas

The Art Guild of Orange Park has ap-proximately 130 artist members and supporters. The organization's primary objective is to promote visual fine arts and culture in Clay County and surround-ing areas. Through outreach efforts, art-focused activities and related interests, group collaborations, events, exhibitions, fund-raising campaigns, programs, volun-teer work and workshops, the group can enhance public awareness and apprecia-tion for the importance of fine visual art.

The setting for this event is the historic Club Continental, one of the most beautiful

venues in Orange Park. The club's history began in the 1880s when B.J. Johnson, founder of the Palmolive Soap Company, was looking for a place to escape the harsh Wisconsin climate. He brought his family to the little town of Orange Park.

Built in 1923, Club Continental was the winter home of Caleb Johnson, heir to the Palmolive Soap Company. Caleb and his wife Elinor commissioned an architec-tural firm in Milwaukee to design a Medi-terranean structure they named Mira Rio.

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Jeb McLendon, a Middleburg High graduate and site administrator at Clay County Regional Park thanked the county for its vision and trust to build the massive sports complex south of Middleburg. Construction was already underway when state, county and consturction officials officially broke ground on the 1,000-acre project Tuesday.

Park
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said.
The county bought nearly 250 acres of land on U.S. Highway 21, a mile north of State Road 16, hoping to create a unique sports park to draw national tournaments.
North Florida Land Trust then bought the 750 acres between the park and SR 16. The nonprofit committed to preserving natural places told the county it could build nature trails in its portion of what now is a

1,000-acre project.
“This will be a first for Clay County and for Northeast Florida,” Condon said.
Former Florida Sen. Rob Bradley and Rep. Travis Cummings were instrumental in working with County Manager Howard Wanamaker in securing a matching grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity program. The county paid the first \$3 million, the state then matched it.
Once operational, the park could become a money-maker in taxes, Condon said.
“This facility is a great investment for

Clay County,” she said.
The multi-sport fields will allow the county to host massive events, Airstream Adventures CEO Alan Verlander, who works with the county to attract events.
McLendon said the first phase would include permanent restrooms, parking for 350 cars and ponds.
“This puzzle started many, many, many months ago with design,” said Fleming Island-based Carlton Construction President Matt Carlton. “Like Betsy, I can’t wait to drive out here and see kids playing.”
Carlton also built Baptist Medical Cen-

ter Clay. McLendon, a Middleburg High graduate, was the lead administrator on that job, too.
“More community members can share (the park) than ever before,” Wanamaker said. “We can host big tournaments with national recognition.”
Much of the land has already been cleared for the first phase. Work continued Tuesday while officials with the county, state, tourism development council, Airstream and Carlton Construction officially broke ground.

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2023 Municipal Super Tuesday Election
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

TOWN OF ORANGE PARK
LEGAL NOTICE / PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
CANVASSING BOARD EVENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Orange Park Municipal Super Tuesday Election will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the respective Municipality.
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
3:00 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)

2023 MST Canvassing Board Members for Orange Park	
Supervisor of Elections	Chris H. Chambless
Canvassing Board Member	Debra Waters
Canvassing Board Member	Barbara Elliott
Canvassing Board Member	Ben Nicola
Canvassing Board Member (Alternate)	Courtney Russo

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

LA CIUDAD DE ORANGE PARK
AVISO LEGAL / AVISO DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA
EVENTOS DE LA JUNTA DE ESCRUTINO

Por la presente se notifica que la Elección Municipal del Súper Martes del Pueblo de Orange Park se llevará a cabo el martes 11 de abril de 2023 de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m.
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
3:00 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 Orange Park	
Supervisor de Elecciones	Chris H. Chambless
Miembro de la Junta de Escrutinio	Debra Waters
Miembro de la Junta de Escrutinio	Barbara Elliott
Miembro de la Junta de Escrutinio	Ben Nicola
Miembro de la Junta de Escrutinio (Alternó)	Courtney Russo

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.



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

GCS Heritage Walking Tour starts
150-year celebration for Mt. Zion AME Church

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A group of residents and parishioners took a walking tour of the downtown area in conjunction with the upcoming 150-year anniversary of Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church. The group started at the church, visited August Savage Museum and Mentoring Center (and the old home of Dunbar High) and walked around the Historic Triangle during the annual Vietnam Veterans Observance program. The group then stopped at the Village Improvement Association before returning to the church.

<p>Official Municipal Election Ballot April 11, 2023 Orange Park, Florida</p> <p>Boleta Oficial del Elección Municipal 11 de abril, 2023 Orange Park, Florida</p>	
<p>• Instructions: To vote, fill in the oval completely (●) next to your choice. Use only the marker provided or a black or blue pen. • If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.</p> <p>• Instrucciones: Para votar, llene completamente el óvalo (●) al lado de su selección. Sólo use el marcador proporcionado o un bolígrafo negro o azul. • Si comete un error, pida una nueva boleta. No lo tache, o su voto no contará.</p>	
<p>Town Council, Seat 1 (Vote for 1)</p> <p>Consejo de la Ciudad, Asiento 1 (Vote por 1)</p>	
<p><input type="radio"/> Tommie "Doug" Benefield</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kenneth "Kenny" Radwanski</p>	

Lawn care app puts yard work at the tip of a finger

By Lee Wardlaw

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Nashville-based GreenPal, an Uber-like lawn care app founded in 2012 that operates in 48 states, launched its services locally last week.

"After successfully launching in 250 other markets, we are excited to help homeowners in Fleming Island find reliable, safe, and local lawn care," co-founder Gene Caballero said in a press release.

GreenPal's Fleming Island is an expansion of an operation in Jacksonville.

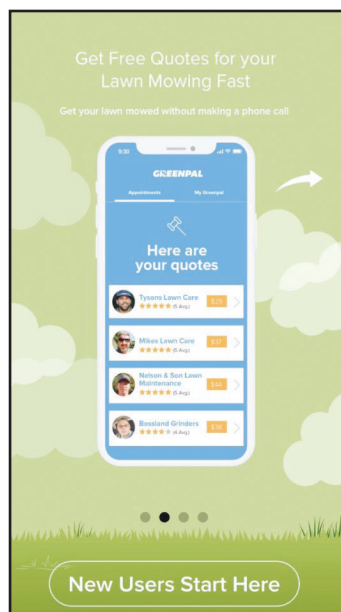
Here's how the app works:

GreenPal connects homeowners to pre-screened and vetted local lawn care professionals living within the area.

On the app, homeowners list their lawns, where they can select their desired date of service and request specific lawn care needs. Landscapers can then bid on area properties based on Google street and aerial images that the homeowner provides. After that, the homeowner can make their final selection based on the vendor's ratings, reviews and price rates.

Following completion of service, the vendor will send a time-stamped photo of the completed work, which the purchaser can send a Venmo-like payment through the app.

"I think the uniqueness of



(GreenPal) is the convenience to the homeowner," he said.

The co-owner explained further his beliefs on why he feels industries across all sectors have shifted to a model.

"I think that consumer demand has kind of shifted to 'Hey, I don't want to call anybody.' When was the last time you called a taxi or a pizza? You (likely) did that online or with the click of a button. Consumer demand has kind of shifted to where we expect these kinds of services as opposed to having to call around or ask a neighbor or

coworker, 'Hey man, who cuts your grass?' That's where we fit in," Caballero said.

GreenPal especially proved the hardiness of its business model after the onset of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020.

"When COVID first started, lawn mowing wasn't considered an essential service, so I was like, 'Well, it was a nice run when we had it,'" he said.

Caballero said GreenPal grew its business by 35% during COVID-19.

While the pandemic is over, similar themes continue to persist, the co-owner suggested. "I wouldn't want to say that people want to remain sheltered, but they want to remain healthy and be able to do business. I think that after COVID happened, there are a lot of people who are just as comfortable doing it from their home with a few touches of a button and not having to talk to anybody, that further (enables) it. People don't care if they have to talk to anybody or see anybody as long as the work gets completed," Caballero said.

Caballero, who has a lifelong background in the lawn care industry, said that another thing that sets GreenPal apart is that it is a platform.

"We're really just a platform. We really didn't have a model we were using. We had to build everything from scratch based on

knowledge of the landscaping industry and what homeowners are looking for," he said.

The first few years were tough. The business plan was formulated for three years before the first sale, but Caballero remained persistent throughout the process.

"You have Airbnb and Uber, so eventually, I knew we would be able to do that with lawn services and landscaping. That's where the inspiration really came from," Caballero said.

GreenPal is user-friendly to both customers and vendors. Vendors establish a direct line of contact with the homeowner, who is allowed to upsell services.

"They can say, 'Hey, I can help shape your mulch bed or prune those bushes back or clean your gutter.' I've had vendors build fences for homeowners.

That may be why more than 40,000 landscaping professionals have signed up for the platform.

However, Caballero wants to remain clear on what the service is all about.

"We don't want to confuse them with fifty different services, which is why we promote ourselves mainly as a lawn care app," he said.

To access the Fleming Island GreenPal landing page, please visit, www.yourGreenPal.com/local/lawn-care-fleming-island-fl.

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Calendar of Events

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

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

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

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

LAKE ASBURY BAPTIST CHURCH: will host a Easter egg hunt from 2-4 p.m. at 2674 Henley Road in Green Cove Springs. Event includes music, face-painting, food trucks, karaoke and vendors.

DANI-LYNN FUNDRAISER: will be on April 1 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at The Corner Pocket, 14 N. Magnolia Ave. in Green Cove Springs. Event includes live music, games, silent auction and 50/50 raffle.

ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC CHURCH: will host its annual Craft-A-Fair and Yard Sale on April 1 from, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1649 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park. Email Rudie Gillett at youth@stcatherine.com to reserve a booth.

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

After 21 years, owner pull the plug on Sante Fe Electronics



PHOTO BY NATALIE GILSTRAP

Santie Fe Electronics owner Grayln Tanner-Rice plans to close her business in downtown Keystone Heights after 21 years.

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Santa Fe Electronics closed its doors at the close of business on Friday, March 31, after meeting the electronic needs of the people in Keystone Heights for 21 years.

The downtown store provided phones, phone services, computers and computer accessories such as cables, routers and computer hardware. The store also repaired computers, phones, screens and offered toys and appliance to their customers. “I feel like I have been fortunate,” owner Graylyn Tanner-Rice said. “I’ve had some great employees, built some long-term relationships, and meet neat people. It’s hard to walk away from it, but you have to realize and listen to yourself to know when it’s time to go on to your next chapter.”

The decision to close the store resulted from multiple factors, such as the long late-night hours and the hassle of operating a retail store. In addition, the store struggled to compete with complete pricing, shipping and online shopping like Amazon. Tanner-Rice also wanted to be able to

spend more time with her elderly mother.

She decided to close after having an open conversation with her employees about the store’s future.

“We all realized at that point through having that open conversation that we all were ready to go do something else.”

During the past 21 years, Santa Fe Electronics has helped many people with their electronic needs. Thanks to its tech-savvy team, the store never failed to keep up with new technology. In addition, Tanner-Rice has formed lasting relationships with her customers.

“We’ve met a lot of wonderful people,” she said.

Tanner-Rice won’t miss the hassle and demanding hours a business requires. But she will miss seeing friends and loyal customers.

What happens to the business and the building is unknown, but Tanner-Rice plans to spend more time with her mother and keep working after the store closes.

“I would like to get into the travel industry in some form. I love to travel, and I would like to find some way to incorporate that into something I can do,” she said.

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MONDAY CLASSES April 3 - May 22 *(no class 4/10)*

Acrylics	Flower Arranging*	Movement and Exercise
Beginning Ukulele*	Greeting Cards*	Pennies from Heaven
Bingo	Improv Comedy	Rock n Roll
Book Club	iPhone/iPad	Walking to the River
Chair Yoga	Jewelry Making*	Watercolors*
Current Events	Line Dancing	
Elder Law	Mah Jong	

TUESDAYS Apr 4 - May 30 - Bridge Playing 1:30-3:30
Orange Park Presbyterian Church, 1905 Park Ave, Orange Park, Reservations Required

THURSDAY CLASSES Apr 6 - May 25
Crossroad Lutheran Church, 5101 Lakeshore Dr. W, Fleming Island

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Beginning Chess*	Watercolors*	Yoga
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More than 100 riders participated in the Hogs for Dogs event to raise money and awareness for the Clay County Humane Society last Saturday.



Riders rally support for Clay Humane Society with Hogs for Dogs

By Lee Wardlaw
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On a beautiful, sunny afternoon, the Clay County Humane Society hosted its 14th annual Hogs For Dogs fundraiser last Saturday.

The charity motorcycle ride beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Orange Park Adamec Harley-Davidson and ended with a fish fry dinner at Whitey's Fish Camp on Fleming Island. This year's ride was a big success, according to Linda Lake, Board Member of the Clay Humane Society and Chair of Hogs For Dogs.

One reason was it attracted more than 100 riders who came in full force to support the cause of supporting and relieving the suffering of animals in North Florida.

"It was wonderful. We had the perfect day. We had a lot of new and returning riders, a lot of whom have ridden since we first started (in 2010)," Lake said.

Included in the fun for a \$30 ticket was a high-quality gift bag chock-full of various goodies, a red, white and blue dice roll awarding a cash prize to the highest and lowest scorer, and the giveaway of various items like gift cards from local restaurants and hardware stores and other favorites, such as knives and fishing poles.

All of this was done with one mission in mind – to support furry friends.

"It's all about the animals, of course.

That's why we do our run," Lake said.

To all participants at Hogs for Dogs, it seems as they were touched by the feel-good vibes cultivated by the fundraiser that goes on to support a great cause in the community.

"It was a festival-like atmosphere from beginning to end. It was very upbeat. A lot of positivity and laughter. It's the kind of place that makes you feel good to be there. People feel good on the inside for doing their part to help Clay Humane and to help animals," she said.

The big-ticket ride took riders on a pilgrimage from Orange Park to Fleming Island, and it covered a major portion of the county and featured four stops at local favorite watering holes and restaurants along the way: Crossroads Saloon, Howlin' Wolf, Watering Hole at Smith Lake and Saloon 17.

Hogs for Dogs is one of the two major annual fundraisers that goes on to support the local nonprofit that offers low-cost or free medical services like spraying and neutering, weekly urgent care on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 5-12 p.m. via a low-cost veterinary clinic and other important programming such as animal advocacy and pet-assisted therapy.

To find out more about the nonprofit, please visit ClayHumane.org.

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Registration opens for Wolfson Children’s Hospital Bass Tourney

For Clay Today

Register now to participate in the 34th Annual Wolfson Children’s Hospital Bass Tournament

The event, benefitting Wolfson Children’s patients, returns May 18-20, 2023, at the City Docks in Palatka, Fla.

This year’s highlights:

- More than \$48,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to competitors from across the Southeast.
- For \$20, anyone may enter a drawing for a chance to win a 21’ 2023 Bullet Boat model 21XRS with a trailer, courtesy of Bullet Boats, valued at \$78,000 (motor to be included). All proceeds from the drawing will help fund new technology for the C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry Heart Institute at Wolfson Children’s Hospital. To

enter the bass boat drawing, visit wolfsonbasstournament.com. Ticket sales close Friday, June 2, 2023, at 12:00 pm · This year’s bass boat drawing will be broadcast on Facebook Live on Saturday, June 3, at 11 am.

- The Wolfson Children’s Bass Tournament is one of the largest bass fishing tournaments in Florida, and one of the longest-running, now in its 34th year.
- Since the first tournament in 1989, the event has raised more than \$6 million for Wolfson Children’s and the patients treated there.

Featured events:

- Thursday, May 18: Lads & Lasses Tournament (one male, one female boater). Palatka City Docks.
- Friday, May 19: VIP & Friends Tournament (sponsor boats pre-fish). Palatka City

Docks.

- Saturday, May 20: 34th Annual Wolfson Children’s Hospital Bass Tournament. Palatka City Docks. Register online any time before noon Tuesday, May 16, 2023. In-person registrations will take place at the Palatka City Docks from 4 am to safe light the morning of May 18 and May 19 and from 3 am to safe light the morning of Saturday’s tournament. Boats launch at safe light. The Palatka City Docks are located at 309 River Street, Palatka, Fla. 32177.

Tournament schedule:

- Thursday, May 18: Weigh-in begins at 3 pm. Lads & Lasses winners announced.
- Friday, May 19: Weigh-in begins at 3 pm. VIP & Friends winners announced.
- Saturday, May 20: Weigh-in begins at 3 pm.

- Weigh-ins continue in 15-minute increments, staggered by boat number.
- After weigh-in, winners are brought to stage for awards and cash prizes.

Visuals and interview opportunities:

- Anglers participating in and bystanders enjoying three bass fishing events.
- Tournament weigh-ins for participating anglers.
- Interviews with Sam Dean and Brian Seay, co-chairs of the Wolfson Children’s Hospital Bass Tournament Committee.
- Interviews with tournament winners, once announced.

To register for the Wolfson Children’s Hospital Bass tournament, enter the bass boat drawing or donate to the hospital’s mission, visit wolfsonbasstournament.com.



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Twisted Oaks, Animal Services join forces to offer free spay, neutering

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Twisted Oaks, a nonprofit organization, is partnering with Clay County Animal Service to provide free spay and neuter services for low-income dog owners.

“I like to thank Clay County Animal Services for partnering with us for the best of the community pets,” Twisted Oaks founder Jessie Shekels said.

Though the free service is available for all pet owners living in Clay County, anyone from Keystone Heights will automatically qualify for the service if they schedule through Twisted Oaks.

Thanks to the partnership with grant-ing organization Florida Animal Friend, Clay County Animal Services can provide free services. Pet owners will be able to get their dogs fixed and get a rabies vaccine, wellness exam and a microchip for free. Pet owners also can get additional vaccines for \$5.

The owner must provide transportation to their appointment at Clay County Animal Services. Twisted Oaks is willing to help pet owners in Keystones Heights transport their dogs to Twisted Oaks for

their appointment. The service is also available for stray dogs.

Overall the results have been positive. “We just hit 100 dogs, and I think we are halfway there,” Shekels said. “There are another 100 spots before the grant is up.”

In addition, pet owners are grateful to be able to spay and neuter their dogs without worrying about the expenses.

“It’s a great service to the community,” one pet owner said.

Twisted Oaks works to keep families and their pets together. This organization offers a variety of pet services that assist low-income pet owners. They provide low-cost medical services like vaccinations and microchips.

The organization provides pet supplies through its pet pantry and hosts pet events like adoptions and pet education.

Residents living in Keystone Heights with a 32656 zip code can email torclin-iccoordinator@gmail.com for more information or to schedule an appointment. All other Clay County residents can call (904) 529-4256 or email claymedical@clay-countygov.com for more information or to schedule an appointment.



PHOTO BY NATALIE GILSTRAP

Twisted Oaks volunteers Kristina Blackshire, Jessie Shekels, Tina Meng Brown and Kathy Combass hope to spay and neuter another 100 dogs at their organization or at Clay County Animal Services.

Clay Elections to honor voters who are 100 ... and older

For Clay Today

PENNEY FARMS – It’s impressive to reach 100 years of age, or older, and even more impressive still to be a regular, active voter in the community.

It’s certainly deserving of a special recognition.

In appreciation of their tremendous dedication to democracy, the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office is holding a recognition ceremony for its centenarian voters on Tuesday, April 4, at 1 p.m. at Penney Retirement Community’s Regal Center at 4195 Wilbanks Ave.

Those voters have witnessed great milestones in this Country’s history, including landmark elections. Their lives have played a meaningful role in America’s story and their unwavering commitment to voting should be a reminder to everyone how important it is to make their voice heard.

For questions or more information, call (904) 269-6350 or visit ClayElections.gov your source for verified election information.

This and all press releases can be found at www.ClayElections.gov.



Volunteers revved up for this year’s fair

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – More than 100 volunteers gave up their Sunday afternoon for tram and customer service training ahead of Thursday’s opening of the Clay County Agriculture Fair. Board of Directors member Bruce Butler, who’s in charge of trams and safety, ran several sessions of training to make sure all answers were answered ahead of the fair’s 11-day run. According to fair executive director Tasha Hyder, more than 1,000 volunteer every year at the fair.



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Vietnam veterans honored on 50th anniversary of end of war

STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Many at last Saturday’s Vietnam Veterans Day recognition ceremony returned home more than 50 years ago. And too often, they came home of a nation that was indifferent and indignant about their mission. More that 200 came to the Historic Triangle at the Old Courthouse to change that by recognizing their service and sacrifices. The 90-minute ceremony was filled with patriotic salutes and comments from federal, state and local officials. “We don’t want to forget them,” said county commissioner Jim Renninger, who spent 26 years in the U.S. Navy. “We want to thank them for their service. What we want them to know is it was all worth it.” Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley was the keynote speaker. She spoke of her father, who was a Vietnam veteran. “There’s a special bond, especially a brotherhood among Vietnam veterans. I’ve witnessed it with my father and the relationships, and I see here today. Certainly, that includes the ones who are fighting beside you.” More than 58,000 U.S. soldiers, sailors and pilots died in the Vietnam War, including 21 from Clay County.



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Fairest

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Other fans nominated both, and both were easy picks, Hyder said.

Rosie is blind, but her gregarious laughter and energy quickly became one of the most-compelling storylines of last year's fair. Her photographs of her giggling uncontrollably on a mini-scrambler called Wild Ride and touching Lew-E's clown's nose were liked and shared more than 100 times on social media.

This will be the seventh year Rosie has been to the fair. She plans to be there on opening day, during Sunflower Hours on Saturday, April 1, and again on Wednesday, April 5.

"You know, I think we're all kids," Hyder said. "You know, kids are the greatest fans, but Rosie gives us a little extra. If you were there with Sunflower Hours last year and just heard her laugh, enjoy her day with no cares in the world. It's pretty easy to understand why she was chosen."

Ashton is such a fan of the fair that she chose fair food for her wedding reception. The menu included corn dogs, funnel cakes, turkey legs, sausage dogs and nachos.

She also had family photos after the wedding taken at the fair.

Her first stop was along the food court.

"That's the first thing I always do – get an Amish doughnut," she said. "I can't wait to get a doughnut," she said. "That always puts you in a good mood."

When the fair was canceled in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic days before opening, friends were so concerned about Ashton that they stopped by her house to make sure she was all right.

"When we canceled in 2020, everyone checked on her because they knew she would be affected," fair executive director Tasha Hyder said. That's the type of fan we were looking for. She definitely checked all of the boxes."

Ashton said she started going to the fair as a child. When she was dating Matthew, they started a tradition to have their photo taken every year at the fair. Now married, the Hernandez family photo now includes cousins, babies and other family members."

"It really is a family aFAIR."

Now a working mother, she said she wouldn't be able to go all 11 days, but she will be there most nights – especially for the concerts.

"I love the food and all of the concerts," she said. "My favorite was Thomas Rhett. I also saw Vanilla Ice."



Ridgeview Navy JROTC visit nation's capital

For Clay Today

Ridgeview High Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets took its annual four-day educational field trip to Washington, D.C.

Last year they went to Naval Air Station Key West. This year they had just returned from Washington, D.C. Before the trip; the cadets researched all 19 museums, memorials and monuments they planned to visit.

The cadets arrived on Wednesday, March 22, and toured the U.S. Marine Corps Museum in Triangle, Virginia. They learned about the Corp's history and its important role in our nation's defense.

Then they traveled another hour and arrived at the Jefferson Memorial in the evening. One cadet commented that being in Washington, D.C. alone was surreal; standing in front of a 19-foot statue of Thomas Jefferson under a 102-foot-wide portico surrounded by 54 massive columns was overwhelming. The cadets knew they were looking at something special; after all, he was the author of the Declaration of Independence and was the third president.

The next day the cadets toured the Capitol building, the Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress. They were amazed as they viewed more than 6,000 ancient books that Thomas Jefferson donated from his library to start the Congressional Library. The cadets then headed to Arlington Cemetery to view John F. Kennedy's grave and eternal flame, and they observed the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

They also stopped at the Marine Corps Monument of the marines raising the flag

atop Mount Suribachi after the hard-fought World War II battle for Iwo Jima. Then in the evening, the cadets visited the Lincoln Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial.

On Day 3, cadets were most impressed by the National Navy Museum in the old Washington Navy Shipyard. The cadets were fortunate. Because of heightened securing restrictions, only a few civilians are now allowed into the yard to see the museum. However, they learned that the Navy played a crucial role in building the nation when George Washington ordered the nation's first Navy Shipyard built on the Potomac "because there was an abundant source of prime timber."

The cadets headed to the new Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia, and saw thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including the Space Shuttle Discovery, a Blackbird SR-71 and a Concorde in two large hangars. They saw all the Navy's fighters from Vietnam, Top Gun's Tom Cat, Top Gun Maverick's F/A 18 and the latest F-35 Lightning.

The then cadets headed to the National Holocaust Museum, which was the most sobering visit of all, mainly since the cadets had studied this the week before and watched an account by an old man describe what a horror it was like to be a young boy in a German Concentration camp.

The cadets visited the U.S. Navy Me-

morial and Museum on the last day. Here they gained insight into the Navy's significant role in American history and national defense. The next building nearby was the National Archives, where the cadets viewed some of the most important documents of our country, including the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the first Constitution. They also saw one of only four copies of England's Magna Carta and an original Gutenberg Bible. Their visits to the National Museum of American History, the National Museum of Natural History, and the White House visitor's center were also very informative. After this packed schedule, the cadets headed to the huge Pentagon City Mall for some shopping and supper before boarding the bus for the all-night trip home.

Cadets Eric Quezada, Sumayah Lambey and Jackson Willis contributed to this article.


APRIL 18, 2023

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Get a bowl of soup and give a bowl of soup to someone in need!

Join us on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at United Methodist Church Family Life Center located at 2042 Reed Street, Orange Park, FL 32073. Enjoy a meal of freshly prepared soup and bread. Then take home a bowl handcrafted by local Clay County Students. Help us feed Clay County!

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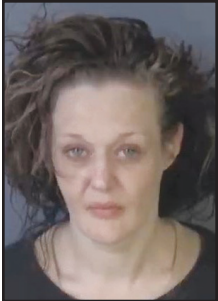
Police Briefs

Three arrested during Green Cove Springs drug raid

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Two men and a woman were arrested after the Green Cove Springs Police Department, Drug Enforcement Agency and Clay County Sheriff’s Office conducted a drug raid on March 23 on North Street.

Christen Modlin, 35, Miquel Dion Smith and Norris Smith, 48, all from Green Cove Springs, were taken to the Clay County Jail after law enforcement officers found several drugs inside the house.

Modlin and Miquel Smith were found with cocaine and drug paraphernalia, while Norris Smith was charged with possession of cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine, Xanax and paraphernalia, according to the arrest report. According to GCSPD, the arrest was the second time in 10 months Norris Smith was



Christen Modlin



Norris Smith



arrested during a drug raid. Miquel Smith and Norris Smith also were charged with selling a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a specified area. His bond was set at \$115,008, while Norris Smith’s was \$60,513 and Modlin’s was \$20,005.

Microsoft tip leads to arrest of man with child porn

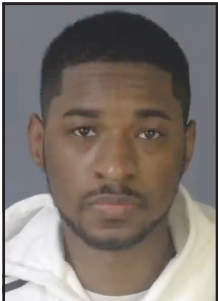
OAKLEAF – A cyber tip from Microsoft Online Operations led to an investigation by the Clay County Sheriff’s Office and Homeland Security Investigations and the arrest of a 25-year-old man for possessing more than 100 photos of children having sex.

Travon Rashaud Gilbert, of Oakleaf, was charged with 10 counts of possessing,

controlling and viewing at least 10 depictions of child sexual conduct after he was arrested on March 24.

According to the affidavit for an arrest warrant, CCSO issued a summons to Comcast on Aug. 8 to find who was the subscriber of the account reported by Microsoft. A search warrant of his apartment was conducted on Oct. 13, and investigators found files of photographs of as many as four children conducting in sexual activity on his computer and cellphone.

Gilbert’s bond was set at \$500,030. His next court appearance will be on April 17.



Travon Gilbert

Jacksonville man caught after car robbed in parking lot

ORANGE PARK – Quick-responding Clay County Sheriff’s Office deputies and Navy Federal bank officials led to the quick arrest of a man suspected of breaking into a car in the BJ’s parking lot.

Jason Brantley Provencher, 31, of Jacksonville, was charged with burglary, three counts of fraudulent use of a credit card and possession of a controlled substance after a man called his bank to report his ATM card was stolen minutes earlier. While he was talking to Navy Federal, they told him somebody had attempted to use the card three times at the ATM machine at a nearby grocery store. CCSO responded to the store and found Provencher.

Provencher had a laptop, two key fobs, gloves, Apple pen, AirPods, wallet and an auxiliary cable in a backpack similar to what was taken from the car. The victim was able to open the laptop by using his password.

Provencher’s bond was set at \$90,012.



Jason Provencher

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 28

- Daikwon M. Bielarski, 22, Orange Park, shoplifting
- David G. Mosley, 39, Orange Park, domestic battery
- Dario R. Caraballo, 64, Middleburg, DUI with property damage/injury
- Olivia M. Fosmire, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP-resisting law enforcement, VOP-reckless driving
- Jasmine B. Pearson, 23, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction against domestic violence
- Brandon A.M. Gary, 23, Orange Park, possession-unlicensed firearm, possession-marijuana
- Melinda L. Bowman, 51, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-methamphetamine, possession-Xanax, possession-cocaine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Monday, March 27

- Kirston L. Morrison, 33, Oakleaf, viola-

- tion of injunction against stalking
- Jason B. Provencher, 31, Orange Park, burglary, three counts fraudulent use of credit card, possession-drug paraphernalia
- Michael R. Howell, 40, Middleburg, sale/delivery-cocaine, VOP-possession-controlled substance with intent to manufacture/deliver, VOP-possession-marijuana with into the sell
- Ashlee E. Mosher, 40, Middleburg, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, misuse of 911 system
- Christopher P. Bushey, 31, Middleburg, burglary, theft, trespassing

Sunday, March 26

- Janice M. Blumenstein, 66, Keystone Heights, possession-marijuana, DUI
- John J. Polen, 43, Middleburg, shoplifting
- Matthew T. Oliver, 22, Middleburg, battery
- Tiara M. Fleming, 36, Fleming Island, possession-ocycodone, possession-fentanyl, possession-crack cocaine, possession-marijuana
- Christina R. McClure, 48, Middleburg, fugitive from justice

Saturday, March 25

- Jasmine B. Pearson, 23, Orange Park, vandalism, trespassing
- Victor O. Vazquez, 48, Green Cove

- Springs, DUI
 - Olivia M. Fosmire, 33, Orange Park, defraud innkeeper/restaurant, disorderly conduct
 - Roy C. Martin, 58, Keystone Heights, felony domestic battery by strangulation, resisting officer with violence
 - Edgar A. Toledo, 31, Orange Park, domestic battery
 - Kathleen M. Bland, 41, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl, possession, marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia
 - Heather N. Sicklinger, 38, Jacksonville, domestic battery
 - Philip L. Frost, 52, Green Cove Springs, failure to provide location/other info, no vehicle registration
 - Allison I. Lenox, 27, Middleburg, battery
 - Charles I. Ragle, 25, Middleburg, battery, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
 - Donald W. Messer, 39, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl, DWSLR
 - Hector A.C. Cruz, 45, Orange Park, trespassing
- ## Friday, March 24
- Jennifer L. Haase, 53, Middleburg, trafficking-amphetamine/methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia
 - Keith B. Smith, 37, Green Cove Springs,

- aggravated battery with deadly weapon
 - Elton C. Fornter, 18, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR
 - Kevin M. Green, 38, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery
 - Darryl A. Holmes, 63, Green Cove Springs, FTA-failure to register vehicle
 - Brandon L. Scott, 24, Maxville, grand theft auto
 - Kevin T. Chapman, 18, Orange Park, domestic battery
 - Milagros F. Acosta, 40, Orange Park, shoplifting
 - Travon R. Gilbert, 25, Oakleaf, 10 counts possession/control/view depiction of child sexual conduct
 - Sara E. Hall, 40, Green Cove Springs, possession-fentanyl, distributing-opium, possession-controlled substance
 - Matthew L. Terrell, 21, Keystone Heights, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia
 - Keenen G. Walker, 24, Orange Park, DWSLR
- Thursday, March 23
- Christopher L. Wilson, 45, Green Cove Springs, following/harassing/cyberstalking
 - Norma C. Edenfield, 36, Keystone Heights, domestic battery
 - Shala A. King, 35, Orange Park, FTA
 - Ryan J. Taylor, 39, Green Cove Springs,

UF/IFAS Extension Office hosts Craft Day

By Lee Wardlaw
lee@claytodayonline.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Debbie Love, Leader of the Prime Cuts Club at the 4-H Youth Development Program at the UF/IFAS Clay County Extension, hosted an impromptu Craft Day session last Saturday at the Extension's Clay County Classroom in Green Cove Springs just five days before the big 11-day Clay County Agricultural Fair that kicked off next door.

At Craft Day, students cut and pasted their way into their final creations, which will be on display at the Fair's 4-H booth.

Children who earn big rosette, blue, and red ribbons for their entries will have a chance to win their money back or turn a small profit on their \$10 price-of-admission entry.

"This was kind of a spur of the moment thing. I just bought all of my crafts from home and set them up onto tables," Love said.

The fun-filled event that was created to pique the children's creativity by design lasted from 1-5 p.m.

"I get excited about watching them go through all of the crafts on the table and figuring out what to make. Nothing is put together. They went in not knowing what I had in there, and there were at least 10



Clay County children enjoyed creating arts and crafts on a warm, sunny afternoon at the Clay County Classroom at the UF-IFAS Extension in Green Cove Springs.

tables covered with stuff for them to do," Love said.

The tables were chock-full of fun items like paint, scissors, glue guns, ribbons, bows, yarns, beads and jewelry. In return, children crafted several items, such as a cowboy made out of sticks happily standing next to a barn and a traced baby chick with real-life feathers with hay and egg created from an acorn.

"With so much stuff, they can be so creative. It does my heart good to watch their brains turn on and see them work on what they're making. I like to see them being creative instead of being on their phones or computers," she said.

Love's goal is to host next year's event in February with more planning, coordination and advance notice for those in the community.

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.

For more information, call (904) 252-7818 or (904) 343-8235.

Active and Retired Federal Employees meet monthly

ORANGE PARK – As the only organization dedicated to the general welfare of all federal workers and retirees, the National Association of Active and Retired Federal

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Clay County Chapter 141 meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Orange Park Library at 2054 Plainfield Ave. at 12:30 p.m. Each gathering consists of a short business meeting and a presentation.

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Mission of the Dirt Road offering free showers

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Adults can sign up for free showers on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Mission of the Dirt Road, 7790 State Road 100.

Adults can utilize the services from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays. Families with children can get free showers on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. Showers are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Residents are required to sign up during the day of the shower. To make a reservation, call or text (601) 568-3473.

Arrests

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FTA-DUI
Christopher R.R. Kampfer, 38, Green Cove Springs, writ of attachment
Ashley N. King, 36, Green Cove Springs, FTA
Jason R. Cox, 42, Green Cove Springs, aggravated battery on a child, domestic battery
Cody W. Crenshaw, 30, Orange Park, battery
Jason M. Dameron, 43, Orange Park,

possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana

Genara D. Davis, 42, Keystone Heights, domestic battery

Wednesday, March 22

Julia R. Schultz, 21, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery
Jonathan L. Simcox, 26, Middleburg, domestic battery
Justus F. Prince, 43, Keystone Heights, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Kyrsten E. Asher, 27, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Charles E. Geddes, 72, Green Cove Springs, FTA
Joshua M. Ward, 33, Keystone Heights, animal cruelty, animal abandonment
Deborah D. Hatcher, 51, Green Cove Springs, three counts FTA
Michael A. Grange, 22, Orange Park, trespassing
Kristopher M. Cladd, 20, Green Cove Springs, cause prescription to be falsely made/altered/forged
Scott Lloyd Smith, 43, Orange Park, violation of conditions for release

Calendar

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

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

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

CLAY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: will meet on April 4 at 5 p.m. at the in the Administration Building, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

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

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CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: will meet on April 6 at 6 p.m. in the Teacher Training Center at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet on April 6 at 10 a.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room, third floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR: will continue on April 6 from 4-11 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2493 State Road 16 West in Green Cove Springs. For tickets, visit claycountyfair.org.

CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR: will continue on April 7 from 10 a.m.-midnight at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2493 State Road 16 West in Green Cove Springs. For tickets, visit claycountyfair.org.

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

CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR: will continue on April 8 from 10 a.m.-midnight at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2493 State Road 16 West in Green Cove Springs. For tickets, visit claycountyfair.org.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY: will be on April 7 from 5-9:30 p.m. at Spring Park in Green Cove Springs. There will be several food trucks and live music by Big Engine. Bring your own chair and cooler to the free event. Springs. For tickets, visit claycountyfair.org.

SHEN YUN: will return on April 8 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr. in Orange Park. Tickets, which range from \$80-\$200, are available at ShenYun.com/FL.

CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR: will conclude on April 8. Gates open at 11 a.m. and close 9 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2493 State Road 16 West in Green Cove Springs. For tickets, visit claycountyfair.org.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: will be celebrated o April 9 at 6:30 a.m. at Keystone Beach, 565 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights. Rev. Melanie Fierbaugh of Keystone Heights Methodist Church will conduct the service. Martin Coffee Company will serve coffee and doughnuts and juice will be provided by Hitchcock's.



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Sometimes our spiritual life is similar. Perhaps your spiritual life is comparable to the initial state of the house. It hasn't been kept up with, maybe even in disrepair, and you're in desperate need of a renovation. But the potential is there! With the proper updates, you know that what you have in your faith is special and could make your life everything God has created it to be. Pastor and radio host Woodrow Kroll said, "The God who made us also can remake us."

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Spring has arrived, and it's a time for renewal in each and every one of our lives. Are you ready to embrace the renovations God is ready to make within you?

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Middleburg Elementary principal, student presented TaxWatch awards

Becky Wilkerson, Kimberlee Dimorier honored as outstanding principal, student

By Don Coble
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MIDDLEBURG — A group of sixth-grade students eagerly listened as Middleburg Elementary Principal Becky Wilkerson told them she picked one of them to receive free tuition for their first two years of college.

When she mentioned the winner was a girl, some of the boys moped dejectedly. The more Wilkerson narrowed her comments, the more Kimberlee Dimorier started to think it was her.

"When she said the winner was in all-advanced classes and was a straight-A student, I thought it might be me," Dimorier said.

It was.

Dimorier earned a two-year Florida Prepaid College Scholarship. The award came in partnership with Florida TaxWatch and the Florida Lottery.

The scholarship is one of only nine presented in the state. It was made possible because Wilkerson was selected to win one of three Principal Leadership Awards in the state.

"It's really an award for Middleburg Elementary School," Wilkerson said as Superintendent David Broskie, District Schools Chief of Staff Kelly Watt, Chief of Elementary Heather Teto, School Board members Beth Clark and Ashley Gilhousen, Florida TaxWatch Senior Vice President of Research Bob Nave, J.M. Rubin Foundation Vice President and Treasurer Kim Harris and Florida Prepaid College Foundation Director Cindy O'Connell participated in the ceremony.

Dimorier said she wants to major in forensic pathology.

According to TaxWatch, the Principal Leadership Awards program acknowledges and rewards educational leaders creating meaningful change in their students' lives while promoting their uniquely effective practices among their peers.



Middleburg Elementary student Kimberlee Dimorier is flanked by family and School Districts officials after winning a two-year scholarship to college.



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE
Middleburg Elementary Principal Becky Wilkerson was one of nine principals selected to win the prestigious Florida TaxWatch Award.

The program, the only one of its kind nationwide, recognizes nine of Florida's most successful principals from high-risk kindergarten-through-12th grade public schools across the state — three principals each from elementary, middle and high schools, including traditional and charter schools public schools.

Principals are selected based on weighted Department of Education data, not through nominations.

"We don't pick our winners in a normal way. We use data-based information. It is not a popularity contest," Nave said.

Middleburg is a Title 1 school. According to the state, it's also an "A-rated" school.

Nave asked Dimorier's classmates the two most important factors to learning. He said the keys were the quality of teachers in the classroom and having a good principal.

Broskie said great principals have to do two things. They have to care, and their students have to learn.

"I am very proud of this school," Broskie said.

Wilkerson will be honored again with the other eight principals at a ceremony in May.

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Fleming Island lacrosse forward Jillian LaBelle rips scoring shot in Golden Eagles' 21-3 rout of Gainesville High on Monday at Fleming Island High School. *See coverage, page 24.*

Knights stump Spartans

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - After a 6-2 loss to Clay at the Jacksonville Baseball Grounds, Oakleaf has rattled off strong three game win streak over St. Johns Country Day School (3rd in 2A), St. Augustine and Ponte Vedra (18th in 5A). Against St. Johns, a first inning homer by Devin Outlaw got the Knights on the board quickly with the Knights also putting two baserunners on afterward. St. Johns starter J.D. Hay sur-

SEE OAKLEAF, 27

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Oakleaf High pitcher Jorden Clarke locks in on St. Johns Country Day School batter in Knights win over Spartans. Oakleaf is now 12-1 with 12-4 win over Flagler Palm Coast.



St. Johns Country Day School senior point guard Taliah Scott added to her post-season awards with the Dairy Farmers Miss Basketball honor as the best player in Florida. Oakleaf High's Kaylah Turner was also in the finalist list for the award.

Scott voted 2023 Dairy Farmers' Miss Basketball

Taliah Scott from St. Johns Country Day School has been named the 2023 Florida Dairy Farmers Miss Basketball following a final round of voting by a statewide panel of high school coaches and media representatives.

The senior guard, who has signed to play college basketball at the University of Arkansas, averaged 36.2 points, 9.2 rebounds, 4.7 assists, and 2.9 steals per game. She was named to the McDonald's All-American team and will be playing in the McDonald's All-American game on Tuesday night in Houston.

Scott, who was earlier named the Class 2A player-of-the-year for the second straight year, received 13 of the 21 first-place votes and 175 points to finish ahead of Class 7A POY Trinity Turner of Dr. Phillips, who had three first-place votes (106 points), and Class 4A POY Emma Risch of Palm Bay with three first-place votes (91 points).

Class 5A POY Anovia Sheals of Mainland finished fourth (44), followed by Class 3A POY Janessa Williams of King's Academy (23), Class 6A POY Kayla Turner

2023 FINAL VOTING RESULTS
Player Total Points 1st-place Votes



Taliah Scott 175 13
 Trinity Turner 106 3
 Emma Risch 91 3
 Anovia Sheals 44 2
 Janessa Williams 23 0
 Kaylah Turner 17 0
 Trinidy Harris 8 0

of Oakleaf (17) and Class 1A POY Trinidy Harris of Wildwood (8).

The Florida Dairy Farmers High School Sports Awards program exemplifies Florida Dairy Farmers' commitment to the state's youth. This is the 31st year of these unique awards as we honor the state's top athletes and coaches in all FHSAA sanctioned and recognized sports. The program also emphasizes to young people the importance of keeping dairy products a primary part of their diet in their overall nutrition plan.

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Woman's Best Friend

A marathon runner and her dog tackle seizures

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - In 1789, King Frederick of Prussia once said that a dog is a “man’s best friend.”

Ask Lisa Casson, a 43 year old Middleburg runner, what she thinks of her dog and the sentiment is the same.

“She is my furry angel,” said Casson, talking about her three year old service dog, a hound and pit mix. “She can sense when my medical situation goes bad and knows what to do.”

Casson smartly advises and guards the name of her dog only because, as a working dog, the dog’s focus is to not be distracted by friendly people seeing her ever-smiling doggie face next to Casson while she runs.

Casson, who has run the River Run 15K, handfuls of local 5K and is endeavoring to run Walt Disney’s Dopey Challenge in January 2024 and the October 2023 Marine Corps Marathon. Casson’s warmup is the upcoming Disney Spring Challenge in May; a 5K a 10k and a 10 miler.”

“The Dopey Challenge, my fifth one, is a 5k, a 10k, a half marathon and a full marathon, all run in four consecutive days in Orlando,” said Casson, about a 14-16

minute distance pace runner. “The Marine Corps Marathon in October is my test. I finished my last Dopey marathon with seven seizures and a Margarita in my hand.”

The challenge, not withstanding the running of a ton of miles in a weekend, is that Casson has been experiencing seizures and blackouts since six years old with little affirmation of a cause.

“The seizures started at six and the doctors explained them away as something from a traumatic experience; epileptic, which I never had,” said Casson, married three years to husband Chuck. “None of the seizures over my lifetime have shown evidence on any scans.”

After tons of tests and scans and doctors, Casson’s family was given an evaluation of a functional neurological disorder.

“That is sort of like a software malfunction in my brain,” said Casson lightly quipped. “All the tests were fine, but the seizures kept coming and the blackouts kept coming.”

As a youth, mom, Linda Elder, encouraged Casson to just be very careful, but to live my life.

“Of course, she was scared, but she did not want the seizures to run my life in a



Middleburg area runner Lisa Casson sits after a local 5K with her service dog of three years.

SEE RUNNER, 30



Part of Lisa Casson’s ability to run marathons is the protective care she gets from her service dog; here doing what she does in stimulating Casson after a hot run session.

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Myers, Barrera still running hot

MHS Underwood: 2nd Discus

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

TALLAHASSEE - Fleming Island High distance runner Graham Myers; after a school record in the mile last week, doubled down for double the distance and bashed down the Fleming Island record in the 3200 (2 miles) with a third place finish at the FSU Relays Elite Mile race in Tallahassee on Fri., March 24.

For Myers, the competition was familiar in Tallahassee, with defending cross country state champion Patrick Koon, of Leon High, taking the victory in a super quick eight minutes, 52.60 seconds with Belen Jesuit's Joshua Ruiz the runnerup in 9:03.43 and Myers just a hair behind Ruiz at 9:03.45.

"Graham likes to run up front and is not afraid to lead races of this caliber," said Fleming Island distance coach Dave Allen. "Those three guys were the 1-2-3 of the Class 3A state championship race in November. Graham wants, and I think, will catch the Ruiz kid soon, but Koon is the real deal and way stronger than everyone else in the state."

At the 2022 Class 3A championships, Koon won in 14:56.70 with Ruiz at 15:37.30 and Myers third at 15:42.10.

Koon, twice the cross country state champion, led a group of five elite races in the invitational 3200 through a 65 second fast first quarter en route to Koon, Ruiz and Myers breaking away to just three runners under 4:30 at the one mile point with Koon three seconds ahead of the duo.

Koon kept the pressure up front with back to back 67 seconds laps before cruising in at 65 for the win. Ruiz and Myers duked it out over the last lap with Ruiz edging Myers with a 1:00.29 to Myer's



Three area track athletes with impressive performances at prestigious FSU Relays Track Invitational on Sat., March 25 were Middleburg discus thrower Wyatt Underwood, second; Fleming Island distance runner Graham Myeres; third in 3200 in school record 9:08 time, and Oakleaf distance runner Sierra Barrera who improved her season best to a 5:15 in the 1600.

1:00.51. "In the next four weeks, we will work to get Graham to use his great kick at the end tactically," said Allen, noting Myers ran a 1600 record 4:18 last week, but got outkicked by Mandarin's Gavin Nelson at the UNF River City Classic. "He's got the foundation to do it."

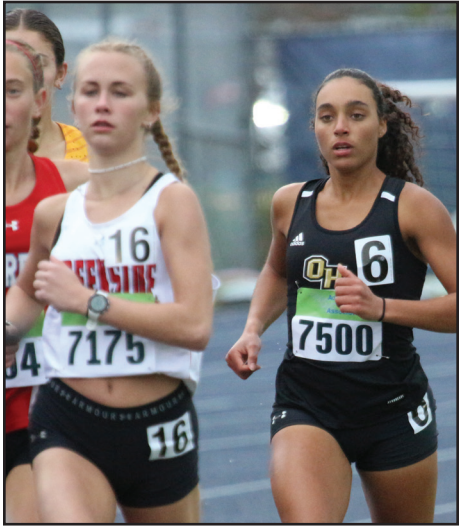
In the 1600, with won by Alex Leath of Alabama's Vestavia Hills High in 4:09.57, Myers was 14th in 4:23.21 wiht Ruiz seventh at 4:19.83 and Mandarin's Nelson sixth at 4:17.98. Fleming Island junior John Keester IV was 18th in 4:25.13.

"John is getting more confident after his win at the 3200 at UNF," said Allen. "Our distance group is getting stronger each day."

In the 800, with Leath winning his second event in 1:50.63, Fleming Island got a strong 1:56.99 from junior Roman Mollicone for 18th place.

"He's a free-wheeler out there that is just now understanding how to run these track events," said Allen, noting Mollicone's 4:39.28 in the 1600. "He could be down in the low 1:50s by season's end, he's that strong."

In the sprints, former Doctor's Inlet



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Elementary School track standout Kavon Miller, now a senior football star heading to Princeton University, was fifth in the 100 in 10.59 and fourth in the 200 in 21.52.

Also in Tallahassee, Oakleaf High senior Sierra Barrera, who also set her record in the mile at the UNF River City Classic last week, smashed that record with a three second improvement in her race to the tune of 5:15.17 versus her 5:18 at UNF. Barrera's effort got a 16th place in the uber-race with Brooke Hooper of Pine Crest crushing the event with a 5:05.60 in front by four seconds over Spruce Creek's Olivia Niewald at 5:09.06.

Barrera did finish ahead of Bolles Class 2A cross country state champion Jillian Candelino in the race with Hooper an eighth place finisher in the 2A cross country race. Barrera also ran a 2:18.78 for 14th in the 800.

In the open 1600, Fleming Island's duo of Katie Thompson and Brooke Reynolds were eighth and 11th in 5:23.30 and 5:26.70.

In the discus, Middleburg High's Wyatt Underwood exploded in his best meet

of the season with a second place 163'-2" toss that was second to Nathan Lebowitz of Ponte Vedra's 170'-7" winning toss.

In the girls discus, the local trio of Annalee Harbison, Madison Underwood and Kenya Tinajero; representing Clay and Middleburg, finished fifth, seventh and 12th with Harbison tossing a 125'-1' distance. Lauren Thomas of St. Thomas Aquinas won at 140'-8". Tinajero was fourth in shot put wiht Harbison sixth for Clay.

In other events, Orange Park's boys 4 x 400 relay was 15th in 3:31.46 with winner Hoover High (AL) at 3:17.84 with Flagler Palm Coast and Choctawhatchee second and third.

Fleming Island's Brenden Cook was 17th in the 110 high hurdlers in 15.34 with Orange Park freshman Nethan Verger 20th in 15.60.

Fleming Island junior high jumper Gabrielle Flores, winner at the Bob Hayes Memorial last week, finsihed sixth at 5'-1.25".

In triple jump, Fleming Island freshman Mikayla Simmons was third at 38'-8.25" behind Chelsi Williams of George Jenkins at 40'-7.75."

Tocoi Creek Toro Showdown

Girls

100 Meters: Winner 12.48; 4th Fiona Whitfield CHS 12.70; 9th Leila Parks CHS 13.01

200 Meters: Winner 25.84; 4. Kennedy Berkley FIHS 27.11; 9. Leila Parks CHS 27.71

400 Meters: Winner 56.98; 9. Kaygen Williamson CHS 1:03.47

3200 Meters: Winner 12:01.45; 7. Jazmin Flores OPHS 13:31.71; 8. Paloma Romero MHS 13:51.71; 9. Emma Scholtthauer FIHS 13:57.68; 10. Emily Turner RHS 14:01.59

100 Hurdles: Winner 15.36; 4. Aaliyah Abbasi OPHS 16.42

400 Hurdles: Winner 1:08.05; 3. Hope Carter OPHS 1:10.48; 10. Aydan Larson FIHS 1:16.22

4 x 100 relay: Winner Bartram Trail 49.95; 4. OHS 51.48; 6. FIHS 52.33; 9. RHS 53.31

4 x 400 relay: Winner 4:11.04; 8. OPHS 4:34.00; 9. SJCDs 4:41.83

4 x 800: Winner Toco Creek 10:22.28; 3. SJCDs 11:06.45; 4. OPHS 11:16.29; 7. MHS 11:52.23; 9. OHS 12:00.00

High Jump: Winner 5'-3.75"; 5. Maleana Hol-loway RHS 4'-10"; 9. Madie Thompson FIHS 4'8"



Left: Orange Park hurdler Hope Carter has tackled the new 400 meters hurdles for the Raiders, while, right, Oakleaf's 400 meter ace Josber Stimphil has closed in on the sub-50 second mark.



Long Jump: 1. Madison Linscomb OHS 5.22; 2. Fiona Whitfield CHS 5.08

Triple Jump: Winner 10.54m; 3. Madison Linscomb OHS 10.37; 7. Avi Miller RHS 9.87; 8. Angelina Jean-Baptiste RHS 9.58; 10. Carissa Young RHS 9.40

Shot Put: 1. Kenya Tinajero CHS 11.12; 2. Annalee Harbison CHS 11.08; 6. Madison Underwood MHS 9.42; 7. Brooke Cameron RHS 9.33
Discus: 1. Madison Underwood MHS 36.58; 3. Kenya Tinajero CHS 32.75; 8. Ashlyn Rose SJCDs 27.11

Javelin: 1. Madison Linscomb OHS 32.52; 9. Juliana Sosa FIHS 24.76; Tori Hofmann RHS 23.96

Boys

100 Meters: Winner 10.67; 2. Nappoleon Cion RHS 10.96; 4. Cibastian Broughton FIHS 11.20; 5. Corey Washington OHS 11.21; 10. Jermel Brown OPHS 11.34

200 Meters: Winner 21.85; 3. Jaylin Martin OHS 22.63; 4. Jordyn McGirth OHS 22.67; 6. Devin Collins OHS 22.83; 9. Kenley Hilaire CHS 23.55

400 Meters: 1. Josber Stimphil OHS 51.34; 4. Alex Weiss CHS 52.74; 8. Cibastian Broughton FIHS 53.39

800 Meters: 1. Donavin Montoya FIHS 2:03.45; 3. Jonathon Mess RHS 2:07.62; 9. Michael DeRouse FIHS 2:10.34

1600 Meters: Winner 4:33.44; 4. Logan Moore MHS 4:39.58; 10. Grant Keppel OHS 4:50.79

3200 Meters: 1. Julio Rodriguez RHS 10:34.77; 4. Grant Keppel OHS 10:37.42; 8. Cole Atzert FIHS 10:49.93

110 Hurdles: 1. Ca'Mari Davis OHS 15.31; 5.

LaBelle scorches 'Canes

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island lacrosse player-coach Jillian LaBelle, a senior, scored seven goals to lead the surging Fleming Island girls lacrosse team to a 21-3 rout of visiting Gainesville on March 27.

LaBelle now has 139 career goals, a school record that she continues to extend well beyond the old mark of 101 set by Isabella Marx between 2018 and 2021.

"She is an immense athlete," Fleming Island head coach Brian Seech said of LaBelle, who is the will be attending Anderson University in South Carolina on a lacrosse scholarship next fall. "The other teams know she is our shooter, and they still cannot stop her."

LaBelle scored six of her goals in the first half, freeing herself for shots by driving toward the goal from the left wing or circling around the goal from the right side. She dominated other aspects of the game as well, winning 10 of 12 draws, leading the Golden Eagles in steals with three and scooping up a game-high seven ground balls. But it is off the field where the 5'9" senior has had an even larger impact this year. LaBelle helped save Clay County's only girls lacrosse program from being disbanded, assisting new head coach Brian Seech, who stepped in before the season began when longtime coach Chris Peterson left Fleming Island for a coaching position at Flagler College in St. Augustine.

Seech never played lacrosse, and although he had been an assistant boys lacrosse coach from 2015-2018 at Atlantic Coast High School in Jacksonville, he had been away from the game for the last five years while teaching history at Middleburg High School. It was LaBelle who educated Seech on the rule differences between the girls' game and the boys' game. Using the knowledge gained while playing for the elite North Florida club team, LaBelle also provided Seech with drills to run during practice and offensive sets to run in games.

"Jillian literally helps me plan the practices and implement the drills," said Seech. "I do not know where I would be without her."

Splitting her time between midfielder and attack, LaBelle also calls out the offensive set for the Golden Eagles to run each time they gain possession.

"It is a little difficult to be thinking of the sets and calling them while trying to play," said LaBelle. "But I feel like I have become more of a leader."

The LaBelle-Seech combination has worked wonders for Fleming Island, who lost four of their first seven games, with three of the four losses by 10 or more goals. But the young Eagles, who have only three seniors, have surged of late, routing Mandarin 20-8, beating Stanton 15-2 and dismantling Gainesville. Now 6-4, the Golden Eagles have hopes of ending the season with a winning record and winning a first round playoff game.



Fleming Island midfielder Katie Logan advances ball upfield in 21-3 win over Gainesville with plenty of action on the field, pics right.

"We have a lot more confidence on the team now," said LaBelle. "Other players are not afraid to try and score."

Against Gainesville, the turning point came with four minutes remaining in the first half and Fleming Island nursing a 5-2 lead. Ava Lorenzini, the Hurricanes' senior captain, secured a ground ball that had squirted away from a midfield scrum and raced down the left alley. Bearing down on Golden Eagles goaltender Esther Fernandes, Lorenzi fainted high and side-armed a shot towards Fernandes' right hip from close range. Fernandes did not buy the fake, kept her stick in place and blocked the shot. The first-year goalie then launched a long pass to LaBelle on the right side. Using a pick from teammate Sophie Roberts, LaBelle flipped a bounce shot past Gainesville net minder Evelyn Ragsdale. Instead of leading only 5-3, the Golden Eagles led 6-2. Fleming Island won the next four draws and scored six more goals in the final 3:35 of the first half to take a commanding 12-2 lead into the intermission.

Seech was thrilled with Fernandes, a first-year player whose skills were so raw at the start of the season that she would lay the ball behind the goal for a teammate after making a save, rather than attempting a pass.

"Essie is probably the hardest worker on the team," said Seech. "She stays after practice to work on her game, and even practices with the young kids from the rec league that come in after we leave. I am seeing her develop into a confident goalie."

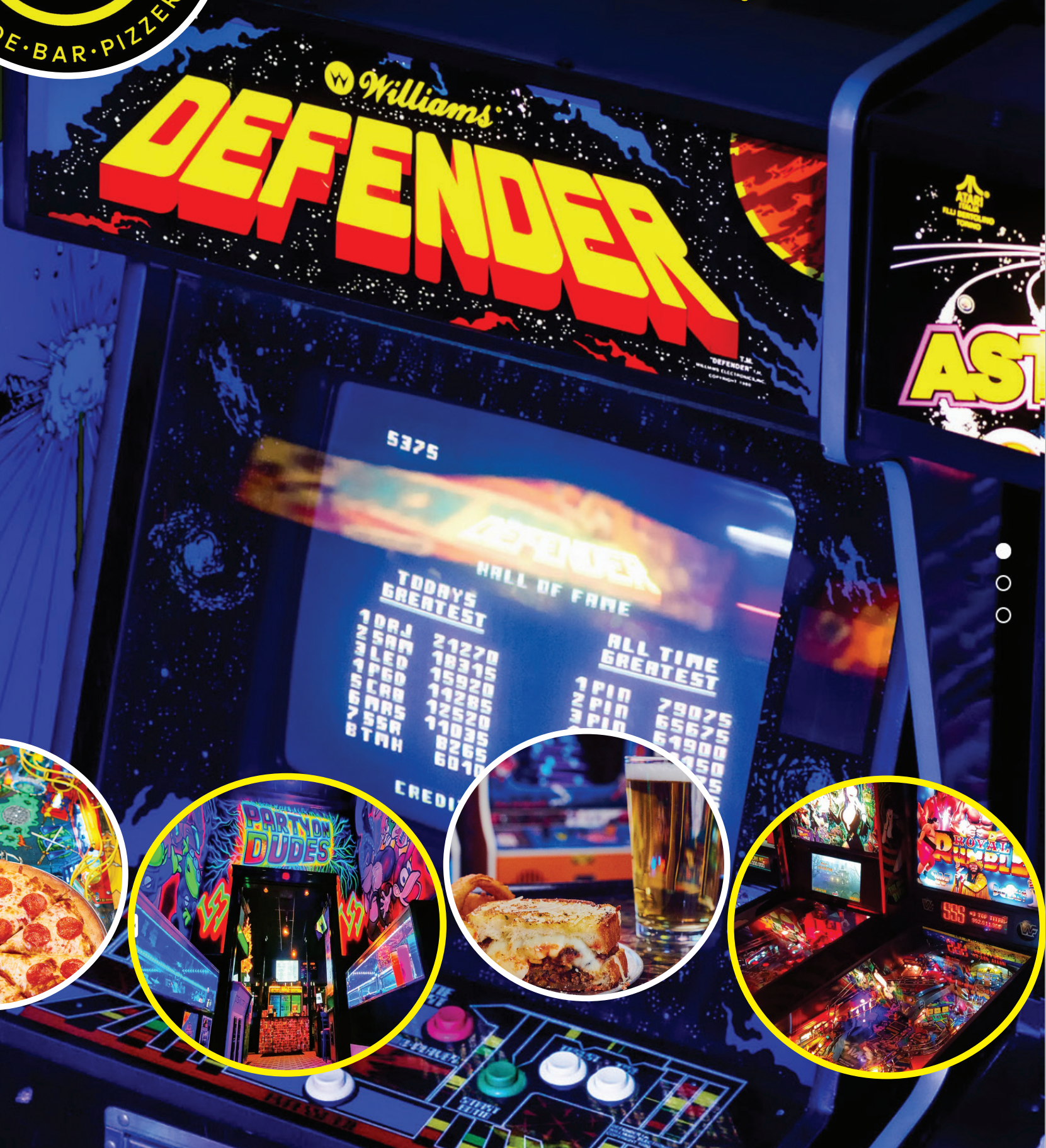
Katie Logan scored four goals while Chloe Perry and Josie Walker had three apiece for Fleming Island, which returns to action Thursday, March 30 at St. Augustine Menendez.

Ragsdale had eight saves for Gainesville, which fell to 4-4.





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Homer doesn't deter Eagles

CHS at FIHS, March 31

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND - The 8-3 Tallahassee Leon Lions came roaring into the stadium at Fleming Island with a first batter, fourth pitch of the game out of the park home run to kick things off for the Saturday matinee. The Golden Eagles closed the inning and went to work in the batter's box to put up a couple quick runs of their own. Fleming Island went on to have a steamroller second inning with seven more runs on their way to bounce back from Thursday's 2-0 shutout loss to Sandalwood, notching the 10th victory of the 2023 season with a 12-2 victory in five innings, shortened by the 10-run rule.

"After that pitching duel against Sandalwood, we were not taking Leon lightly," said first year Golden Eagles Head Coach Gil Morales. "We know what they are capable of doing. They can hit, they can swing it. These were tough outs today. The score shows it a little differently, but I think a lot had to do with they gave us a few free passes, some walks and we had to capitalize on that. These guys are good and I have no doubt we'll see them again."

In, 2022, both Leon and Fleming Island, under coach Grant Bigilin, were knocked out of the region playoffs in quarterfinals; Leon by eventually Class 6A champion Tallahassee Chiles. Fleming Island was Class 6A runnerup in 2021.

After a hard fought battle against Sandalwood, the last thing the Golden Eagles wanted to see was a fence clearing drive to left field by the Lions first batter. It may have been that proverbial slap in the face that put a chip on the teams collective shoulder and unleashed a Lion inside the Golden Eagle dugout.

Down 1-0 before they could go to bat the first time, Fleming Island went to work on putting some numbers on the board



District 3-6A

- Oakleaf (11-1, 8th 6A)
- Fleming Island (10-2, 3rd 6A)
- Buchholz (9-2 4th 6A)
- First Coast (7-6)
- Nease (7-7)
- Fletcher (3-10)

Clay at Fleming Island March 31

quickly with Josh Murray starting things off with a left field line drive double. With one out, Abram Summers walked. With Jackson Mercer at bat, the Lions miscued on a pickoff attempt at second to score Murray, 1-1. Mercer walked putting runners on first and second. Miguel Cruz came in as a courtesy runner for Mercer and came around to score on a passed ball, 2-1.

After another good defensive inning with only one runner allowed on, the Golden Eagles took the second inning bulldozer out of the shed and just went to town on the Lions chalking up seven runs by Ben Abram, Shea Thistleton, Kaden Ahearn,



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Left: First year coach Gil Morales has a word with his Cayden Robinson in win over Leon on Saturday while, right, shortstop Gavin Billingsley fires to first base.

Tanner Upton, Summers, Cruz, and Gavin Billingsley to take the lead 9-1. Leon would commit an error, five walks, and hit one Golden Eagle batter in the single inning. "Now they are believing they are relevant. Once you get into April, the boys can see we have a shot to get into the playoffs. That is our number one goal is to get into the playoffs."

In the top of the third, the Lions came away empty handed as Leon could produce no more than two runners on base. In the bottom of the third, with Murray on first, Upton singled on a bunt. During the play, the throw to first sailed, notching Upton an RBI triple bunt which scored Murray, 10-1. Upton would cross the plate with another Leon passed ball, 11-1.

In the fourth inning, Leon looked like their luck was changing after their first batter was hit by a ball. The Golden Eagles took the lemons and made lemonade by nailing a double play on the next batter. Leon flied out to finish their at-bat and turn things back over to the Golden Eagles. Abram singled with a shot missed by the short stop, moved to second with a Thistleton walk, and made the trip around with a Murray RBI single, 12-1. Leon would get one more around with two outs and get shut down with an infield grounder defended by Fleming Island to close down play, 12-2 in five innings.

"We have to continue to do what we do well. Keep working on our pitching, and our defense," said Morales. "The timely hits, battling, better at-bats, working the counts on the hitting side, fighting better with two strikes, these are all the things we have to work on. We have a tough week coming up with four games, all good teams. The number one thing is keeping these guys focused on one game at a time."

Fleming Island, who lost to Providence

5-1 on February 24, ripped off seven wins; one a 2-1 over 7A-Spruce Creek (6A region semifinals), one a 3-2 over Buchholz, before the Sandalwood loss and the Leon win

In a monster game set for Fri., March 31; Clay at Fleming Island, the Blue Devils have been winning games, but have also been in closer games than coach Josh Persinger would like to be in.

After a strong 6-2 win over then-unbeaten Oakleaf after Oakleaf led 2-0 to the fifth inning, Clay scored just a first inning homer to beat Arnold, then got walked off by a homer in the seventh inning to Bartram Trail, 4-2, with a 2-1 lead. In that fateful seventh, with pitcher Nick Ranck on the mound, Bartram Trail got a single and a bunt to set up their three run homer.

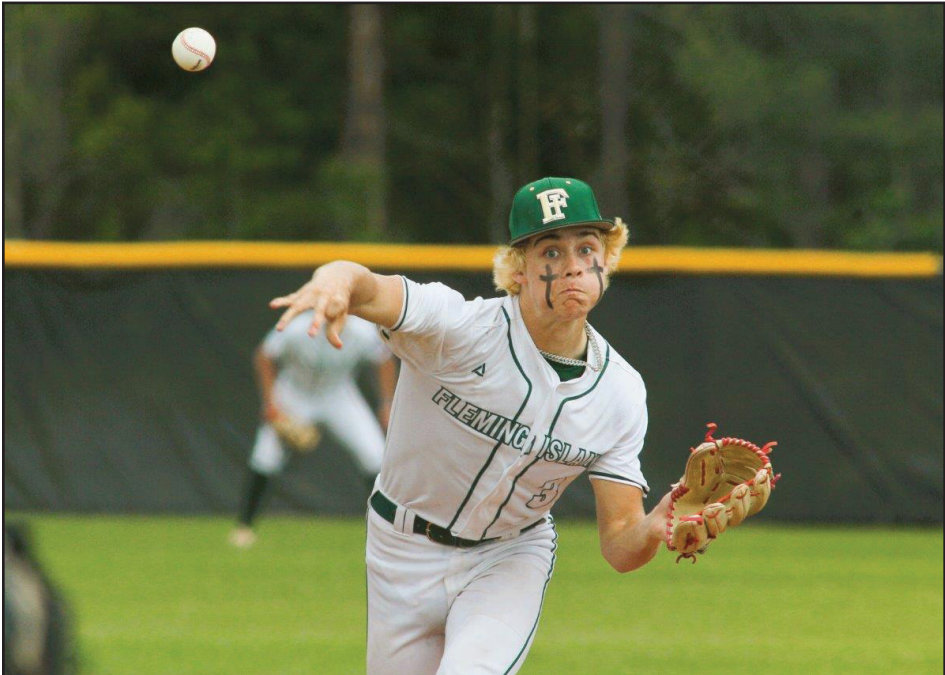
Clay, with zero errors on the field, reignited the bats with a 9-0 win over Ponte Vedra behind 11 hits and homers from Easton McMahan and Austin Szala.

Against an always surprising Middleburg team with just one win, Clay had to fight into the sixth inning before defeating the raspy Broncos.

Middleburg to 11 hits off the Blue Devil pitching staff including a five run third inning that put the Broncos up 5-1. The Broncos hit four singles; Logan Alessi, Nathan Austin, Skylar Gray and Jacob Baxley to start the barrage. Baxler single scored two runs before Austin Larson, Bradley Gilbert and Hayden Bradshaw all singled in runs.

Clay jumped back into the rumble with a run scoring double and a run scoring single from Cole Carnell and Merrick Rapoza.

Clay has games before Fleming Island against Trinity Christian and a much-improved Orange Park team (5-7) that is going through a seven game losing streak after starting the season 5-1.



Cayden Robinson fires from the mound in win over Leon.

Spartans' quick start bumps Bears

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

BARTRAM TRAIL - The St. Johns Country Day Spartans picked a good night to do some Friday night Bear hunting at Bartram Trail. The Bears, coming off a walk-off win over the Clay Blue Devils, were standing tall. The Spartans just had a 10 inning marathon 3-2 loss against the Oakleaf Knights two nights ago, followed by a bounce-back 7-4 win over the Baldwin Indians the night prior. With both teams primed for the Friday night action, it was a surge first at-bat for the Spartans to put a few runs on the board very early, then follow up with a couple more in the top of the third to roll up five runs, then use a stout defense to hold the Bears from bringing more runs around when Bartram had many opportunities. The Spartans blanking of the Bears in the last four innings allowed them to hold on to the 5-3 victory in the Bear's back yard.

"Exciting game, but what you have to love about this group is whatever happens, whatever kind of adversity they are dealing with, they find a way to overcome it," said Assistant Coach Jordan Rooks. "That's how we've been playing the last few games and we haven't played our best game yet. But they always find a way to be in it and come back to put us in a position to win the games."

Asked about the 10 inning clash the Spartans faced against the Oakleaf Knights just two nights prior, Rooks said "Early in the season we took the team to Georgia for



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA
Left: St. Johns Country Day School pitcher Jacob Thomas fires pitch, above, while shortstop Shawn Andrade reaches for pop up in win over Bartram Trail.

a tournament. We ended up getting into a dogfight with Mosley. That game tested them and built them up for, hey; we may be in these kinds of games later on. It set the tone to manage games like the Oakleaf game. They were shot the next day; we were all shot. We tell them no matter what, we get to wake up and do it all again. Keep grinding, keep battling. We put it all back together against Baldwin and we kept building off that."

In the top if the first for the Spartans, it didn't take but five pitches to walk Kody Daneault, followed up with a single from Kyle Boylston to right field to move Daneault to third. Seth Alford hit a grounder to the shortstop who committed an error

allowing Daneault and Boylston to score while Alford sat snugly on second base. Jacob Thomas was next in the office and produced an RBI single to left field scoring Alford, 3-0.

The Bears answered with a single run of their own in the bottom of the first to bring the scoring to 3-1. After a quick inning of three up, three outs for both squads, it was back to work for the Spartans in the top of the third. Boylston was the first at bat and safely arrived to first thanks to another Bears error. With one out, Jacob Thomas grounded to the pitcher, who committed another error going to second base. The error allowed Alford to sneak through the back door with a errant throw to home plate as Thomas made his way to second,

4-1.

With two outs, Kellen Brown hit a grounder to third base who again errored with an off target throw to first. With the ball on the ground off first base, Henry scored the fifth St. Johns run, 5-1. The Bears could do no better than two more runs in the bottom of the third bringing the game to 5-3.

"It did become a chess match," said Rooks. "Skylar (Skylar Sanford, the Bears stating pitcher) is the dude. He's the real deal. When you're facing a quality arm like that, and you have a good approach, they find a way to work around that approach and that's exactly what they did later in the game."

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Oakleaf

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starter J.D. Hay survived the onslaught to end the inning with just one run down.

Oakleaf starter Jorden Clarke whipped three outs on two fly balls and a nifty scoop and serve by shortstop J.P. Espinosa on a Sean Andrade grounder.

Both pitchers controlled their defenses for the next few innings before Kody Daneault singled and stole a second base and Isaiah Mamea doubled to put St. Johns on the board.

In the fifth, Andrade doubled but was stranded on two fly balls.

Oakleaf had bases loaded in the sixth but could not get to home plate with a heads up play by third baseman Seth Alford who snagged Espinosa with a strike to catcher Hunter Rodgers.

Oakleaf got a double play from Espinosa to second base Antonio Diaz who finished with a laser to first base Devin Collins.

St. Johns took out Hay in the sixth inning with an elbow injury with Trevor Bradley getting two strikeouts in the seventh.

For Oakleaf, in the seventh, pitcher



In Oakleaf 3-2 win over St. Johns Country Day School action, left to right, tag attempt at second base on Spartan baserunner Seth Alford by J. P. Espinosa, sidewinder pitcher coming from Jeffery Henry and outfield pickup from Oakleaf centerfielder Nolan Cameron.

Landon McDonald came in and survived an error by Espinosa to keep the game going.

St. Johns entered Jacob Thomas on the mound and got a grounder and two Ks in the eighth.

McDonald and Thomas exchanged three batter innings with McDonald getting three flyouts and Thomas three more Ks.

St.Johns took a 2-1 lead off a Boylston single, an error and a run scoring grounder by Thomas.

With Daneault on the mound in the 10th, Noah Johnson walked and Nolan Cameron bunted to set up the tying run.

Two walks loaded the bases before Diaz got hit with a pitch to put Oakleaf up with

Cameron scoring.

Against St. Augustine, Oakleaf batter Xavier Colucci pounded the Yellowjackets with a two doubles and a homer in the 14-10 blowout.

Against Ponte Vedra, Antonio Diaz got two doubles, two singles to lead the Knight to a 9-7 win over the Sharks.

Indians rolling to third title?

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - In what one might consider a dominant sports performance, the Keystone Heights High boys weightlifting team, amidst one of its strongest graduating classes last year, looked as strong as ever as a third straight Class 1A title looks to be in the cards. Area teams will be in their district tournaments this week.

“We lost a lot of strong guys from last year’s team and this team has responded,” said Keystone Heights coach Lantz Lowery, also the Dairy Farmer coach of the year last year after orchestrating his second consecutive title. “Suwannee, I think is the team to talk about. We just have to keep up.”

At the Clay County Weightlifting Championships, Keystone Heights scored team wins of 59-45 over Fleming Island in the Traditional scores and 72-44 over Oakleaf in the Olympic scores.

“Our tactic is to put quality lifts on the floor and put guys in position to score,” said Lowery. “Whether other teams have figured this out, I don’t know, but it works for us. I hope they don’t figure it out.”

Winning the top lifter awards for the day were Gabe Harp of Middleburg, at 169, and in the Olympic lift category, and Larry Jeffries of Keystone Heights, at 219, in the Traditional lift. Jeffries had an astounding total of 700 pounds that was only tied by Oakleaf’s Prince Savea in the Unlimited class.

Winning with big totals in the lower weights were, at 119, Fleming Island’s Nicholas Cruz, who totaled 320 in traditional to edge Keystone Heights’ Colton Hollingsworth with Cruz outbenching Hollingsworth 175-170 for the win.

At 129, Ridgeview’s Randy Emanuel totaled 430 in Tradition to win with a 225 bench and 205 clean and jerk.

At 139, Keystone Heights’ Reid Begue

Districts

- District 3-3A, Region 1** (Oakleaf) at Flagler, March 29, 5 p.m. (Region at Flagler April 8)
- District 3-2A, Region 1** (CHS, MHS) at Baker County, March 30, 2:30 p.m. (Region at Suwannee, April 8)
- District 4-2A, Region 1** (OPHS, FIHS, RHS) at Ridgeview, March 29, 3 p.m.
- District 7-1A, Region 2** at Keystone Heights, March 29, 3:45 p.m. (Region at Suwannee, April 7)

nearly hit the 500 pound mark with a bench of 255 and a clean and jerk of 235. Begue also tied at 390 total in Olympic with Rodriguez Cristian with Begue getting the win based on body weight.

At 154, Fleming Island’s Zach Davis hoisted a 540 total in Tradition with a 265 clean and jerk and a 275 bench press to win decisively. Orange Park’s David Lava was second with a 455 Traditional total.

At 169, Middleburg’s Josh Senear, in Traditional, dueled with Keystone Height’s Landon Hovsepian with a 590-580 finish with Senear gaining the gap with a 295 clean and jerk.

At 183, Oakleaf’s Champ Spangler had one of heaviest totals with a 595 total in Tradition to edge Keystone Heights Bryar Schenck’s 550. Schenck edged Spangler 510-505 in the Olympic total with a 225 Snatch to Spangler’s 205.

At 199, Jeffries hoisted a ton of weight to win with a 700 total in Tradition with a 360 bench and an equally impressive 340 clean and jerk. Jeffries total 575 in the Olympics total.

At Unlimited, Savea equaled Jeffries at 700 in Traditional with a 385 bench press on top of a 315 clean and jerk. Fleming Island’s Gage Isbell stayed in the hunt with a 695 total off a 375 bench press.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO
Three major players in the Keystone Heights High boys weightlifting team’s quest for a third state title will be, from left, Bryar Schenck, Bo Overton and Landon Hovespian, here at the Clay County championship won by the Indians.



Oakleaf High’s Champ Spangler readies to explode into Olympic snatch lift at Clay County Championships.



Oakleaf High’s Isaiah Shevchuck, after a third place finish at the FHSAA wrestling championships, will be battling for a second medal as district tournaments start this week.



Middleburg High’s Gabe Harp is strong part of Broncos weightlifting team that will be looking to add weightlifting to the growing list of strong Middleburg athletic teams.

**Junior High Baseball and Softball
Conference Tournament**
April 4-6 at Clay High (Softball)
April 3-5 at Middleburg (Baseball)

March 9 beat Lakeside 11-1
March 22 Beat Keystone 12-9
March 23 Lost to Oakleaf 3-1
March 24 Lost to Baker County 4-0
March 28 at Lake Asbury
March 30 at Orange Park

Lake Asbury baseball (10-0)
Feb. 7 Beat Lakeside 15-6
Feb. 9 Beat Baker County 12-4
Feb. 16 Beat Oakleaf 6-5
Feb. 21 Beat Orange Park 10-0
Feb. 23 Beat Green Cove 7-4
Feb. 27 Beat Wilkinson 13-4
March 2 Beat Lakeside 10-0
March 7 Beat Baker County 4-3
March 21 Beat Oakleaf 5-1
March 23 Beat Orange Park 15-0
March 28 vs. Green Cove 5 p.m.
March 29 vs. Wilkinson

Lake Asbury softball
March 28 vs. Green Cove
March 29 vs. Wilkinson

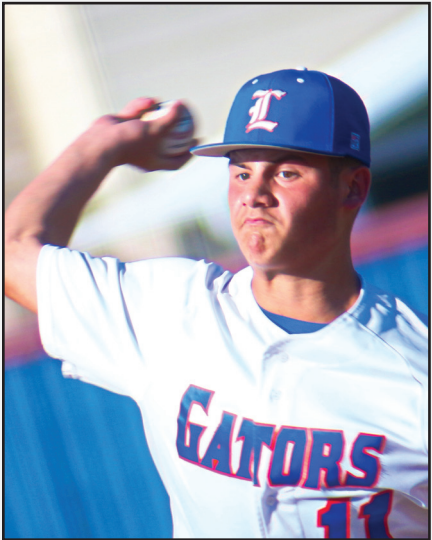
Lakeside baseball (4-9)
March 2 Lost to Lake Asbury 10-0
March 7 Lost to Oakleaf 16-5
March 9 Lost to Green Cove 11-1
March 10 Beat Keystone 5-3
March 21 Beat Orange Park 17-2
March 23 Beat Wilkinson 10-0
March 30 vs. St. Johns Country Day

Lakeside softball (4-8)
March 7 Lost to Oakleaf 8-4
March 9 Beat Green Cove 4-3
March 10 Lost to Keystone 5-2
March 21 Beat Orange Park 12-1
March 23 Lost to Wilkinson 8-6
March 28 at Baker County 5 p.m.

Oakleaf Junior High softball (4-5-1)
March 7 Beat Lakeside 8-4
March 9 Beat Orange Park 18-11
March 21 Lost to Lake Asbury 16-1
March 23 Lost to Green Cove 8-3

Orange Park Junior High baseball (2-9)
March 2 Lost to Baker County 9-3
March 7 Beat Wilkinson 8-7
March 9 Lost to Oakleaf 13-0
March 23 Lost to Lake Asbury 15-0
March 30 vs. Green Cove 5 p.m.

Wilkinson baseball (2-6)
March 2 Lost to Green Cove Springs 11-1
March 7 Lost to Orange Park 8-7
March 10 Beat Baker County 1-0
March 23 Lost to Lakeside 10-0
March 28 vs. Oakleaf 5 pm.
March 29 at Lake Asbury 5 p.m.



Orange Park hurdler Timothy Barfield is one of top in 400 hurdles.

Showdown
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Elijah Craggette OPHS 15.71; Tim Barfield OPHS 15.86; 9. Enrico Montero FIHS 16.32
400 Hurdles: Winner 56.55; 2. Tim Barfield OPHS 57.27; 4. Enrico Montero FIHS 59.97
4 x 100: 1. OHS 42.87; 2. OPHS 43.38; 4. RHS 43.99; 5. FIHS 44.38; 10. MHS 45.58
4 x 400: Winner 3:25.72; 2. OPHS 3:32.23; 3. FIHS 3:33.19; 6. RHS 3:42.62; 10. OPHS 3:50.96
4 x 800: 1. RHS 8:40.62; 5. OPHS 9:04.96; 6. CHS 9:17.09
High Jump: 1. T'Vario Willis RHS 1.92m; 2. Trevion Sermons OPHS 1.87m; 3. Kaylib Singleton FIHS 1.82m; 7. Sean Martin OPHS 1.72m; 8. Dash Edmon OPHS 1.67m
Pole Vault: Winner 3.75m; 8. Braydon Carmichael MHS 3.00m
Long Jump: 1. Nathan Jerger OPHS 6.93m; 2. Josber Stimphil OHS 6.42m; 3. Takoda Brown OHS 6.33m; 4. Darion Domenick FIHS 6.32m; 8. Amarrior Grant OHS 6.15m
Triple Jump: 1. Nathan Verger OPHS 13.80m; 2. Takoda Brown OHS 13.37m; 3. Nappoleon Cion RHS 13.36m; 4. Amarrior Grant OHS 13.35m
Discus: Winner 52.62m; 8. Dakota Gober MHS 38.94m; 10. Jordan Styles FIHS 37.30m
Shot Put: Winner 43.31m; 7. Kalani Robles MHS 36.91m; 8. Cameron Hardy OHS 36.60

Team Scores: Women 1. Creekside 156, 2. Bartram Trail 97, 3. Ponte Vedra 4.50, 5. CHS, 5. OHS 37. Boys 1. Ponte Vedra 95, 2. OHS 82, 3. Creekside 78, 4. Toco Creek 70, 5. OPHS 68



Clay shotputter Kenya Tinajero part of strong 1-2 punch with teammate Annalee Harbison in track throws; discus and shot put.

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Lisa Casson finishes local 5k with energy with her service dog as part of her preparations for upcoming marathon weekends.

Runner

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negative way,” said Casson.

Casson got some clarity in her life situation in September 2020 after a series of 78 seizures and a possible mini stroke while working 15 hours a day as a daycare manager.

“That year I woke up one morning and could not speak,” said Casson, who grew up in Middleburg. “It still comes and goes; my speech still has occasional issues.”

Prior to the September 2020 events, Casson was running a bit, but stopped for a bit before realizing that the running was a good part of her feeling better.

“The doctors were pushing therapy, but nothing was working,” said Casson, who, after losing her speech for two years (Sept. 2020-2023), learned fluent sign language and other non-verbal communications skills in preparation for her loss of speech episodes. “Nothing from EEG (brain scans), MRIs and all of them showed little.”

Casson went to a service dog training center; Double Six Service Dogs in Lake City, for about a year to see if a service dog would help.

“Once a week for a year, I went to Lake City with a dog they found for me, the one I have now, and we worked together and I trained her,” said Casson. “She picked up a lot of the techniques very quickly. I did a lot of follow up training at home that she learned very quickly.”

Part of the dog training is to determine what sense; smell, chemical, sight, the dog would focus on with the client to determine that safe signals.

“We were going to spit in a jar and let her smell it to see if the chemical change in my body would trigger her,” said Casson. “She ultimately developed a stare right in front of me and whine when she sensed something was wrong.”

Now that Casson has had her dog for the past three years, the amazing transfor-

mation to being a health body guard has grown. One glitch in the regime is that Casson and her dog were in a recent car accident and caused major leg damage; two torn ACLs, to the dog.

“That limits her running to about three miles,” said Casson. “Two miles is her longest run when we train at home. It took some time for her to overcome her separation anxiety, but she goes on the trips with me.”

The dog’s job is to monitor Casson’s reaction to her workouts, and like a good coach, sense when she is going a little too hard.

“When I go to the YMCA and take a class, she will stand in front of me when she senses I’m stressing too much in the class,” said Casson. “If I ignore her because I’m stubborn, she will get closer to a point that she lays on me to stop me from moving. She’s pretty insistent.”

In the Casson house, where Casson knows the dangers of being near a stove, a shower and walking around things in front of me present opportunities of danger for Casson with her random seizures.

“Initially, I had to bring her into the rooms, but she comes into the bathroom or kitchen on her own if she hears the shower come on or if I click the stove,” said Casson. “She will go get someone in the house if I blackout in the house. We have the doors now equipped for her to be able to click the handle to open the door.”

For now, Casson and her dog are inseparable.

“We are very close and she will be excited at the finish line every time,” said Casson. “The bond is very strong.”

Definitively, Casson is certain that her running and her dog have made the biggest improvements in her life.

“I started to run again and then wanted to do Dopey again and that has been my focus,” said Casson. “If I’m negative about all this, my life get super depressed and that’s not going to help. Each day is a blessing. Tomorrow is not promised.”



Seth Alford crosses home plate in win over Bartram Trail.

Spartans

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With a two run lead, the Spartans went into heavy defensive mode. After Jacob Thomas went four innings up on the hill earning the win by giving up only three hits, three runs, three walks, and six strikeouts, Jeffrey Henry came in for two innings with a single hit, one walk, and two strikeouts. Trevor Bradley earned the save facing three batters, giving up zero hits.

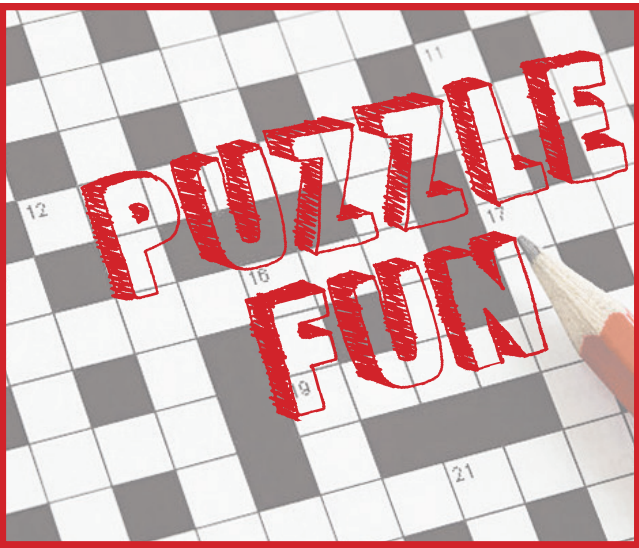
“Overall, our defense played well,” said Rooks. “Some really good plays in the in-field; our outfield played a solid game; our right fielder ran a ball down; just really good play.”

When the Bears had a runner on first and third late in the game, an attempted late steal from first base to divert attention from third base never had a chance to work. All of these kids are locked in. We preach to them, even when not on the field, they need to be in the dugout locked in on something.”

As the fake out was attempted, at least 10 players shouted the play as the runner was thrown out attempting to go home. In the closing innings, the Bears would go on to put two runners on in the fourth, two in the fifth, get blanked in the sixth, and go three up, three out in the bottom of the seventh in the 5-3 loss.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to spring.
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(Hint: 9 = O)

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Clue: Flowers
- B. 24 8 9 1 25 5
Clue: Petaled part of plant
- C. 1 2 5 4
Clue: Pleasant temperature
- D. 5 2 21 13
Clue: Precipitation

Answers: A. blooms B. flower C. warm D. rain

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to spring.

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Answer: Sunny

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Oklahoma on March 28, 1955. I was in a family singing group as a child and was discovered during a performance at a national rodeo event in college. I have had many #1 country singles in my career.

Answer: Reba McEntire

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- TRAFFIC
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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES				
REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE	LEGAL NOTICE	LEGAL NOTICE	LEGAL NOTICE	LEGAL NOTICE
<p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, April 24, 2023, for the following:</p> <p>RFB NO. 22/23-48, Sidewalk Replacement for the Community Disaster Block Grant Entitlement Program</p> <p>This is a Federally Funded Project under Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).</p> <p>Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, April 25, 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.</p> <p>A Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida, on April 07, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bid bond shall include bonds or cashier or certified checks payable to the County. The solicitation package is available at: HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL.</p> <p>In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal.</p> <p>For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Jessica Loos in the Purchasing Department at (904) 284-6388 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>a. Inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids;</p> <p>b. Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Legal 63030 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>A request for rezoning has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Park Avenue between Milwaukee Avenue and Elbow Road. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019029-000-00.</p> <p>The Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public hearing for the proposed rezoning application on Thursday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public.</p> <p>Information regarding the proposed change is noted below.</p> <p>Application No. R-8-2023 Acreage: 3.26 +/-</p> <p>Current Zoning District: Residential, Single Family-2 (RS-2)</p> <p>Proposed Zoning District: Governmental Use (GU)</p> <p>Owner: Town of Orange Park</p> <p>Current or previous use: Vacant residential lot</p> <p>Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. by appointment.</p> <p>Courtney Russo, Town Clerk</p> <p>Legal 63026 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>A request for rezoning has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Frog Hollow Road between Elbow Road and Grasshopper Lane. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019048-000-00.</p> <p>The Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public hearing for the proposed rezoning application on Thursday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public.</p> <p>Information regarding the proposed change is noted below.</p> <p>Application No. R-6-2023 Acreage: 0.97 +/-</p> <p>Current Zoning District: Residential, Single Family-2 (RS-2)</p> <p>Proposed Zoning District: Governmental Use (GU)</p> <p>Owner: Town of Orange Park</p> <p>Current or previous use: Vacant residential lot</p> <p>Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 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A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public.</p> <p>Information regarding the proposed change is noted below.</p> <p>Application No. R-3-2023 Acreage: 0.472 +/-</p> <p>Current Zoning District: Residential, Single Family Estate-2 (RS-2)</p> <p>Proposed Zoning District: Governmental Use (GU)</p> <p>Owner: Town of Orange Park</p> <p>Current or previous use: Vacant residential lot</p> <p>Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. by appointment.</p> <p>Courtney Russo, Town Clerk</p> <p>Legal 63021 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>A request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Park Avenue between Milwaukee Avenue and Elbow Road. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019029-000-00.</p> <p>The Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing regarding this requested amendment on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue.</p> <p>Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. 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	<p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>A request for rezoning has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Frog Hollow Road between Elbow Road and Grasshopper Lane. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019050-000-00.</p> <p>The Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public hearing for the proposed rezoning application on Thursday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public.</p> <p>Information regarding the proposed change is noted below.</p> <p>Application No. R-7-2023 Acreage: 0.91 +/-</p> <p>Current Zoning District: Residential, Single Family-2 (RS-2)</p> <p>Proposed Zoning District: Governmental Use (GU)</p> <p>Owner: Town of Orange Park</p> <p>Current or previous use: Vacant residential lot</p> <p>Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. by appointment.</p> <p>Courtney Russo, Town Clerk</p> <p>Legal 63025 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>A request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Frog Hollow Road and Grasshopper Lane. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019048-000-00.</p> <p>The Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing regarding this requested amendment on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue.</p> <p>Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. 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Copies of the application may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. by appointment.</p> <p>Courtney Russo, Town Clerk</p> <p>Legal 62628 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>A request for rezoning has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located at 711 N. Winfred Drive between Winfred Drive East and Winfred Place. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019376-002-00.</p> <p>The Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public hearing for the proposed rezoning application on Thursday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public.</p> <p>Information regarding the proposed change is noted below.</p> <p>Application No. R-2-2023 Acreage: 0.396 +/-</p> <p>Current Zoning District: Residential, Single Family Estate-2 (RS-2)</p> <p>Proposed Zoning District: Governmental Use (GU)</p> <p>Owner: Town of Orange Park</p> <p>Current or previous use: Vacant residential lot</p> <p>Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 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A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public.</p> <p>Information regarding the application and proposed changes is noted below:</p> <p>Application No: CP-9-2023 Acreage: 3.151 +/-</p> <p>Current Land Use Category: Low Density Residential (LDR)</p> <p>Proposed Land Use Category: Public / Semi-Public (P)</p> <p>Owner: Town of Orange Park</p> <p>Current or previous use: Vacant - wetland</p> <p>Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 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	<p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>A request for rezoning has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Ash Street between Settlers Court and the terminus of Ash Street. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019256-000-00.</p> <p>The Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public hearing for the proposed rezoning application on Thursday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public.</p> <p>Information regarding the proposed change is noted below.</p> <p>Application No. R-4-2023 Acreage: 0.344 +/-</p> <p>Current Zoning District: Residential General-1 (RG-1)</p> <p>Proposed Zoning District: Governmental Use (GU)</p> <p>Owner: Town of Orange Park</p> <p>Current or previous use: Vacant residential lot</p> <p>Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 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LEGAL NOTICE

A request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Solomon Street between Miller Street and Grove Park Drive. The parcel number is 41-04-26-020202-000-00.

The Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing regarding this requested amendment on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue.

Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public.

Information regarding the application and proposed changes is noted below:

Application No: CP-5-2023
Acreage: 5.3 +/-
Current Land Use Category: Medium Density Residential (MDR)
Proposed Land Use Category: Public / Semi-Public (P)
Owner: Town of Orange Park
Current or previous use: Vacant - wet-land

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LEGAL NOTICE

A request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Ash Street between Settlers Court and the terminus of Ash Street. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019256-000-00.

The Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing regarding this requested amendment on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue.

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Information regarding the application and proposed changes is noted below:

Application No: CP-4-2023
Acreage: 0.344 +/-
Current Land Use Category: Medium Density Residential (MDR)
Proposed Land Use Category: Public / Semi-Public (P)
Owner: Town of Orange Park
Current or previous use: Vacant Residential lot former single-family dwelling

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A request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located at 1443 Winfred Drive East between Winfred Drive East and Winfred Place. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019337-011-00.

The Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing regarding this requested amendment on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue.

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Information regarding the application and proposed changes is noted below:

Application No: CP-3-2023
Acreage: 0.472 +/-
Current Land Use Category: Low Density Residential (LDR)
Proposed Land Use Category: Public / Semi-Public (P)
Owner: Town of Orange Park
Current or previous use: Vacant Residential lot former single-family dwelling

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The Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing regarding this requested amendment on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue.

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Information regarding the application and proposed changes is noted below:

Application No: CP-2-2023
Acreage: 0.396 +/-
Current Land Use Category: Low Density Residential (LDR)
Proposed Land Use Category: Public / Semi-Public (P)
Owner: Town of Orange Park
Current or previous use: Vacant Residential lot former single-family dwelling

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Owner: Town of Orange Park
Current or previous use: Vacant Residential lot former single-family dwelling

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

Legal 62622 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of FLOWER PETALS located at 370 SE Sylvan Way, in the County of Clay, in the City of Keystone Heights, Florida 32656-9129 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Keystone Heights, Florida, this 24th day of March 2023.

PARDEE SANDY

Legal 62623 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of MISSION FAMILY TRAVEL located at 9112 Redtail Dr, in the County of Clay, in the City of Jacksonville, Florida 32222-2822 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Jacksonville, Florida, this 24th day of March 2023.

JAMISON & JAMISON LLC

Legal 62622 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of MISSION FAMILY TRAVEL located at 9112 Redtail Dr, in the County of Clay, in the City of Jacksonville, Florida 32222-2822 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Jacksonville, Florida, this 24th day of March 2023.

JAMISON & JAMISON LLC

Legal 62622 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of CYMONIAN JAZZ ENSEMBLE located at 3782 Blackthorn Ct, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073-2290 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 24th day of March 2023.

HANDY TERRY

Legal 62620 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE No.: 2022-CA-001280
HERRON LANE, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
DAVID LANG and any other unknown

heir,
of FRANCES LANG JOHNSON, deceased,
DENNIS K. ALEXANDER, SHARON W. ALEXANDER, and any unknown heirs or other person claiming by through or under the named Defendants, and THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, Defendants.
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FRANCES LANG JOHNSON
DAVID LANG
DENNIS K. ALEXANDER
SHARON W. ALEXANDER
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint to Quiet Title to real property in Clay County 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
on or before 30 days from the 1st 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, Florida, 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 22, 2023.
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Leigh Lucroy
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 62618 Published 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023, 4/13/2023 and 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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

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

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

DEVORE, RICHARD C
519 PLAINFIELD AVE
ORANGE PARK, 32073-2965

FOUNTAIN, WILLIAM R
2008 LAUREL DR
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

GASCA, JOSHUA TH
1577 EAGLE NEST LN
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

HOWELL, JENNIFER R
2098 HERMITAGE PL
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

MABREY, JOSHUA W
3458 DEVILWOOD ST
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

MCCONNELL, TYLER L
3710 OLD JENNINGS RD
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

MCKINNEY, JASON RP
570 DENNIS AVE
ORANGE PARK, 32065

OBRYAN, SEAN P
1717 COUNTY ROAD 220 APT 707
FLEMING ISLAND, 32003

PARKER, WILLIAM L
3934 RANDALL RD
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, 32043-8598

ROSS, AMARIAN G
1102 NORTH ST
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, 32043

STEWART, COLLIN S
5476 INDIAN TRL
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, 32656

WINGATE, DONNIE B
407 MELROSE AVE
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, 32043

You are hereby notified that you are potentially ineligible to be registered to vote. Failure to respond to this notice within 30 days may result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor of Elections and removal of your name from the statewide voter registration system. You may contact the Supervisor of Elections office to receive information regarding the basis for the potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter. If further assistance is needed, contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections office.

Por la presente se le notifica que no es elegible para registrarse para votar. Si no responde a este aviso dentro de los 30 días, el Supervisor de Elecciones puede determinar que no es elegible y eliminar su nombre del sistema estatal de registro de votantes. Puede comunicarse con la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones para recibir información sobre la base de la posible ineligibilidad y el procedimiento para resolver el asunto. Si necesita más ayuda, comuníquese con la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay.

Chris H. Chamblless
Supervisor of Elections
Supervisor de Elecciones

Legal 62617 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 04/14/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 4360 CR 218 MID-LEBURG, 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.
1FTPW14V66FB55358 2006 FORD 5Y4AN29Y4NA104283 2022 YAMAHA

Legal 62608 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Clay County School Board Public Notice

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The St. Johns River State College District Board of Trustees will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the Thrasher-Horne Conference Center, Suites C & D on the Orange Park Campus, 283 College Drive, Orange Park, Florida. The agenda may include, but is not limited to business affairs, personnel matters, facilities items, academic and student affairs.

Prior to the regular monthly meeting, a Board Budget Workshop will be held at 1 p.m., and an Executive Session on Collective Bargaining will immediately follow the meeting, both in the same location as the board meeting.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the noticed meeting should contact the College at the following address at least five days before the date of the scheduled meeting:

Charles Romer,
Director of Human Resources, 386-312-4074 or charlesromer@sjrstate.edu. Persons with speech or hearing impairments should contact the College using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: JOHN ALBERT FONTAINE-JAF REAL ESTATE 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.: 643/2017
Legal Description: LOT 19 BLK 14 HIGHLIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3138 PG 194
Parcel ID No.: 200823-002610-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,868.11
Physical Address: 7210 RADCLIFFE ST KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: VERONA V LLC
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **17th day of May 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

Legal 62458 Published 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023, 4/13/2023 and 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: RAJEN-DRA 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.: 376/2020
Legal Description: LOT 20 BLK 12 BIG TREE LAKES SEC B AS REC O R 1268 PG 474
Parcel ID No.: 140823-001437-555-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,792.43
Physical Address: 5722 N CRATER LAKE CIRCLE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: ASTLEY L HALL

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 **17th day of May, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

Legal 62457 Published 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023, 4/13/2023 and 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on March 20, 2023
Cross Creek North Community Development District 2806 N 5th St Ste 403 St Augustine, FL 32084-1904 permit # 98482-22. The project is located in Clay County, Section 46, Township 5S, Range 26E. The permit authorizes modification of a stormwater management system for the construction and operation a 0.11-acre project known as Cross Creek Unit 1 - Mailbox Parking, as per plans received by the District on March 7, 2023. The receiving water body is Mill Log, Peters Creek, Pecks Branch. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at clerk@sjrwm.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day.

The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at floridas-water.com.

These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be

different from the position taken by it in this notice. **Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).**

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2023-CP-0053
DIVISION: B
IN RE: ESTATE OF MELVIN ALAN MCCLEROY, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of MELVIN ALAN MCCLEROY, deceased, whose date of death was May 4, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 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 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 THREE (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 30, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: TARA FORREST, ESQUIRE
tforrest@rlaw.com
Florida Bar No.: 1019353
ROGERS TOWERS, P.A.
1301 Riverplace Boulevard, Suite 1500
Jacksonville, FL 32207
(904) 398-3911

Personal Representative: MARGARET MCCLEROY
101 Cedar Circle Drive
Kingsland, GA 31548

Legal 62291 Published 3/30/2023 and 4/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of animals on public property within the Town of Orange Park; providing an exception for animal control duties; providing for conflict, severability and an immediate effective date. This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, the corner of Park and Kingsley Avenue at 7:00 P.M. The Council of the Town of Orange Park will consider said ordinance for final action. Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Council of the Town of Orange Park with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of this ordinance may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 62290 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on an ordinance amending and updating Chapter 2, Article VI of the Town of Orange Park Code; authorizing the issuance of civil citations when specifically authorized; establishing supplemental provisions regarding maximum civil penalties and due process guarantees; providing for conflicts, severability and an immediate effective date. This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, the corner of Park and Kingsley Avenue at 7:00 P.M. The Council of the Town of Orange Park will consider said ordinance for final action.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 62290 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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Public Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on an ordinance amending and updating Chapter 2, Article VI of the Town of Orange Park Code; authorizing the issuance of civil citations when specifically authorized; establishing supplemental provisions regarding maximum civil penalties and due process guarantees; providing for conflicts, severability and an immediate effective date. This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, the corner of Park and Kingsley Avenue at 7:00 P.M. The Council of the Town of Orange Park will consider said ordinance for final action.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 62290 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on an ordinance amending and updating Chapter 2, Article VI of the Town of Orange Park Code; authorizing the issuance of civil citations when specifically authorized; establishing supplemental provisions regarding maximum civil penalties and due process guarantees; providing for conflicts, severability and an immediate effective date. This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, the corner of Park and Kingsley Avenue at 7:00 P.M. The Council of the Town of Orange Park will consider said ordinance for final action.

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

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 62289 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Request for Bids OUTDOOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

The Town of Orange Park, hereinafter referred to as the Town, is soliciting bids for outdoor holiday decorations.

Proposal documents will be made available by 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 24, 2023 on the Town of Orange Park website www.townoforangepark.com.

Submittals: Respondents shall submit their proposal to the Town Clerk's Office at 2042 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073 in a **SEALED** envelope or container and marked with the project title, time and due date, **no later than Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 4:00 PM.**

The Town shall have the right to reject any or all bids in the Town's best interest. Questions regarding this solicitation shall be addressed to Courtney Russo at crusso@townop.com.

BY: Sarah Campbell, Town Manager

Legal 62288 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2018 CA 001265

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Plaintiff,

V.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVES, INC., a Florida corporation; et al., Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Plaintiff; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVES, INC., STEPHEN D. NYE, EAST WEST OFFICE CONDOMINIUM I, INC., TOWNCENTER AND EAST OF 17 AT EAGLE HARBOR ASSOCIATION, INC., AMERICAN EXPRESS NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, FSB AND SUCCESSOR TO AMERICAN EXPRESS CENTURION BANK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, FINANCIAL PORTFOLIOS II, INC., AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. F/K/A WACHOVIA, JOHN DOE I and JANE DOE I, as Unknown Tenants; JOHN DOE II and JANE DOE II, as Unknown Tenants; JOHN DOE III and JANE DOE III as Unknown Tenants; and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons, unknown entities, unknown parties or unknown spouses claiming by, through or under any of the above-named Defendants are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern/Standard Time) on the 23rd day of MAY, 2023, online at www.clayrealforeclose.com on the following described property as set forth in the Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

UNIT 9, EAST WEST OFFICE CONDOMINIUM I, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2654, PAGE 2132, AS AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2752, PAGE 1633, AND CONSENT IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2760, PAGE 2183, ALL OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST OR SHARE IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO

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 ADA Coordinator, Phone no. 904-255-1695, via Email crtntrp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711."

WITNESS my hand and Seal of the Court

on 22nd day of March, 2023.

TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Gracie Moore
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 62285 Published 3/30/2023 and 4/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-000117
Division B
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ROBERT DALE BARBOUR
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Robert Dale Barbour, deceased, whose date of death was August 2, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave. / PO Box 698 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 30, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: L. J. Arnold III Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 154474 ARNOLD LAW

718 N. Orange Ave. PO Box 1570
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
Telephone: (904) 284-5618
Fax: (904) 284-5937
E-Mail: arnold3service@gmail.com
Secondary E-Mail: marie.arnoldlaw@gmail.com
Personal Representative: Lydia Barbour 821 Lovers Lane
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

Legal 62284 Published 3/30/2023 and 4/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

CASE NO. 2022CA000234
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

ASHLEY BARR; , ET AL.
Defendants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment in Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 15, 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022CA000234, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida. PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and ASHLEY BARR; ADAM BARR; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICK J. BARR; ORANGE PARK COUNTRY CLUB OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are defendants. Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court for CLAY, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via the Internet at www.clayrealforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on the 17TH day of MAY, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 24, COUNTRY CLUB OF ORANGE PARK UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 29, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

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

WITNESS my hand and Seal of the Court

ou pa gen okenn lajan pou w peye, gen pwovizyon pou jwen kek ed. Tanpri kon-takte ADA Coordinator, ADA Coordinator, Phone no. 904-255-1695, via Email crtntrp@coj.net nan 7 jou anvan dat ou gen randevou pou parèt nan tribinal la, oubyen imedyatman apre ou fin resevwa konvokasyon an si li ou gen pou w parèt nan tribinal la mwens ke 7 jou; si ou gen pwoblèm pou w tande oubyen pale, rele 711."

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

Dated this 21st day of March, 2023.

Tara S. Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY Leigh Lucroy
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 62283 Published 3/30/2023 and 4/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 102023CA000209CAAXXX
Navy Federal Credit Union Plaintiff,

vs.

The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Lonnie W. Odom a/k/a Lonnie Wayne Vincent Odom a/k/a Lonnie Odom, Deceased; Cavalry SPV I, LLC; Samantha Odom f/k/a Samantha Lynn Oliver f/k/a Samantha L. Oliver f/k/a Samantha L. Oliver Samples f/k/a Samantha L. Ramage Defendants.

TO: The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Lonnie W. Odom a/k/a Lonnie Wayne Vincent Odom a/k/a Lonnie Odom, Deceased

Last Known Address: Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida: **LOT 11, BLOCK 6, BELLAIR UNIT NO. 1, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE(S) 26 AND 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Julie York, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 2001 NW 64th St, Suite 130, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on March 21, 2023.

Tara Green
As Clerk of the Court
By Leigh Lucroy
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 62111 Published 3/30/2023 and 4/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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 22, 2023, AT 10:00 AM

2013 FORD VIN # 1F18W8B3T3DEB49215

Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Legal 62095 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2022CA001194
US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

KEVIN J. GAFFNEY, JR., et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 16, 2023, and entered in 2022CA001194 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST is the Plaintiff and KEVIN J. GAFFNEY, JR. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clayrealforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on May 17, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PART OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 34, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 34, A DISTANCE OF 1,000. FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST TO THE CENTERLINE OF THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 532, PAGE 501 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN WESTERLY ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID EASEMENT TO A POINT LYING NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING. AN EASEMENT FOR, INGRESS, EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES OVER AND UPON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PORTION OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA: BEGIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF LOUIE CARTER ROAD AND THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 532, PAGE 501 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN WESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE TO A POINT THAT LIES NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE A ABOVE: THENCE RUN PERPENDICULAR TO AND AT RIGHT ANGLES WITH SAID NORTHERLY LINE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE DESCRIBED IN SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 532, PAGE 501 THENCE RUN EASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH LOUIE CARTER ROAD; THENCE RUN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG SAID LOUIE CARTER ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 10 FEET WIDE ALONG EACH SIDE OF LINE AND TEN FEET WIDE ALONG THE REARLINE OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES.

Property Address: 5991 WESTWOOD RD N JACKSONVILLE, FL 32234

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

Dated this 16 day of March, 2023.

Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Gracie Moore
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at 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.

Legal 62094 Published 3/30/2023 and 4/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing to consider an appeal of the Town of Orange Park Planning and Zoning Board's denial of Application No. V-2-2023; requesting relief from Section 2.05.01 of the Town of Orange Park Code of Ordinances to increase the maximum height of a fence in the required front yard from four (4) feet to eight (8) feet for property located at 2425 Dogwood Lane. If granted, the variance request on appeal would allow a residential fence height of eight (8) feet with a 30-foot setback requiring a maximum height of four (4) feet. This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue, at 7:00 P.M.

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

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 62089 Published 3/30/2023 and 4/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 04/19/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at FIRST COAST TOWING INC - 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLE-

BURG, 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.

1GCDM19X33B120315 2003 CHEV
1ZVHT82H485147025 2008 FORD
5NPEC4AC3CH416774 2012 HYUN

Legal 61942 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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
Parcel ID No.: 330526-021172-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,179.14
Physical Address: RIVERS RD , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: LOUIS LIEBL (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 17th day of May, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2023

TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

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
Parcel ID No.: 140823-001437-323-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,557.10
Physical Address: 5518 LASSEN ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: CLIFTON G MATTHEWS

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 17th day of May, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2023

TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

Legal 61930 Published 3/23/2023, 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023 and 4/13/2023

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.: 2509/2020
Legal Description: PT OF N 500' OF GOV LOT 2 S35T4R25 AS REC O R 2438 PG 1681 & 2577 PG 1897
Parcel ID No.: 350425-008230-020-01
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,037.35
Physical Address: BRICKYARD , MIDDLETOWN
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: NICHOLE M KIRKPATRICK

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 17th day of May, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2023

TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

Legal 61928 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: RAJEN-

DRA 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.: 2170/2020
Legal Description: LOT 96 BLK 5 FLA FRONTIER REPLAT UNIT 1 AS REC O R 2602 PG 1846 & 2976 PG 113
Parcel ID No.: 240823-007361-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,328.63
Physical Address: 5423 LAREDO ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: ROACHNIE MOHAMED

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 17th day of May, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2023

TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

Legal 61927 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: ROBIN ALAN FEISER-FEISER INVESTMENT GROUP 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.: 881/2018
Legal Description: LOT 8 BLK 100 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3440 PG 1014
Parcel ID No.: 160823-004321-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,362.34
Physical Address: 6227 NORTHWESTERN AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: CARTER LARRY GLASS JR

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 17th day of May, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2023

TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

Legal 61926 Published 3/23/2023, 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023 and 4/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Mechanical Solutions LLC** located at 4848 Beanie Ct, in the County of Clay, in the City of Keystone Heights, Florida 32656 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 18th day of March, 2023.

Johnson Mechanical Solutions, LLC

Legal 61924 Published 3/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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 Defen-

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

dants. 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 NOBILITY 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

Legal 61322 Published 3/23/2023 and 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, 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

Legal 61317 Published 3/23/2023, 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023 and 4/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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-reasures.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-reasures.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.

Legal 61316 Published 3/23/2023 and 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 04/17/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 3052 JOE JOHNS RD MID-

DLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
1GNFC13047R327243 2007 CHEV

Legal 61049 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case # 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 n 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 1st 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

Legal 61048 Published 3/23/2023, 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023 and 4/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 04/14/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 3052 JOE JOHNS RD MID-DLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
EKHU0430F001 2001 EKH

Legal 61047 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 04/11/2023 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.
1FAFM33265A188062 2005 FORD
1FMJK1MT3FEF40359 2015 FORD
3A8FY48959T558738 2009 CHRY
JM3KE4DY1G0730874 2016 MAZD

Legal 61034 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 04/11/2023 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.
1FAFM33265A188062 2005 FORD
1FMJK1MT3FEF40359 2015 FORD
3A8FY48959T558738 2009 CHRY
JM3KE4DY1G0730874 2016 MAZD

Legal 61034 Published 3/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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

Legal 61027 Published 3/16/2023, 3/23/2023, 3/30/2023 and 4/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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 LAKE-SIDE 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
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 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 REPROPRINTING – 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 entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.
The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit with 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 protestor shall be required to post a bond as follows:
1. Five percent (5%) of the recommended award for all projects valued less than \$500,000.00; and
2. 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 Hear-

ing. 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 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:
Isl 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 Secondary E-Mail: skiplaw68@gmail.com
Personal Representative:
/s/ Jacqueline Donohoo
Jacqueline Donohoo 962 Hacienda Drive Benton, AR 72019,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 04/17/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 3052 JOE JOHNS RD MID-DLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
RC012108106 1980 HOND
1G1FP33E7ML181206 1991 CHEV
1GCHK29U13E123540 2003 CHEV
1YVHP80D555M50537 2005 MAZD
1N4AL3AP1FC159163 2015 NISS
KM8J2CA48KU878896 2019 HYUNDAI

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The online bidding and auction for Storage Rentals of America, 369 Blanding Blvd. will be held online at lockerfox.com through April 20, 2023, at 11:00AM.
The entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien and other charges according to FL Statutes 83.801.

PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

Unit # Tenant or Business Name
D60 Antolin Garciaivalinotti
E39 Jim McCann
L19 Bryan McCullough
L20 Bryan McCullough
Total Units: 4
Sale being held to satisfy Landlords' lien. The seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. CASH ONLY. Contents to be removed within 72 hours.
Storage Rentals of America
369 Blanding Blvd.
Orange Park, FL 32073
904-977-6400

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NOTICE OF 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 HIGHRIDGE 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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 865/2016
Legal Description: LOT 4 BLK 92 HIGHRIDGE 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: 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 HIGHRIDGE 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 HIGHRIDGE 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 HIGHRIDGE 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

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.: 865/2016
Legal Description: LOT 4 BLK 92 HIGHRIDGE 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 HIGHRIDGE 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 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2657

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 HIGHRIDGE 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 HIGHRIDGE 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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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://flaglercofh.housingmanager.com/> or the link may be accessed through our website at: www.flaglercountyhousingauthority.org Applications can only be provided online or by advanced written request to the Flagler County Housing Authority, P.O. Box 188, Bunnell, FL 32110-0188. Paper applications are offered as a Reasonable Accommodation for elderly and disabled applicants only with verification of Social Security Income (letter must be dated within 60 days) and current ID. The submission deadline for paper applications given out as a reasonable,accommodation is April 07,2023. Once the waiting list is closed, applicants will be placed in ranking order according to date and time of application. ACCESS TO INTERNET AND COMPUTERS

To ensure availability and access to the online system, the Flagler County Housing Authority will have 2 computers available at our Flagler Office Resource Center, 502 South Bacher St.• Bunnell, FL 32110 from 8:30am-10:30am.

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NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE ARMSTRONG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Chapters 190 and 120, Florida Statutes, the Armstrong Community Development District (“**District**”) hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt its revised Suspension and Termination of Access Rule (“**Suspension and Termination Rules**”) and its Rules Relating to Overnight Parking and Parking Enforcement (“**Parking and Towing Rules**”) all of which govern the operation of the District’s amenity facilities and other properties. The Suspension and Termination Rules and Parking and Towing Rules will address certain revisions to the District’s rules and policies governing the operation of the District’s amenity facilities and other properties.

The purpose and effect of the Suspension and Termination Rules and Parking and Towing Rules are to provide for efficient and effective District operations of the District’s amenity facilities and other properties by setting policies, regulations, rates and fees to implement the provisions of Section 190.035, Florida Statutes. Specific legal authority for the rules includes Sections 190.035(2), 190.011(5), 190.012, 120.54, 120.69 and 120.81, Florida Statutes (2020). A public hearing will be conducted by the District on **May 11, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.** A copy of the proposed rules and policies may be obtained by contacting the District Manager at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: (904) 940-5850. Marilee Giles District Manager

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Tuesday the 25th day of April, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 996 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL, 32065 Fishbein, Stephen 302 Shelves, Shoe Boxes, Picture Frames, Basket, Wooden Chest, File Box, Ellis, Kira 310 Baskets of Misc, Small Wooden Chair, Plates, Washer, Picture Frames, Duffie Bag, Totes of Misc. , Costanza, Lindsay 612 Clothes, Blankets, Grab Go Caddy, Bicycle, Misc Furniture, Kids Kitchen, Mannequin, End Table, Axe, Iron, Beach Mats, Table, Misc Totes. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE# 10-2022-DR-002190-AXXX-XX
Division F
Lisa Marie Williams
Petitioner
and
Deangilo L. Williams
Respondent.
TO: Deangilo Williams
1454 Orange Circle South, Orange Park, FL 32073
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Divorce has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Lisa Marie Williams whose address is 1059 Amber Court, Orange Park, FL 32065, on or before May 7, 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 22, 2023.
Tara S. Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Dominique Clark
Deputy Clerk

Legal 63045 Published 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023, 4/13/2023 and 4/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Clay County Department of Public Safety has received an application from MT Medical Florida, Inc., d/b/a MEDTRUST, for renewal of its Class B, C and D Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) and is in the process of reviewing it. Pursuant to Clay County Ordinance 2018-23, as amended, codified at Chapter 7.3 of the Clay County Code, notice is hereby given that a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners will be held on April 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, to consider the application for renewal. The public hearing will be held at the following location: Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room Clay County Administration Building (4th Floor) 477 Houston Street Green Cove Springs, Florida.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard on matters pertaining to the application. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A copy of the application is available for review during normal business hours at the Clay County Department of Public Safety, 2519 State Road 16 W., Green Cove Springs, Florida, Telephone number: (904) 284-7703, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of legal holidays.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 269-6376, 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). Board of County Commissioners Clay County, Florida

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Tuesday the 25th day of April, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Woodworth, Josie 103 Bike, Lamp, Office Chair, Multiple Back Packs, Multiple Totes, Lots of Bags, Clothes Shoes, Misc Items. Monique Joseph 162 Bedding, Microwave, Air Fryer Box, Fan, Wine Rack, Misc Items. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: COINWISE 01 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.: 3533/2017
Legal Description: LOT 7 BLK 29 N S GCS EX PT TO FREEMAN
Parcel ID No.: 380626-017844-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,827.83
Physical Address: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: JAMES R FOSTER HEIRS C/O ANGELINE WOOTEN

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 **7th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 27th day of March, 2023
TARA S . GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Jewel Baskin
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: ROGER BAUGH, 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.: 3263/2016
Legal Description: LOT 3 & 4 BLK 9 FLEMING ISLAND ESTATES AS REC O R 1573 PG 165
Parcel ID No.: 380526-014833-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$9,092.44
Physical Address: FLEMING ST , FLEMING ISLAND
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: CARMAN P PARMAN

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 **7th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 27th 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.: 890/2016
Legal Description: LOT 20 BLK 97 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2588 PG 530
Parcel ID No.: 210823-004271-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,902.80
Physical Address: 7156 DUKE ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: SUZE OPONT

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 **7th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 27th 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.: 666/2016
Legal Description: LOT 1 BLK 23

HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 736 PG 11

Parcel ID No.: 200823-002746-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,902.80
Physical Address: 6371 BELOIT AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: JAMES R MCALOON

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 **7th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 27th 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.: 4161/2016
Legal Description: LOTS 3 & 4 BLK K LAKE HILLCRES AS REC O R 2577 PG 1092
Parcel ID No.: 030923-021968-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,172.02
Physical Address: SWAN LAKE , MELROSE
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: ASSURANCE INVESTMENTS LLC
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **17th day of May, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 27th 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.: 289/2016
Legal Description: LOT 17 WOODLAND ACRES AS REC O R 2100 PG 253
Parcel ID No.: 160823-001039-003-03
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,046.21
Physical Address: 7195 GAS LINE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: MARY W WHEELER
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 **17th day of May, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 27th day of March, 2023
TARA S . GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

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ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

The Board of Supervisors (“Board”) of the Rolling Hills Community Development District (“District”) will hold a meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rolling Hills Amenity Center, 3212 Bradley Creek Parkway, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. A copy of the agenda may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: (904) 940-5850 (“District Manager’s Office”), during normal business hours. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Board Su-

pervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager’s Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager’s Office. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. Marilee Giles 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 13, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. 2013 Dodge ID# 3C4PDCAB1DT555472

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 1939 East West Parkway, Fleming Island, FL 32003
April 18, 2023 at 10:00 am
Tyler Mills-Household Goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage treasures.com Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, April 27, 2023, for the following:
RFB NO. 22/23-46, KNOWLES PIT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, April 28, 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. **A Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Knowles Pit located at 3809 Knowles Pit Road in Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, on April 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** **Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days.** The term bid bond shall include bonds or cashier or certified checks payable to the County. The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL](https://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL). In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal. For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Jessica Loos in the Purchasing Department at (904) 284-6388 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

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

a. Inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids;
b. Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and
c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.
The Board reserves the right and power to reject any and all Bids without cause and to waive technical and non-technical

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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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INVITATION TO BID

Individual sealed bids for the **Wells Road Sidewalk Construction Project, in Orange Park, Florida** will be received by **Town Clerk, Town of Orange Park, 2042 Park Avenue, Orange Park, Florida** until **2:00 p.m., local time, April 28, 2023**.

Envelopes must be clearly marked with the project title, time and date of bid opening. If mailed, bids must be addressed to Town Clerk at the above address. Bids must be submitted in the format as outlined in the Project Manual.

The major work elements include the following:

A. Construction of 1,150 linear feet of concrete sidewalk. Sidewalk will vary in width, but will mainly be 5 feet wide for a total of 5,700 square feet. This includes the

removal of a portion of the existing 4 foot sidewalk near River Road. The construction will require two crosswalks and seven handicap ramps. Also included is the construction of 32 linear feet of guard rail.

B. Construction of 550 linear feet of concrete curbing along the southern edge of Wells Road.

Bid documents will be made available, 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 31, by calling MEANS Engineering, Inc. at (904) 264-9902. The cost of the plans and specifications (hard copies plus CDROM) is \$120.00 (non-refundable). CDROM only bid documents can be obtained from Means Engineering for \$35.00 (non-refundable).

Bidders must hold a current Underground Utilities Contractor license to be considered eligible to bid this contract. Failure to possess such license at the time of bid submittal shall make bid ineligible and may cause forfeiture of bid bond.

Bidders must submit with the Bid, documentation that they have constructed similar type work completed during the past five years with references. Each bidder must include resume and qualifications for his on-site supervision superintendent. Said Superintendent shall have maintained continuous employment with bidder for a minimum of three years.

The bidders will be required to submit a Bid Bond equal to 5% of the bid with their Proposal. The successful bidder will be required, upon award, to furnish a 100% Performance and Payment Bond, with a Surety acceptable to Owner. Each bid proposal shall remain binding for a least 90 days after the scheduled bid date.

The successful bidder will be required, upon award and before work is scheduled, to furnish an Insurance Policy and must name the Town of Orange Park as an additional insured party. Insurance shall provide statutory, and Town policy, coverage limits for general liability, vehicle/equipment liability, and Workers Compensation Insurance.

The Owner shall have the right to reject any or all bids or to reject bids, which are in any way incomplete or irregular. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to reject all bids and re-advertise, or to reject all bids without further action, whatever appears to be in the Owner's best interest.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2023.
TOWN OF ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA
By: Ms. Sarah Campbell, Town Manager

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 170.07, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY THE LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL PURSUANT TO SECTION 197.3632(4)(b), FLORIDA STATUTES, BY THE LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors (“Board”) of the Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District (“District”) will hold a public hearing on **Monday, April 24, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 620 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL 32073** to consider the adoption of an assessment roll, the imposition of special assessments to secure proposed bonds on benefited lands within the District, a depiction of which lands is shown below, and to provide for the levy, collection and enforcement of the special assessments. The streets and areas to be improved are geographically depicted below and in the District’s *Engineer’s Report for the Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District*, dated March 13, 2023, as may be further amended (the master project described therein, the “CIP”). The public hearing is being conducted pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes. A description of the property to be assessed and the amount to be assessed to each piece or parcel of property may be ascertained at the office of the District Manager located at c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010 (“District Manager’s Office”).

The District is a unit of special-purpose local government responsible for providing infrastructure improvements for lands within the District. The infrastructure improvements expected to be funded by the District (“**Improvements**”) are described in the CIP, and are currently expected to include, but are not limited to, roadways, stormwater management system, utilities (water, sewer, reclaim), landscape/landscape/irrigation, undergrounding of conduit, environmental conservation/mitigation, amenities, off-site improvements, and other improvements, all as more specifically described in the CIP, on file and available during normal business hours at the District Manager’s Office. According to the CIP, the estimated cost of the Improvements, including contingency and professional services, is **\$39,463,276.00**.

The District intends to impose assessments on benefited lands within the District in the manner set forth in the District’s *Master Special Assessment Methodology for Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District*, dated March 9, 2023, as may be amended and supplemented (“**Assessment Report**”), which is also on file and available during normal business hours at the District Manager’s Office. The purpose of any such assessment is to secure the bonds issued to fund the Improvements.

As described in more detail in the Assessment Report, the District’s assessments will be levied against all benefited lands within the District. The Assessment Report identifies maximum assessment amounts for each land use category that is currently expected to be assessed. The method of allocating assessments for the Improvements to be funded by the District will initially be determined on an equal assessment per gross acre basis and will be allocated on an equivalent residential unit (“**ERU**”) basis at the time that such property is platted or subject to a site plan. Please consult the Assessment Report for a more detailed explanation of the methodology.

The annual principal assessment levied against each parcel will be based on repayment over thirty (30) years of the total debt allocated to each parcel. The District expects to collect sufficient revenues to retire no more than **\$54,320,000** in debt to be assessed by the District, exclusive of fees and costs of collection or enforcement, discounts for early payment and interest. The proposed annual schedule of assessments is as follows:

Land Use	Total # of ERU	Proposed	Maximum	Proposed Maximum Annual
Unit/Acre	Factor	Principal Per Unit/Acre	Assessment Per Unit/Acre	Assessment Per Unit*
40' Single-Family	106	0.80	\$60,074.63	\$7,661.33
50' Single-Family	264	1.0	\$101,349.28	\$9,576.66
60' Single-Family	156	1.20	\$121,611.94	\$11,492.00

* Includes costs of collection and early payment discounts when collected on the County tax bill. All amounts stated herein are subject to change and/or final determination at the public hearings and meeting identified above. Specific maximum amounts expected per parcel or

product type are as set forth in the Assessment Report.

The assessments may be prepaid in whole at any time, or in some instances in part, or may be paid in not more than thirty (30) annual installments subsequent to the issuance of debt to finance the improvements. These annual assessments are anticipated to be collected on the Clay County tax roll by the Tax Collector. Alternatively, the District may choose to directly collect and enforce these assessments. All affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and the right to file written objections with the District within twenty (20) days of the publication of this notice. Notwithstanding the description of the Maximum Assessments herein, landowners will not have a payment obligation until the issuance of bonds, at which time the fixed assessment amounts securing those bonds, as well as a collection protocol, will be determined. The fixed assessment amounts will be determined at a public meeting, pursuant to a supplemental assessment resolution, engineer’s report and assessment methodology, but will in no event exceed the Maximum Assessments noticed herein. Please note that the preceding statement only applies to capital (debt) assessments and shall have no effect on the ability of the District to levy assessments and collect payments related to the operation and maintenance of the District.

At the same date, time, and place, the Board will hold a regular public meeting to consider any other business that may lawfully be considered by the District. The Board meeting and hearings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The Board meeting and/or the public hearings may be continued in progress to a date and time certain announced at the meeting and/or hearings.

If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearings, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

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 Manager’s Office, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, or by calling (561) 571-0010, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager’s Office.

WHEREAS, the Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District (“District”) was established by Ordinance No. 2023-7 as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, effective February 6, 2023, and is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under and pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended, located entirely within Clay County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, install, equip, operate, extend, or construct certain improvements, including but not limited to: transportation facilities, utility facilities, recreational facilities, and other infrastructure projects, and services necessitated by the development of, and serving lands within, the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) of the District hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the infrastructure improvements described in the District’s *Engineer’s Report For The Lakes At Bella Lago Community Development District*, dated February 6, 2023, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference (“CIP” and the improvements described therein, the “**Improvements**”); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay all or a portion of the cost of the Improvements by special assessments levied on benefited lands within the District pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes (“**Assessments**”); and

WHEREAS, the District is empowered by Chapters 170, 190, and 197, Florida Statutes, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain the Improvements and to impose, levy and collect the Assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall serve as the “resolution required to declare special assessments” contemplated by Section 170.03, Florida Statutes, for the assessment lien(s) levied against the property as described in **Exhibits A** and **B** that secure the Assessments.

WHEREAS, as set forth in the *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*, dated March 9, 2023, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference (“**Assessment Report**”), and on file at Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (“District Records Office”), the District hereby finds and determines that:

- (i) benefits from the Improvements will accrue to the property improved,
- (ii) the amount of those benefits will exceed the amount of the Assessments, and
- (iii) the Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. AUTHORITY FOR THIS RESOLUTION; INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Florida law, including without limitation Chapters 170, 190, and 197, Florida Statutes. The recitals stated above are incorporated herein and are adopted by the Board as true and correct statements.
- 2. DECLARATION OF ASSESSMENTS.** The Board hereby declares that it has determined to undertake all or a portion of the Improvements and to defray all or a portion of the cost thereof by the Assessments and is as set forth in the Assessment Report attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 3. DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENTS.** The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Improvements are described in **Exhibit A** and as set forth in the CIP, which is on file at the District Records Office. **Exhibit B** is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.
- 4. DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID.**

A. The total estimated construction cost of the Improvements is **\$39,463,276.00** (“**Estimated Cost**”).

B. The Assessments will defray approximately **\$54,320,00.00**, which is the anticipated maximum par value of any bonds and which includes all or a portion of the Estimated Cost, as well as other financing-related costs, capitalized interest, and a debt service reserve as set forth in **Exhibit B**.

C. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in the Assessment Report attached as **Exhibit B**, as may be modified by supplemental assessment resolutions. Commencing with the years in which the Assessments are certified for collection, the Assessments shall each be paid in not more than thirty (30) annual installments. The Assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non-ad valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law, including but not limited to by direct bill. The decision to collect Assessments by any particular method

LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



RESOLUTION 2023-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS; DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID; DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT AND A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; ADDRESSING THE SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND ADDRESSING CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

– e.g., on the tax roll or by direct bill – does not mean that such method will be used to collect Assessments in future years, and the District reserves the right in its sole discretion to select collection methods in any given year, regardless of past practices.

5. **DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED.** The Assessments shall be levied, within the District, on all lots and lands adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon such Improvements or specially benefitted thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

6. **ASSESSMENT PLAT.** Pursuant to Section 170.04, Florida Statutes, there is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed, with certain plans and specifications describing the Improvements and the estimated cost of the Improvements, all of which are open to inspection by the public.

7. **PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL.** Pursuant to Section 170.06, Florida Statutes, the District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the maximum assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District’s preliminary assessment roll.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS DECLARED; DIRECTION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARINGS.** Pursuant to Sections 170.07 and 197.3632(4)(b), Florida Statutes, among other provisions of Florida law, there are hereby declared two (2) public hearings to be held as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
DATE: April 24, 2023
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Holiday Inn and Suites
620 Wells Road
Orange Park, Florida 32073

The purpose of the public hearings is to hear comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District Improvements as identified in the CIP and the preliminary assessment roll, a copy of which is on file at the District Records Office. Interested parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the hearings at the District Records Office.

Notice of said hearings shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170 and 197, Florida Statutes, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in

a newspaper of general circulation within Clay County (by two (2) publications one (1) week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher’s affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of the hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

9. **PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION.** Pursuant to Section 170.05, Florida Statutes, the District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within Clay County and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

10. **CONFLICTS.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.

11. **SEVERABILITY.** If any section or part of a section of this Resolution is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force, and effect of any other section or part of a section of this Resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of a section of this Resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part of a section so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of March, 2023.

ATTEST: **LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

/s/Craig Wrathell Secretary /s/ DJ Smith Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Engineer’s Report for the Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District
Exhibit B: Master Special Assessment Methodology Report

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