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Salvation Army fills its food pantry with Empty Bowls fundraiser

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – The annual Empty Bowls fundraiser returned on Tuesday, April 18, for the first time in three years after being shut down by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Clay County hosted its 18th Annual Empty Bowls Event on Tuesday afternoon at the Orange Park United Methodist Church's Family Life Center, with a bake sale, auction, and lots of soup.

The nonprofit hosted a packed room of residents for a piping-hot meal featuring freshly-prepared items from hardworking volunteers, with options including vegetable and noodle soup, potato soup, chili and



Salvation Army Capt. Mike Chamberlin welcomed the large crowd to this year's Empty Bowls fundraiser with a few words at the Orange Park United Methodist Church's Family Life Center.

STAFF PHOTO BY LEE WARDLAW

savory bread.

The meal and the gifting of beautiful, hand-crafted, kiln-fired bowls from Clay County school students from Oakleaf, Orange Park and Ridgeview highs, St. Johns Country Day School and Wilkinson Junior High went to those who made a \$20 donation.

The event was sponsored by The Salvation Army of Clay County, VyStar and McDonald's of Orange Park. The event's purpose was to support the Salvation Army's food pantry programs.

Salvation Army Capt. Mike Chamberlin and Superintendent David Broskie

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Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook takes her turn during the Law Enforcement Torch Run ahead of the Special Olympics Florida State Games next month. See story on page 14.

Life in the fast lane

Middleburg's Hatcher still living his NASCAR dream – 10 seconds at a time

By Don Coble
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MARTINSVILLE, Va. – Drivers were going through their pre-race routines of meeting sponsors and making appearances three hours before last Sunday's race at the Martinsville Speedway.

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Thomas Hatcher, a 2002 graduate of Middleburg High, has pitted cars in NASCAR for the past 17 years.

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MotoSurf Games to hit Keystone Beach this weekend



Clay Today staff

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – After a successful debut on Lake Geneva a year ago, MotoSurf Games will return for three days of racing at Keystone Beach.

The Continental Cup season opener for

the international organization will hit the beach on Friday, April 21, and wrap up on Sunday afternoon.

The three-day event was made possible by the collaboration between the City of Keystone Heights, Clay County Tourist Development Council and Airstream Ven-

tures. The event is free for spectators.

The racing weekend will offer racing action of men, women, and youth athletes. After the last year's success, electric-powered motorized surfboards will measure performances in the Electric Challenge relay race. More competition, simplified racing format, friendly atmosphere, and unique experience with CBS Sports TV coverage in a 30-minute documentary.

Visitors will have a unique opportunity to see a slalom race of Motorized Skateboards that will be available also for public test rides on a closed course.

Fuel-powered motorized surfboards are ultra-lightweight high-tech water machines that can be transported by car, boat and airplane as personal luggage on international and domestic carrier flights. That allows all MotoSurf racers to travel easily around the world together with their machine – a unique attribute compared to other motorized vehicles and motorized sports.

That makes MotoSurfing the cheap-

est, most economical and environmentally advanced and friendly motorsport in the world today.

Established in 2013, MotoSurf Racing is a new and fast-growing sport. MotoSurf racing is well known in Europe mostly for the MotoSurf World Cup and MotoSurf Continental Cup Europe, where we can see more than 100 racers worldwide competing in five Categories – Open, Stock, Challenger, Women and Juniors.

MotoSurf racing came to the United States as a new format called MotoSurf Games. The purpose of the Games is to combine thrilling racing action and lots of fun. The concept of MotoSurf Games is not based only on classic racing, but it's become the combination of classic racing, Electric Challenge relay-race with full electric motorized surfboards, JetSurf TUBE Fun Race and America's first MotoSkate race.

That combination provides a great weekend full of adrenaline, fun and lots of new experiences.

Orange Park council to vote on new garbage contract next month

Extension with Waste Management would cost residents \$50 a month

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – Town council members agreed to hold a final vote on a garbage contract that will cost \$50 a month for residents.

The town is looking to renew its contract with Waste Management.

"I like the idea of having uniform-looking cans out there I certainly understand a fixed income perspective for cost increase," said councilman, an Doug Benefield, "But if I look at the math, it's \$600 a year. To me, that's not life-changing, although it has increased. I'd like to understand more the risks associated with going out for an RFP (Request For Proposal)."

"Like the councilman said about the trash usage, we have three-to-five people (that use it) in our household, and we do fine with one container a week. I think we use one bag per day. For pickup, I don't do it two times a week. I do one time per week," said Susana Thompson.

Thompson said she would also like to gather more information about the RFP.

"I wanted to be sure to give the opportunity to everybody to come in with a quote on behalf of the town residents because I really think we should be diligent in what we agreed to. There's going to be such an increase for a lot of these residents, and many people may not be able to pay for the increase in the service costs," she said.

Town Public Works Director Kyle Croce said locking in on a fairly-priced contract with Waste Management could be a big advantage for Orange Park.

Other concerns remain if the town does not, Croce said.

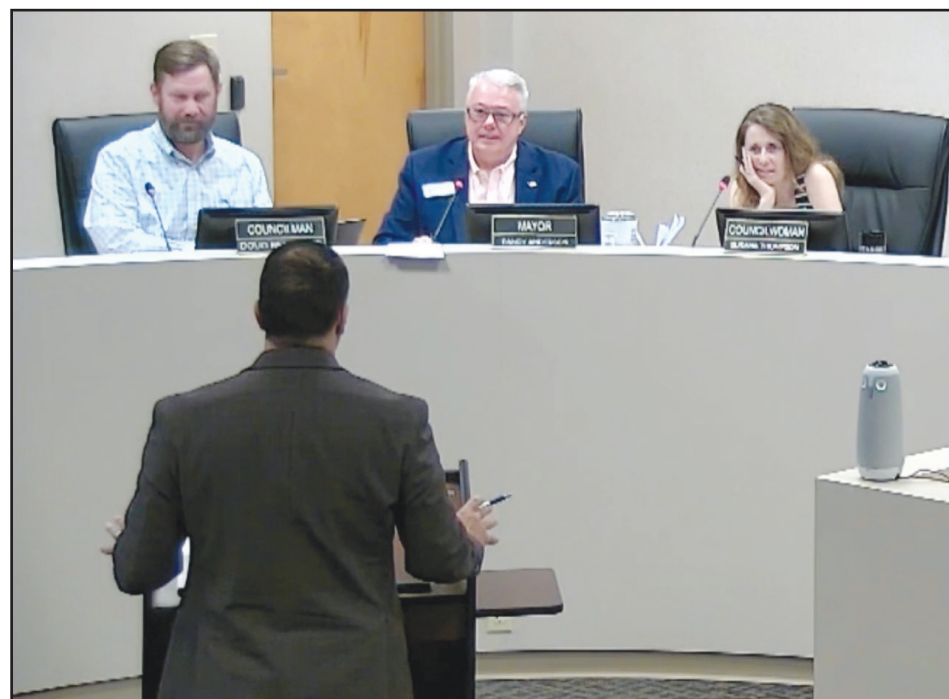
If an RFP were to go out, it would have to be created and advertised on a tight schedule, Croce said.

"We're talking about time, and it's going to be six months. I can guarantee that's next fiscal year," he said.

The contract could also be more expensive.

"Even on a government contract with Sourcewell, those costs for that equipment are going to go up. What they're asking for right now is significantly less than if we go out for an RFP for the new trucks next year," Croce said.

RFP results were also excessively high in Neptune Beach and Fernandina Beach



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Town Public Works Director addresses council members Doug Benefield and Sarah Thompson, along with mayor Randy Anderson, on the potential contract with Waste Management for Solid Waste Services in Orange Park.

than figures that Orange Park presented to their Public Safety and Public Works Committees during their last meeting, according to Town Manager Sarah Campbell.

"We'll do whatever you want us to do, but if you're looking for the best fiscal interests for the residents, the price is not going to go down; it will go up," she said.

"Many local communities pay into the \$60s (monthly) for their trash service. Fernandina is the perfect example for why we should extend and not send out an RFP," vice mayor Alan Watt said.

The council agreed to vote on the contract at its next meeting on May 2.

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Easy hacks to live a more sustainable lifestyle

By StatePoint Media
For Clay Today

Ninety percent of Americans want to live more sustainably, but only 11% consistently do. Why? Research from Procter & Gamble conducted in 2023 found that Americans think sustainable habits at home are too difficult (82%), too expensive (89%) and sacrifice product performance (73%).

However, sustainable choices don't have to be a burden, especially if you know where to prioritize your efforts. For example, the highest environmental footprint of many everyday products, like laundry and dish detergents, comes from the water and energy needed to do the job, like when you wash your dishes in the sink or use your washing machine.

As part of the #ItsOurHome campaign, Cascade and Tide have partnered with digital creators to offer the following easy hacks to help you live a more sustainable lifestyle, continue to get great results and save money on household bills:

Skip the sink

Did you know that a dishwasher uses four gallons of water per cycle while a sink can use the same amount in just two minutes? In fact, each week you use an Energy Star-certified dishwasher, you can save up to 140 gallons of water versus washing dishes at a running sink for 11 minutes a day.

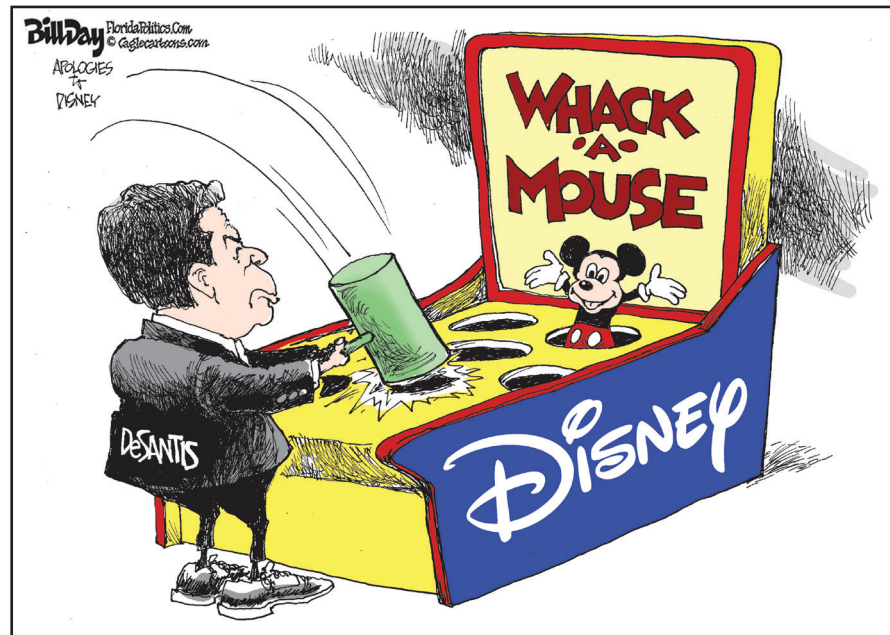
You can skip some of the traditional dishwashing steps when selecting the right detergent. Brands like Cascade are building a water-positive future and helping to reduce daily water use in American households by offering options that provide a high-quality clean without the need to pre-rinse dishes. With its innovative formula, the enzymes within Cascade Platinum ActionPacs latch on, break down and wash away food so you can skip the sink and save water.

"We know people want to save water, but they also want clean dishes. That's why we created a sustainability hack, not a tradeoff," says Marchoe Northern, senior vice president and general manager

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OPINIONS



View from cheap seats provides clearer picture of NASCAR racing's popularity

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — I never realized there are no elevators — only steps, so many steps — in the grandstand at a NASCAR race.

There are no unlimited buffets, air-conditioned with potpourri in the restrooms, assigned work spaces, power outlets, cushioned seats or speedy internet. Nobody can smoke, yell or pass out drunk in the press box.

I learned last weekend at the Martinsville Speedway there's a different world on the other side of the tinted



Don Coble



Dalton finishes off his seventh hot dog during Saturday's Xfinity race.



Famous Martinsville hot dog.

glass of my typical viewing spot. And I loved it.

The walk from the media parking lot to the media suite is only 100 yards. The walk to the grandstands seemed more like a cross-country hike. The property is very hilly, and it always seemed you were going uphill. By Sunday, my thigh and calf muscles were twanging with each step like banjo strings. Where's an escalator when you need one?

I went with two of my buddies, Skylar and Dalton. They'd only been to the Daytona International Speedway and Talladega Superspeedways. Both of those tracks are 2.5 miles or longer. Martinsville is just .526 miles and shaped like a paperclip. Go really fast, make a U-turn and go really fast again. Repeat 800 times. And no matter where you sit, you're on top of the action.

For the first time, I was more fascinated by watching the fans. Speeding cars are nothing new to me. I've always believed NASCAR isn't about cars. It's about people, and it was time I got to know the people who pay the bills — fans.

Drivers and teams are engrossed in

SEE MARTINSVILLE, 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.

Submontane: (sub-mon-tain) an adjective that means at or near the base of a mountain.

"The submontane village enjoys mild winters because the mountain range shields it from storms."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2018

- Former Clay County Commissioner and 39-year educator Larry Lancaster dies at age 70.
- The Clay County Chamber of Commerce releases its Quality of Life Progress Report which shows 51% of county residents are very satisfied and 42% said they are somewhat satisfied with the quality of life here.
- The Green Cove Springs City Council agrees to pay \$1.6 million to replace its Public Works Facility after mold created by Hurricane Irma is found behind wall panels.

10 years ago, 2013

- Superintendent Charlie Van Zant hires an attorney to sue the School Board after Van Zant claims the board had no authority to put job descriptions for district staff in writing.
- Incumbent Felecia Hampshire defeated Alan N. Stevenson to maintain her seat on the Green Cove Springs City Council.
- The board of county commissioners severed its ties with the Keystone Heights Volunteer Fire Department.

20 years ago, 2003

- Sheriff's deputies were on the lookout for a suspect wanted for stealing the cash box and shooting an employee three times in the chest at the Roadhouse lounge on Blanding Boulevard.
- Clay County Sheriff's Office Auxiliary Officer Matthew Brown spots a man want-

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Send us a letter ...

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Opinions ...

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Martinsville

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winning the famed grandfather clock. Much like the Lombardi Trophy for the NFL, the World Cup trophy, the blanket of roses at the Kentucky Derby and the green jacket at The Masters, since 1964 the Martinsville grandfather clock has been considered one of the most iconic awards on the planet.

Fans, however, are fascinated with a bright red sausage in a steamed pillowy bun of chili, slaw, onions and mustard.

If you don't believe me about the Famous Martinsville Hot Dog, take a moment to look it up on Google. Type in "Famous Martinsville Hot Dog," and don't forget the word "Famous."

Was I right?

The hot dog itself is unique. It's bright red. A company called Jesse Jones makes the hot dog, and what makes them so bright red is an additive called Red-40. I try not to think about it. I just eat them – by the bags full.

They're popular because they are delicious. And at \$2 a piece – or four for \$7 or six for \$11 – they're easily the best value in sports.

Dale Earnhardt used to eat two before qualifying because he said they gave him more "octane."

As soon as the engines fire to start the race, the crowd comes alive. They work off their hot dog stupor by cheering wildly for their favorite drivers. Their reaction to the drivers they loathe is just as enthusiastic. The language and hand gestures are enough to make a longshoreman blush.

I couldn't help but wonder if many of those fans dial their mothers with that same finger.

Thomas Hatcher, a Middleburg High graduate who changes the front tires for Erik Jones' No. 43 Chevrolet, said he's worked for drivers fans love and others who fans hate.

"I've been cheered," Hatcher said, "and I've been booed. It's way more fun to get booed."

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Does that remind you of any other "entertainment" sport?

Last weekend, I was one of those fans. So was Winston Kelly, the Executive Director of the NASCAR Hall of Fame. He sat two rows down and 15 seats over from us. We both wanted to observe from the other side of the catch fence. What better way to understand your audience than being the audience?

You quickly learn the metal bleacher seats aren't soft. The thick glass of the press suite doesn't protect your ears. You also can't escape the smell of smoldering brake pads and vape cartridges.

But eat another hot dog, and all is good in the world.

Skylar and Dalton couldn't wait to see short-track racing and eat hot dogs. They weren't disappointed. Dalton ate 16 hot dogs at the track in three days and took 12 home. Skylar ate 12 hot dogs and took six home. I was the lightweight – seriously – with only seven hot dogs and four to-go (and I gave two of them away).

Surprisingly, we barely made a dent in the 70,000 dogs sold last weekend. But we tried.

And I can't wait to join my fellow fans for another afternoon of gluttony and debauchery. And after that, we'll watch the race.

History

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ed for a deadly hit and run on the Governors Creek Bridge in Green Cove Springs, which leads to the arrest of Michael Mircale.

- Officials with Clay County District Schools introduce Mike Wingate as the new principal at Orange Park High.

30 years ago, 1993

- Parents and students tell the School Board it's inappropriate to mix seventh-through-12th grade students at Clay High after several students were suspended for sexual misconduct.

- Keystone Heights City Council again votes against participating in the county-wide solid waste disposal assessment.

- An Orange Park man fires two shots into the ground to stop two men from stealing his grill while he was watching a ballgame at Tanglewood Neighbor's Park.

40 years ago, 1983

- Members of the Clay County Board of Realtors donate their time to refurbish a home for a 75-year-old woman.

- Green Cove Springs Mayor George Killian said he will tell the Chamber of Commerce and County Development Authority what he uncovered relating to Chessco Industry's denial to allow the company to hook into the city's sewage treatment plant.

- Annie Lee Wilber surpasses the 7,000-hour volunteer mark at Clay Memorial Hospital in Green Cove Springs.

Hacks

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of North American Home Care at Procter & Gamble.

Beyond ecology-minded product innovation, Cascade has also joined the Change the Course initiative to support several water restoration projects in the United States. Over their lifetime, these projects are expected to restore nearly two billion gallons of freshwater in water-stressed regions.

Clean on cold

Washing laundry in cold versus hot water uses over 90% less energy in every load. Put another way, that's enough energy savings to power the average American household for over an hour. Consider the 30 billion loads of laundry done annually in the United States and Canada. That's an enormous amount of energy that could be saved with a simple turn of the dial.

If you're concerned about the cleaning performance of a cold wash cycle, con-

sider this, Tide has innovated its products to clean on cold, every load, every cycle. Tide is on a mission to turn three out of four washes to cold water by 2030, which will help prevent an estimated 27 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the Earth's atmosphere.

Washing in cold water with Tide means lower emissions, more financial savings on your energy bills, and a gentler wash that helps preserve clothes longer.

"At Tide, we want to reduce the environmental impact of a load of laundry and increase the impact of clean clothes," says Amy Krehbiel, brand vice president of Fabric Care Innovation at Procter & Gamble. "We are proud to be helping families live more sustainably."

Learn more about Tide's sustainability initiative by joining the conversation on social at #TurnToCold.

With today's current climate concerns, you may be looking for ways to lower your carbon footprint at home, and thanks to product innovation, that's easier today than ever before.

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CLUES ACROSS

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- Makes healthy
- The Who's "ORiley"
- Side sheltered from wind
- Flat-bottomed sailboats
- Egyptian supreme god
- Advice
- Mass of small, loose stones
- Online learning services provider
- 'Lords' in Northwest Semitic languages
- Of she
- A place to relax
- Critical and mocking
- Consumed
- You get one in summer
- Bath
- Luxury automaker
- Spiders spin one
- Guy (slang)
- Greek personification of Earth
- Large instruments
- Domestic cattle genus
- Appetizer
- Oil group
- Where to put groceries
- Speak incessantly
- Popular color
- A place to sleep
- Make fun of

CLUES DOWN

- One-liner
- Evergreen genus
- College in Rome
- Prevents from seeing
- Cycles/second
- Mischievous child
- Less common
- Honorably retired
- Midway between south and southeast
- A confusion of voices and other sounds
- Bony fish genus
- Type of pear
- Egyptian cross

CLUES ACROSS

- Satisfies
- Founder of Babism
- Bar bill
- Chicago ballplayer
- Performer
- Hairpiece
- Partner to flowed
- Aircraft formation
- You have 3 per day
- Goes into
- College athletic organization
- Wet, muddy ground
- Talk
- Witty conversation
- Gurus
- 'French Price of ___ Air'
- Sports equipment
- Try to get
- Flower cluster
- Sea dwellers
- Palmlike subtropical plant
- Polio vaccine developer
- Baseball's Ruth
- Gelatinous substance
- Hungarian violinist Leopold
- Offered
- Ancient Greek City
- A way to derive
- Touch lightly
- Witnessed

Penney Farms' Pavilion for Health Care earns 10th Governor's Gold Seal Award

By Lee Wardlaw
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PENNEY FARMS – Many things have changed in Clay County during the last decade, but one thing has remained the same: the shining-gold reputation of Penney Retirement Community's nursing care home.

The Pavilion For Health Care hosted guests to celebrate another Governor's Gold Seal Award for Excellence last Friday, April 14, at the facility. The ceremony also marked the 10th consecutive time the pavilion has earned the award.

A room packed with Penney Farms and Pavilion residents, employees, elected officials and first responders brimmed with anticipation ahead of the big announcement. Several speakers reflected on what it took to earn the award.

U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean and Penney Retirement Community President and CEO Teresa Scott were the two featured speakers.

Nobody resisted boasting of winning the award. Stringent criteria based on the quality of care, financial stability and staff retention were required in the long and rigorous application process. Residents and staff worked tirelessly to accomplish their mission.

State-of-the-art facilities, excellent care, strong management practices, and



District 4 Rep. Aaron Bean was among those in attendance at Penney Farms Pavilion For Health Care to help ring in yet another Gold Star for the world-class nursing home facility.

doing all possible to promote the physical, social, and emotional well-being of those living at the Pavilion each serve as ingredients in a recipe for great success.

The Pavilion has now proven it is a premiere powerhouse in the state of Florida in terms of providing first-class care. This sentiment was further proven Friday via an official stamp of a decade's success.

"There are 709 skilled nursing facilities in the entire state – 709. Only 10 (earned the award) this year is in the top 1.4%. I was thinking about bringing in a barnyard animal, and it was going to be a

GOAT. Because when you think of 'Greatest of All Time,' you think of Michael Jordan, Tom Brady and Tiger Woods. And now, ladies and gentlemen, we can say Penney Farms," Bean said.

Scott emphasized the importance of retaining a friendly and hardworking staff harboring a family-first mindset toward the residents they care for daily.

This pushes The Pavilion For Health Care towards as they set the standard for excellence in the state with routine Gold Seal selections and promotes the overall organizational culture at the nursing care



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Longtime Penney Farms employee and resident Janice Dyke, who retired as a nursing home administrator at Penney Farms in 2009, delivered a riveting speech on how she first pushed the retirement community to apply for the award all the way back in 2002. Her efforts have certainly paid off.

home.

"We have a long history of retention here. We are so very proud of all (of our staff)," she said.

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Solite area residents told state plans to test grounds in next few weeks

By Lee Wardlaw
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LAKE ASBURY – Clay County Commissioner Kristen Burke told residents she plans to keep pushing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to investigate the site of the former Solite plant.

Burke vowed to continue her fight against the future of the Solite property. Solite was an aggregate kiln company that ran a rash operation at the nearly 1,000-acre property in the Lake Asbury/Green Cove Springs area from the 1970s to 1990s. Developers want to build on the property, but the county said it will block every attempt until an independent third-party group tests areas of concern.

During the 2½-hour meeting last Monday at Russell Baptist Church, Burke and Bruce Reynolds, who formerly worked for the Navy as a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager, provided the same 50-page report given two weeks ago to County Manager Howard Wanamaker and County Attorney Courtney Grimm. Burke forwarded the report to the FDEP, Florida Rep. Sam Garrison (R-Fleming Island), Sen. Jennifer Bradley (R-Fleming Island) and U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean (R-Fernadina Beach).

“So now that they have already spoken to the FDEP, and the FDEP knows that we’re not going away, we are waiting to get their response and see how they are going to take care of this, and not let Solite move on,” she said.

During the meeting with county officials, Burke laid out further claims and evidence against Solite, which included several tidbits of background information



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

Thirty-three residents gathered at Russell Baptist Church, which is around the corner from the Solite plant. They had many heated questions for County Commissioner Kristen Burke and hazardous materials expert Bruce Reynolds about the former aggregate kiln plant.

previously reported by Clay Today.

Burke said the FDEP was not doing its due diligence and that Solite needed to be held further accountable for its actions. However, the state environmental agency did respond to her plan presentation and request for inquiry among five other recipients, which included Grimm.

The email to the county commissioner began like this: “FDEP has received your questions and concerns about the status of contamination and property transactions at the site.”

The electronic communication then said the prospective buyer had notified the

FDEP it plans to perform additional testing in the areas where former employees previously identified, and they would provide the test results of samplings once they complete their first phase.

FDEP will observe the testing, which will be conducted in the next few weeks.

With much evidence and a few unproven claims, Burke and Reynolds made them conclude that all available information leads them to suspect the entire Solite property may be contaminated with ash deposited from kilns/haystacks. They believe it derived from burning impermissible liquid burnable materials and the disposal

of hazardous waste around the property reported by former employees, including equipment containing fuels, other liquid and solid materials, and structural components dumped into the property’s lakes.

Water flows by rainfall can cross over to private properties, depositing contaminants, they suspected, which may have led to a correlation between on and off-site contamination to an apparent high cancer rate and other illnesses in deaths in surrounding areas. Burke and Reynolds have an organized slideshow with “receipts” that paints a clearer picture of what happened at Solite. There is currently a consent order for the 80-acre Village Center property and the rest of the 900-acre Solite parcel, according to FDEP’s electronic communication to Burke and others.

“FDEP does not anticipate any further discussion about possible amendments to the Consent Order until the prospective purchaser finishes evaluating the environmental conditions of the Stoneridge Farms property,” was written in the email.

The separate parcel was purchased recently by an anonymous buyer. The transaction was detailed and confirmed in an email message to two parties dated April 3 from Albert Galliano, an employee of the Northeast Solite Corporation with an address based in Richmond.

Galliano said the parcel is physically separated from the former facility and served as a buffer to the plant. While the Village Center is part of the same property, the remainder of the over 900-acre property is defined as LA SOL in the county’s land development code.

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Obituaries

Ian Dane Bailey

Our beautiful son, Ian Dane Bailey (EE), age 16, passed away peacefully at home on April 4, 2023 safely held in our and his two brothers' arms. Ian was born in Jacksonville, Florida, the eldest child to his parents David and Shannon Bailey.

Ian was preceded in death by his cousins Michael (Mick) Eberhardt and Zane Harris.

Ian's uncanny sense of humor and his innate ability to make others laugh made all who met him feel at ease. He exuded politeness and effortlessly demonstrated the most unselfish love to all who knew him. His ability to love and see all people without predetermined thoughts or expectations was irrefutable.

Ian was not a child of worldly possessions, as the greatest gifts to him were his bonds formed with family and friends. Given a choice between a personal gift or time with others, he always chose the latter.

While battling osteosarcoma for four years, he never wavered in his poise and continued to put those he loved before himself. His concern for the well-being of others always outweighed his own. His desire to protect his parents, brothers and everyone else was prioritized over the pain inflicted upon him from his cruel disease. Our son lived his life to the fullest and always encouraged everyone around him to do the same. He navigated troubled waters with a smile on his face, grace in his heart, and the courage of 10,000 men.



Ian Dane Bailey

Ian was an exemplary scholar whose 4.75 GPA tied him for the No. 1 ranking at Fleming Island High in a class of over 460 students. As a member of Fleming Island High's prestigious AICE program, Ian earned an Outstanding Cambridge Learning award for his performance on his 9th grade exams and attained the Clay County School District's highest score on the European History exam out of over 225 students. Ian was also inducted into the nationally acclaimed National Honor Society for his outstanding academic achievements.

Ian is survived by his parents David and Shannon Bailey, his brothers Lincoln and Owen Bailey, his grandparents Gary and Deborah White, Lawne and Karen Bailey, his aunts and uncles Kristen and Greg Harris, Gary White Jr., and Leigh-Ann and Craig Roy and cousins Zach Harris, Jaden Roy, and Galeigh Roy, as well as other cousins.

Ian's life so beautifully exemplified Matthew 6:19-21; *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

After Ian's first relapse, Ian chose to participate in a clinical trial stating, "Even if I don't survive this, at least I have contributed to science to help find a cure for this disease." In lieu of flowers, we are asking for monetary donations to be able to write a check in honor of Ian to Fourth and Gold, a local non-profit organization started by one of his nurses to fund childhood cancer research. 100% of donations

will go directly to this organization. Venmo info is: David-Bailey-283, and for verification 2768. You may also donate directly to Fourth and Gold on his behalf. Thank you for helping us to honor our son and his desire to further and advance childhood cancer research.

Ian's life was celebrated April 17, 2023 at Sullivan Hall at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.hollyhill-funerals.com.

Issac J. Wheelis

Issac J. Wheelis (Ike) was born on 4/26/1948 and died on 4/8/23. Ike was a free spirit who enjoyed his Harley and relaxing with all company. Ike never met a stranger.

He left this life surrounded by his family. Ike has 3 surviving siblings Sarah Buie, Thetis Bryant and L.B Wheelis, 2 daughters Loretta Richardson and Margaret Pate. Six grandchildren Jonathan, Shawn and Ivan Pate. Mathew, Thomas and Kandise Bryant and 4 great grandchildren.

Community Briefs

Claystock 2 hitting stage for St. Michael's Soldiers, The Homegrown Kindness

MIDDLEBURG – The East Coast Warriors Foundation will host its day-long Claystock music fest on Saturday, April 22, at American Legion Post 250 at 2608 Black Creek Dr.

Stephen Quinn, Southbound 41, The Mae West Band, Circus and Big Engine all will perform at the organization's outside stage. Money raised will benefit St. Michael's Soldiers and The Homegrown Kindness Project.

Last year's event raised \$13,500.

Scenic Highway pancake breakfast being served at Penney Farms

PENNEY FARMS – To celebrate J.C. Penney Scenic Highway and Arbor Day on April 22, Penney Retirement Community will host an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast in Kohler Park at the corners of Clark Avenue and Gwinn Street from 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Other breakfast items will be served. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and younger.

Proceeds will be used to community projects like a roof replacement for New Hope Church and a historic "point of interest" on the scenic highway loop.

After breakfast, a Live Oak will be planted in the park.

Penney Retirement Community to welcome pianist Gail Smith

PENNEY FARMS – Renown pianist Gail Smith will play a recital at 7 p.m. as part of the Community Commemorate Concert Series on April 23 at Penney Memorial Church.

Smith has performed and taught internationally. In addition to being a concert pianist, she is also a music historian, author and piano instructor.

She will play selections by Johann Strauss, Frederic Chopin and Cesar Franck, as well as some of her own compositions.

Penney Memorial Church is located at 4465 Poling Blvd. at Penney Farms. The concert is free and open to the general public. Street parking is plentiful.

Prescription drug take-back hosted at Orange Park Hospital

ORANGE PARK – With April 22nd being National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, the team at HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, in cooperation with the Clay County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Agency, will be outside of the ER collecting unwanted or expired prescription medications – for free. The event is drive-thru style from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no need to get out of the car, and the DEA safely discards all medicine.

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Clay High Navy JROTC program celebrates 50-year anniversary

By Lee Wardlaw
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay High Navy NJROTC hosted its big 50th-anniversary ceremony at the school cafeteria last Thursday, April 13.

The event included impassioned speeches from Principal Jennifer Halter, Master Chief Chris Green, County School District Coordinator of Athletics and Development, John Sgromolo, and others. The program ended with a ceremonial cake-cutting.

The ceremony officially highlighted a half-century of an elective program that put hundreds of Blue Devils' students on a fast track for life after high school, regardless of their big post-graduation plans.

During a ceremony, community educational leaders spoke about important programs regarding the ever-important high school elective program.

Halter said while there is plenty of tradition at a school that has produced professional athletes, elected officials and several others of note, there might not be a tradition quite like this one fostered through the NJROTC program.

It's a sentiment that resonated with the group of clean-cut, uniformed students who were able to "take it all in" while taking a short break from class for the historic anniversary.

While Sgromolo, a Clay High alumnus, has a proud lineage of military family history. The son of a Marine veteran and grandson of a Navy veteran said while service to the country is of the utmost importance, lessons learned in the immersive,



The Clay High School NJROTC poses for a group shot on the big day of the half-century anniversary for the storied Blue Devils' school elective program that has set hundreds of students up for success in life after graduation in military, college, and several other career fields.

STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

all-involved NJROTC program will help them succeed regardless of where life's journey might take them.

"The cadet staff has very high standards to live up to and we are ready to make this a great year. I would like to thank all of those cadets and instructors who have gone before us, and made Clay High School Navy JROTC a premier unit for the last 50 years," said Cadet Commanding Officer, Mikayla Wyrick.

The cake-cutting officially commenced the 50th anniversary of the NJROTC, with school principal Jennifer Halter and School District Coordinator of District Athletics John Sgromolo were among those in attendance.



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Oakleaf's Kayla Tallant finds comfort in Future Farmers of America

By Don Coble
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OAKLEAF – Kayla Tallant's sanctuary is a thickly-woven cotton and embroidered jacket.

So young to be subjected to so much confusion and grief, the energetic Oakleaf High senior has bounced from home to home, only to find solace in her blue Future Farmers of America jacket.

"The barn has been my safe place that blue corduroy jacket for FFA feels like home," she said.

Her parents were so strung out on drugs and alcohol, she was adopted by her grandparents when she was 2. They lived on a 25-acre farm in Suwannee County. In 2008, her grandmother – actually, Kyla called her "mother" – was diagnosed with scleroderma. Soon after that, her grandfather – "Papa" – was diagnosed with Parkinson's-Plus.

"I didn't really have parental support from the start," she said. "After I was born, I was blessed enough to have my grandparents. They took me in, and they made sure everything was great. They took care of me from Day 1."

Now it was her turn to take care of them. Although she was only in middle school, Kayla became their caregiver.

The farm was too big and too demanding for an aging couple and a child, so they moved in with their son in Palm Bay. Kayla was in seventh grade, and she flourished. She played sports, was a cheerleader and a member of the band. Life was good.

Then her grandfather died. At the same time, her grandmother's health deteriorated, especially after she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Her uncle moved the family to Middleburg.

"My uncle had never been married; he never had kids," Kayla said. "He totally turned his life around to take care of me. He pretty much was my guardian."

She reconnected with her "biological" father, but he suffered brain damage and was partially paralyzed in a car crash. She never rekindled her relationship with her mother.

"I've matured at a young age and learned how to take care of myself. But I have had with my parents. I have good examples of what not to be in life," she said. "I've always had big goals. I would definitely have to say if it wasn't for my grandparents, I would not be here today. I would not be the person that I am today," Kayla said. "They've shaped me. They've molded me. They've truly made me who I am. They told



Kayla Tallant

me I could do anything I put my mind to."

With so many changes in her life, Kayla learned to be self-supportive. Suddenly, she was in charge of caring for her grandmother and father.

Although she needed the support of others, she knew to take care of herself. That helped her adjust when she moved out and was on her own during her junior year at Oakleaf.

Emotionally and physically drained, Kayla was hospitalized because she didn't have a way to deal with her grief. She found peace in a unique place.

"When I was 12, I wanted to be a pediatrician for infectious disease, but when I got to Oakleaf, I was thrown into an ag class," she said. "I got super involved in FFA, I got a cow that I raised from three weeks old up until my senior year. FFA has been the place that feels like home to me."

Kayla wants to be selected for a state-wide position in FFA after she graduates next month. "I've switched over from wanting to be a doctor to now I want to teach agriculture," Kayla said. "Agriculture truly, the FFA organization as a whole, has truly changed my life for the better."

She is the reigning Miss Agriculture USA for Clay County and the Clay County Cattleman's Sweetheart. She's an officer in the National Technical Honor Society and a National Science Honor Society member.

And she will graduate with a 3.5-grade point average.

"I haven't been dealt the best hand of cards, but it really matters how you play them," she said.



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Keystone Height's Ulsch climbs from hole of doubt, despair, emotional pain to graduate with honors

By Don Coble
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Sam Ulsch thinks about his parents every day. We wonder if they'd be proud of his accomplishments in sports and the classroom. He questions whether they found a way to beat their demons.

So many questions. So few answers. "I wish they could see how things turned out," he said. "They missed a lot." Sam's father lost his job as a youth pastor. He didn't last long as an insurance salesman, either. That's when both of his parents started down a dark road of substance abuse.

"It got tough early on for my parents," Sam said. "I'm the oldest with five brothers. Because of everything they had to deal with, (my parents) didn't make the best decisions. They turned to substance abuse. They made it very difficult for my brothers to be successful."

Then came the call on Sept. 18, 2018. His parents died instantly in a remote area of Bryceville in Nassau County.

Now a senior at Keystone Heights High, Ulsch will celebrate a rebirth when he gets his diploma. His emotional collapse started before his parents, Phillip and Holly Ulsch, were killed after a logging truck turned in front of them, and they ran into the back of it.

"When I got the news, I bottled up," Sam said. "I knew my brothers needed me, but the year that happened, I quit all sports. I didn't try in school. I didn't put forth much effort."

Things changed the moment the Indians hired Steve Reynolds as its defensive coordinator. He was promoted to head coach three months ago.

"Well, myself and coach (Lantz) Low-



ery, his weightlifting coach, we spent a lot of time with Sam," Reynolds said. "And look, Sam makes it easy to want to spend time with because he's a great kid. He does all the right things. He takes time. And, you know, he puts effort into everything he does. He's an impressive kid. A person like that has something so drastic happened to them, we just wanted to do everything we can."

Sam returned to football and weightlifting as a sophomore. He was a three-year starter in football and a member of two state-winning weightlifting teams.

He also is the Senior Class Secretary and close to earning his Associate's degree from Santa Fe College in the dual-enrollment program.

"I was mourning my parents' loss, but I had to find a way to get around that," Sam said. "I started to move along. I got back into sports. In my sophomore year, I started taking school serious. I took (advanced placement) classes. I got my stuff straight."

"I give all the glory to God, but I wouldn't be where I am today without the people around me."

"I'm going to miss him terribly when he graduates," Reynolds said.

Reynolds said he plans to stay at the school as long as there's a Ulsch boy in the pipeline. Ben Ulsch will be a senior next year. Other brothers are currently in seventh grade and ninth grade.

"I'll be coaching an Ulsch until I retire,"



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Football coach Steve Reynolds helped Sam Ulsch rebound from the despair following his parent's death by helping him find solace in the school's athletics programs.

Reynolds said. "There's three more here and there's two more across the street (at Keystone Heights Elementary).

"I fully anticipate coaching up those

kids until I retire."

"My brothers are doing well," Sam said. "They are my best friends."

And like their big brother, they have questions, too.



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From left, County Manager Howard Wanamaker, Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless, VyStar Senior Vice President Brad Filbert, Tax Collector Diane Hutchings, Orange Park Police Chief Gary Goble, Sheriff Michelle Cook and attorney David King all volunteered to help the Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary raise money to support its food bank.



Former Orange Park High art teacher Maristella Miller and bowls from her class from 2020 were on display. Several kiln-fired clay bowls hand-crafted by students were taken home by participants to support the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Clay County to support its food pantry programs.

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provided a few short words to commemorate the event. Nina Wunderlich, President of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Clay County, also spoke.


"That's the best part, is that we are all together again. There are leaders in the community here and volunteers, and we are happy to be all together again. We're just happy to serve the community, serve the hungry in the community, and serve other needs," she said.

Several specialty auction items was offered to help fight against hunger and other needs in the county, including freshly-baked slices of cake, whole cakes and goodie bags filled with things like coffee mugs, popcorn, DVD movies, yarn, crayons, custom calendars and more, along with paintings depicting beautiful North Florida scenery like a crane in the marsh and a sunflower in the field.

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Torch run lights the fire for Special Olympics athletes headed to state games

By Lee Wardlaw
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FLEMING ISLAND – In a fireworks-filled continuation of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, runners swarmed down to the Publix parking lot on Fleming Island on Friday, April 14, morning.

The ceremonial run to honor Special Olympics athletes kickstarted at 10 a.m. But first, the Clay County Fire Department temporarily halted traffic heading on U.S. Highway 17 on Hibernia Road to hang a beautiful, oversized American flag that would soon later greet runners overhead as they took their first steps of the “great race.”

The flag was hung vertically via four ropes: two that were attached to the top of an overextended ladder from a county fire truck more than 30 feet above, and a second pair that was fixated to the truck and a sheriff’s office vehicle parked across the street.

When the event began, a flurry of runners, walkers and bicyclists shot off into the abyss, which was soon followed by a dedicated motorcade of civilian golf carts, Clay County Sheriff’s Office police cars, officers from Green Cove Springs Police Department and motorcycles.

The purpose of the torch run was to recognize the county’s Special Olympics

team to the state games at Walt Disney World.

The run followed a 3.4-mile circuit that crisscrossed U.S. 17 to the Black Creek Trail, which then went north on the trail towards Village Square Parkway, then to Town Center Boulevard and Fleming Plantation Boulevard.

As the parade-like event with a festival-style atmosphere continued to unfold, the crescendo of the Torch Run peaked as the group traveled through Village Square Parkway in the heart of Fleming Island.

Here, the legendary, ambitious, and well-accomplished Fleming Island High “Eagle Band One,” which performed at the 2023 New Year’s Day Parade in London, joined in on the fun, marching along with athletes, officers and other participants.

As the event unfolded, the community at large passionately rooted on runners, walkers and bikers from the sidewalks of the street interconnecting the veins of the Fleming Island community. That included employees from Baptist Medical Center Clay, students from Thunderbolt Elementary, neighbors and several others.

“We just had such a great turnout all the way around. We appreciate everybody that came out to support us. It was just great,” said organizer and CCSO Sgt. Zach Cox.



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Special Olympics athletes joined law enforcement, fire rescue officers and volunteers in the Torch Run that will end at Walt Disney World for the Florida State Games.

Cox doubled down on what makes the event so special to the Clay County community.

“At an event like this, it’s great to have everyone come back together for one cause, one great movement. We stress that it’s not a run or a race but a movement for the Special Olympics. That’s what it’s all about,” he said.

The Torch Run follows up the most successful Tip-A-Cop program. Together, the two county-based events serve as crucial

fundraisers to send nearly two dozen county athletes to the Florida Special Olympics Games at Walt Disney World next month.

“Sending them down to Orlando to compete (in the games), it means the world to them, because some of them don’t have the opportunity to travel, don’t have the opportunity to leave the county for different things. All of the funds that we raise here allows them to participate, which is so important. They absolutely love it, and it warms all of our hearts,” Cox said.



Thunderbolt Elementary students clapped and waved as runners, walkers, bikers, and a motorcade of police and civilian vehicles followed along for the big event.



A group of athletes awaits the longly-anticipated Torch Run.

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NFLT, county officials solicit ideas about long-range future of conservation

By Lee Wardlaw
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MIDDLEBURG – Concerned residents had the opportunity to tell Clay County and North Florida Land Trust officials which projects they'd like to implement as part of the Clay County Land Conservation Program during a town hall meeting on April 13.

The workshop was led by North Florida Land Trust's Ramesh Buch, a real estate liaison, and Heather Nagy, Community Conservation Coordinator.

Buch gave a compelling and informative presentation on the steps NFLT must go through to help form a Conversation Program like the one that could very well be on the way in Clay.

Buch has an immersive background in land conservation, including a 30-year employment history in local government, including a stop in Miami-Dade County with their Endangered Lands Program.

Residents were happy to see a swathe of land protected that's often at odds with growth and development between Interstate 75 in Alachua and Marion counties and the I-95 corridor. Buch also was successful in getting a conservation referendum passed in Nassau County.

Now he's trying to accomplish the same thing in Clay County.

He said there are phases to the pro-



Ramesh Buch explains how conservation plans have to wind their way through the political process.

cess. The first step is public desire.

"Folks were telling us, 'We're starting to lose the things that make Clay County special to us,'" he said. Those same residents took the case to the Board of County Commissioners, which aids the public in hammering out the process of taking the idea from the workshop room to the ballot box.

"The county came for assistance and entered into a contract with us to put together this workshop and the plan on how to move forward," Buch said.

But moving from workshop to ballot box is a long process.

"The county then refines the plan based on the community and the Board of County Commissioner's input. We'll weigh all of this, and then we would devise a proposed

map. Then, we'll take it back to the County Commissioners for approval," he said.

A vote is likely to appear as a referendum "down the ballot box" following the all-important presidential and state elections that will also shape the future of Clay County in just 18 short months.

Finances factor into the mix as well.

Money is essential because decision-makers want to have polling information that indicates a strong chance the measure would pass because passing a conservation program is harder after failing once.

"It's hard to try to come back and do that once again because people don't remember why you failed; they just remember that you failed," Buch said.

NFLT said it hopes to earn about a 60% of the vote.

The "art of the deal" takes place in business and regular political proceedings and between the North Florida Land Trust, constituents and local county governments and other land trusts throughout the state.

It has already happened on a widespread level, with multi-billions of funding approved in Florida counties.

"In Florida, 84% of referendums have passed, with 28 counties passing 68 separate referenda, with a success rate of 102-for-123, according to Buch, and \$4.7 billion in local funds were approved, he said.

"You can't spend more than \$25 on your average taxpayer. You need to cap it at \$30 million, and you've got to package working lands and water quality (as protected values, for example). All of those things have to be packaged to have the best shot," he said.

If passed, the first cycle for land applications would be in Spring 2025, with evaluations taking place in Summer 2025.

The most important aspect of the plan is for taxpayers to prioritize the different projects. One part of the process would be a feasibility study and a targeted poll with structured questions to create a data-backed heat map based on resident preferences.

Residents were asked to place stickers on a list of seven values to emphasize, including historic and cultural preservation sites, water quality, access to recreation, waterways, preserving the 100-mile, 140,000 acres "O2O" (Ocala to Osceola) wildlife corridor, parks and agricultural lands.

"(These are) all of the things that match the benefit that you get out of the environment. Whatever you tell us, you should put those pieces in place, so in the end, it's good government. You spent your money, and we're doing what you told us to do," he said.

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Green Cove Springs to upgrade electric grid at Governors Creek

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Council members opened the city’s checkbook for water and electricity projects during Tuesday night’s meeting. They agreed to spend a total of \$273,960 – \$162,200 to American Wire Group and \$111,760 to Gresco – to buy underground electric cable to move electricity transmission lines from poles to underground at Governors Creek along U.S. Highway 17.

The council also will spend \$167,500 to

pay for the project.

The work will be completed by March 31, 2026.

The city received \$502,500 from the Florida Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the work will be part of the Federal Department of Emergency Management project.

HMGP will pay for 75% of the project. The rest – \$167,500 – will come from the city’s Electric Fund Capital Budget. The city learned that Federal Emergency Management Agency extended its disaster declaration earlier this week, which will push back

the completion date by six months.

The project will require a lot of engineering and environmental work, so the city needs extra time to complete the project.

In other business, the city also voted to ask FDEP and the State Revolving Fund to extend the completion date for the Harbor Road Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility to March 15, 2024. The city also added retention and audit records to the original request.

• Also, the city approved the certification of nominations for Seat 1 candidate Ed

Gaw and Seat 2 candidate Daniel Johnson. Both ran unopposed this year, so they will be sworn to a new three-year term on May 16.

• The city agreed to spend \$2,000 with Evans Media Source for sound and entertainment for Riverfest.

• The city agreed to spend \$20,000 for a temporary office building for its Plans Examiner and Building Inspector for Commercial and Residential permits until it finds a permanent office.

The city council’s next meeting will be on May 4.



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Briefs

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Lake Region Kiwanis hosting first Family Mini Golf tourney

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Families are encouraged to bring their best putting strokes to the first Kiwanis Lake Region Family Mini Golf tournament on May 6.

Registration for the event starts at 10:30 a.m. and players will hit the artificial turn from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Keystone Heights Mini-Golf at 7154 SE County Road 21B in front of Orange Blossom Restaurant.



Cost is \$10 for a single; \$25 for a family. Low scores will win prizes. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available, and the fundraiser also includes a 50/50 raffle.

Charity proceed will remain in the community.

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. 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.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of considering the adoption of a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Clay County 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance adopting the proposed amendment is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF TWO PARCELS (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 33-05-26-014471-002-00 AND 39-05-26-015162-000-00), COMPRISING 6.67 ACRES, FROM RR (RURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO COM (COMMERCIAL); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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

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

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-11-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 105 OF THE CITY CODE; AMENDING CHAPTER 105, SEC. 105-2 TO ADD TRANSPORTATION LEVEL OF SERVICE BASED ON PERSON MILES CAPACITY; DELETING CHAPTER 105, SEC. 105-5 AND RENUMBERING SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS ACCORDINGLY; AMENDING THE CURRENT CHAPTER 105, SEC. 105-7 REGARDING TRANSPORTATION LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS; ADDING SECTIONS 105-7 ~ 105-32 TO CREATE A MOBILITY FEE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, RULES OF CONSTRUCTION, AND FINDINGS; ADOPTING THE MOBILITY FEE STUDY; PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION; IMPOSING MOBILITY FEES ON NEW CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR CALCULATION AND ALTERNATIVE CALCULATION PROCEDURES FOR MOBILITY FEES; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF MOBILITY FEE PROCEEDS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING MOBILITY FEE DEFERRAL; PROVIDING FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN SIZE AND USE; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION CREDIT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION METHOD; PROVIDING FOR REVIEW HEARINGS; PROVIDING A REVIEW REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR PERIODIC MOBILITY FEE RATE ADJUSTMENT; PROVIDING FOR A DECLARATION OF EXCLUSION FROM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING OF MOBILITY FEES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF MOBILITY FEE RATES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Planning and Zoning: Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;
 City Council: Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;
 City Council: Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at these scheduled public hearings, they will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

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

All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

City of Green Cove Springs
 Michael Daniels, Development Services Director
 321 Walnut Street
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Steve Kennedy, City Manager

Fleming Island's Kevin Hamm promoted to brigadier general

By Maj. William Carraway
For Clay Today

MARIETTA, Ga. — Kevin Hamm, Director of the Joint Staff of the Georgia National Guard, was promoted to brigadier general during a Clay National Guard Center ceremony.

A resident of Clay County, Hamm's military career has spanned four decades and four continents.

Hamm's military career began in 1991 when he joined the Florida National Guard while attending college as a Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet.

In 1993 he was the Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of West Florida and commissioned into the Regular Army. After completing field artillery branch training, Hamm deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Uphold and Restore Democracy as the fire support officer for Company B, 3rd Battalion 15th Infantry Regiment. He served in Korea with the 6th Battalion 37th Field Artillery Regiment from 1996-1997.

Hamm joined the Georgia Army National Guard in 2002 and began a long association with the historic 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery Regiment in Savannah. One of the oldest units in the US Army, the 118th perpetuates the lineage of units that predate the American Revolution and is one



PHOTOS BY MAJ. WILLIAM CARRAWAY
Brig. Gen. Kevin Hamm thanked his family and fellow service members during his promotion ceremony at the Clay National Guard Center.

of a handful of National Guard units with a campaign streamer from the War of 1812.



U.S. Army Special Forces Lt. Col. Derek Webb, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bruce and newly-promoted Georgia Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Kevin Hamm discussed observations made during Exercise Didgori at the Krtsanisi Training Center near Tbilisi in 2015.

Hamm deployed to Iraq with the 1-118th from 2004-2005 as the assistant plans officer and to Afghanistan from 2009-2010 as the battalion's executive officer.

On September 30, 2012, Hamm assumed command 1-118th, succeeding Lt. Col. John Gentry, who relinquishing command on April 15, 2015.

Hamm served in key staff positions, first as the operations officer for the Georgia Army National Guard and then as the joint plans officer for the Georgia National Guard.

Hamm assumed command of the 648th Military Engagement Team, an element of the Fort Benning-based 648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade in August 2017 with Command Sgt. Maj. Jeff Logan, the current State Command Sgt. Maj. of the Georgia Army National Guard, is his senior enlisted leader. Comprised of officers and senior noncommissioned officers from 14 military career fields, the MET mobilized in support of operations throughout the Central Command area of operations.

The MET conducted military-to-military engagement with regional partners in mul-

multiple countries to build relationships and build partner capacity. Engagement teams from the MET worked with military and government officials in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Tajikistan, Oman and many other nations. During their duties, MET Soldiers conducted more than 172,000 miles of travel within the Central Command area of operations.

On July 15, 2018, Hamm assumed command of the 648th MEB, succeeding Col. John Gentry.

During his command tenure, Hamm directed the response of the 648th MEB to hurricanes Michael and Dorian in 2018 and 2019 while serving as the Georgia National Guard's joint taskforce commander during response operations. Hamm led the brigade through the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Following a successful brigade command tenure, Hamm returned to the Georgia National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters in Marietta and served as Chief of the Joint Staff. He was appointed director of the Joint Staff in March 2023.



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Pay attention to safety when using lawnmowers, outdoor equipment

Know your machine; review safety procedures; follow manufacturer's guidance

For Clay Today

Spring is here and as we get out our lawnmowers and other outdoor power equipment out from storage to work in our yards, businesses and other green spaces, it's essential to keep safety in mind.

"Think safety first," said Kris Kiser, President and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, an international trade association representing outdoor power equipment, small engine, utility vehicle, golf car and personal transport vehicle manufacturers and suppliers.

"I can't stress enough to review the manufacturer's safety guidance before starting up any equipment—especially your lawn mower. Review your owner's manual and do maintenance on your equipment," said Kiser.

OPEI offers these tips for readying and using your outdoor power equipment:

• **Know not all lawnmowers are the same.** Whether your mower is a garden tractor, zero turn mower or other, it has a unique design, requirements, weight classification, and other differences that impact how to use it safely. The newest machines have the latest safety standards.

• **Know your specific machine.** Many mowers may look similar, but

the technology is ever-evolving with evolving safety systems. They vary in design, power supply, performance, operating parameters, and more. Your manufacturer-supplied owner's manual will guide you in these differences. Read your owner's manual.

• **When using mowers on slopes, follow the manufacturer's guidance to the letter.**

• **Do not disable or alter manufacturer-installed safety equipment.**

• **Walk your yard before mowing.** Slopes, wet grass and weather may impact equipment performance and safe handling procedures. Pick up sticks and limbs that may have fallen to the ground over the winter and any loose objects that a mower could hit. Inspect trees for damaged limbs that may get in your way when mowing.

• **Look over equipment before use.** Check the air filter, oil level and gasoline tank. Watch for loose belts and missing or damaged parts. Replace any defective parts or take your equipment to a qualified service representative.

• **Protect your power.** Use only E10 or less fuel in gasoline-powered outdoor power equipment if it's not designed for higher ethanol blends. Add a fuel stabi-



lizer if you don't use up all the fuel in the tank immediately. Burn off any fuel before storing the mower for more than 30 days. For battery-powered equipment, only use battery packs specified by the manufacturer. Follow all charging instructions as outlined in the owner's manual. Be sure to store fuel and batteries safely. Keep batteries away from other metal objects, store them in a climate-controlled area, and never stack batteries.

• **Keep children and pets away from machines during operation.**

• **Keep your mower clean.** It will run more efficiently and last longer. Always remove dirt, oil or grass before using and storing. Store equipment in a dry place, avoiding damp or wet environments.

For information on safe fueling, go to www.LookBeforeYouPump.com. For more safety information, visit www.opei.org.

Junk to treasure: Yard sale benefits Keystone Heights' Junior/Senior High's Trading Post

KEYSTONE – The Keystone Lake Region Business Association (KLRBA) held a yard sale on Saturday, April 15, at Keystone Heights Insurance. It aimed to benefit the Trading Post at Keystone Heights Jr./Sr. High. All proceeds went to the program. The idea came from Barbara Franklin, the secretary of KLRBA. She suggested the business association could raise money with a yard sale where items like kitchenware, home décor, books and toys were all donated by KLBRA members. Residents were able to purchase items by giving a monetary donation.



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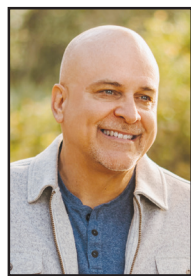
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In this life, we often feel incredible pressure to provide for ourselves and our families.

This pressure comes out of an earnest desire to put food on the table and a roof over our loved ones' heads. Most certainly, those are noble goals and things to which we should strive.

But we need to remember where our true sustenance comes from, and that's the Lord God.

If we don't rely on Him, we'll never be able to receive everything we need. God is our ultimate provider.

Living life as a follower of Jesus requires balancing our trust in God and our own efforts. There's an old saying attributed to St. Ignatius that said, "Pray as if everything depends on God, and work as if everything depends on you."

There's also the old adage that goes, "God will help those who help themselves." The message throughout is clear: God will provide for our every need, but He expects us to put in the work too!

The Bible speaks to this as well. Deuteronomy 11:14 reads, "*He will send the rains in their proper seasons—the early and late rains—so you can bring in your harvests of grain, new wine, and olive oil.*" See the union here between the God's work and our own? The harmony between humanity and God here is wonderful.

God gives us everything we need to complete the work He has called us to do, and through its completion, we find His providence.

Remember, God will send the rains in the amount we need and the time we need it. But we need to put our hands to work to gather the harvest.

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



Cassadaga – The Psychic Capital of the World

By Ted Hunt
For Clay Today

CASSADAGA – Spiritualism is the belief that life continues after death and that the spirits of those who have died can communicate with the living through what's called mediumship.

There are Psychic, Spiritual and Intuitive mediums. They are essentially the same thing. They talk to spirits in the afterlife. A medium uses their psychic or intuitive abilities to see a person's past, present and future events by tuning into the spirit energy surrounding that person while receiving messages from that person's past relatives. The Medium then passes this information, good or bad, to the living relative.

Spiritualism is an ancient art that took hold in the United States around the 1840-50s. Spiritualist camps were established in the northern states for famous mediums to provide places for spiritualists around the country to meet, exchange ideas and witness physic demonstrations. These camps were not really areas with camping facilities. Camp was just an old term used to indicate the gatherings of religious groups. Many camps had a hotel, a cafeteria, several cottages and maybe a dancing pavilion. They were so popular many spiritualists began building homes inside



the camps to reside year-round. Because of the weather, these revivals only took place in the summer. There was a need for a camp in the south where the revivals could be conducted year-round. Thus, the prophecy begins.

The Prophecy

In 1875, a medium named George Colby, was conducting a trance séance in Iowa when he was contacted by a Native American spirit guide named Seneca. Seneca told him to travel to Wisconsin and meet up with another spiritualist, and together they would be given further instructions on their mission. Once together, Seneca told the two mediums to travel to Florida and

establish a spiritualist camp on a site of seven hills and surrounded by lakes. Not one to argue with a spirit, they took a train to Jacksonville, then a riverboat down the St. Johns River to Blue Springs. From there, they traveled by foot through the dense, subtropical forest, looking for the Promised Land.

The Prophecy Fulfilled

It took several months of exploring, but eventually, they found an area of high bluffs and lakes, just as described by Seneca. The two mediums soon separated over differences of opinion. Colby bought 74 acres near Lake Helen and operated a dairy farm for the next 18 years. For reasons unknown, he didn't do anything to organize the camp he had been sent to create. Although Colby continued to correspond with the northern spiritualist, the idea of a southern camp was placed on the back burner for almost two decades.

It wasn't until 1894 when spiritualists from New York decided to send a delegation to Florida, to look at a different location then Colby's for their summer retreat. After inspecting another possible site in Florida for their camp they became convinced that Colby's area would best fit their needs.

It was now official, the Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp was established in 1894. Colby was back in good graces and in 1895, he deeded the camp 35 acres of his land. The Camp was now in business.

The Camp

The Camp was an immediate success. Their first meeting lasted three days, and attracted more than 100 people who came to see famous mediums and demonstrations of every physic kind. By 1898, cottages, a lodging hall, library and dancing pavilion had been built inside the Camp. Cassadaga was the place to be anytime of the year. In the 1920s, a church and hotel were built. More than 40 mediums now called Cassadaga their permanent home.

In the 1930-50s numerous articles were written about famous mediums coming to Cassadaga to perform their physic abilities before large audiences. There were spirits being materialized, mediums going into trances and speaking in tongues. Seances were being conducted on a regular basis. The Cassadaga hotel was booked for months on end and also the other hotels located miles from Cassadaga. The town even had its own newspaper listing current and upcoming events and demonstrations. Cassadaga had become the Psychic Capital of the World. The Psychic business was good, very good.



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Hundreds enjoy springtime weather, food, music, cars at Middleburg Festival

PHOTOS BY NANCY COLTRIN

MIDDLEBURG – Residents were treated to games, vendors, bounce house, barnyard animals, classic cars and music by Duval County Line at the Middleburg Spring Festival on Saturday, April 15. The annual event attracted thousands to the Middleburg Civic Association as the community celebrated another springtime. The event also brought attention to the financial challenges to maintain the Middleburg Museum.



Police Briefs

SWAT team ends standoff by firing gas at man wanted on drug charges

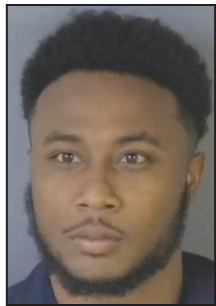
ORANGE PARK – According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, it needed to shoot gas into his car to arrest a Duval County man wanted arrested on April 12 after a confidential source bought fentanyl and crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school in session.

In addition to the drug charges, Rydell Omar Green, 25, of Jacksonville, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest after the CCSO SWAT team had to shoot gas into his car in the parking lot of a fast-food restaurant after he refused to get out of his car.

Green, whose bond was set at \$665,001, was also charged with child abuse because the transaction occurred during school hours near Orange Park High.

Deputies used an informant to buy \$580 of fentanyl and \$220 of crack cocaine on Blanding Boulevard on April 6. According to the arrest report, the informant was supposed to purchase methamphetamine, but Green didn't have it. To appease the buyer, Green offered to sell crack cocaine.

When deputies attempted to arrest him, Green laid down in the front seat and refused to comply to commands to get out



Rydell Green

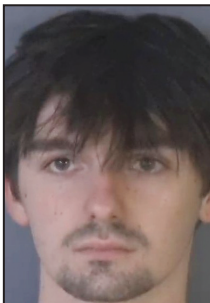
of the car, which prompted the SWAT team to end the standoff with gas.

CCSO: Man busted for selling meth, cocaine, fentanyl to informant

ORANGE PARK – A Jacksonville man was taken to the Clay County Jail after the Sheriff's Office said he sold methamphetamine, fentanyl and cocaine to a confidential informant working with the agency.

Michael James Dugan, 20, of Jacksonville, was charged on April 12 with delivering all three drugs at a controlled purchase on Blanding Boulevard.

According to the arrest report, the informant got into the passenger seat of Dugan's car in a parking lot and purchased the drugs for \$420. The transaction was recorded on video. Dugan's bond was set at \$300,009. He will be back in court on May 15.



Michael Dugan

Middleburg felon pleads guilty to possessing ammunition

JACKSONVILLE – A Middleburg man is now awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to possessing ammunition as a convicted felon. Cody Mack McCormick, 35, faces a maximum 15-year sentence.

According to court documents, on Dec.

12, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida issued a search warrant authorizing the search of McCormick's home. The next day, McCormick agreed to be interviewed by a Special Agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. During the interview, McCormick told the agent that there were no firearms in his home, but there was ammunition. McCormick admitted he was a convicted felon and confirmed he knew that he could not legally possess firearms.

After interviewing McCormick, law enforcement searched his home and uncovered 317 rounds of ammunition on shelves in McCormick's bedroom. When asked, McCormick provided the combination to a safe, which was also in his bedroom. Inside the safe, agents found 43 additional rounds of ammunition and the registration to McCormick's car. As a previously convicted felon, McCormick is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition under federal law. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Clay County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Coolican is prosecuting it. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence and to make neighborhoods safer for everyone.

On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on those core

principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities and measuring the results.

Man caught with methamphetamine, sleeping in stolen boat

MIDDLEBURG – A local man accused of stealing a boat from Black Creek Drive got into more trouble when Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies found a baggie with methamphetamine in his shirt pocket while he was he was booked into the county jail.

Lucas Matthew Jeffers, 24, of Middleburg, was charged with grand theft, the introduction of contraband into jail and possession of methamphetamine on April 12 after a CCSO Marine Unit deputy recognized a boat on Black Creek that was reported stolen on April 11.

According to the arrest report, the boat was floating under some trees on the bank. They found Jeffers sleeping in the boat, less than 300 yards from where the boat was reported stolen. Deputies said Jeffers admitted to taking the boat.

His bond was set at \$30,006.



Lucas Jeffers

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, April 18

Cam/Ron J. Dove, 21, Orange Park, shoplifting
Donahue R. Anton, 30, Green Cove Springs, attempted armed robbery
Joseph A. Moore, 30, Orange Park, shoplifting
Michael S. Sandford, 39, Orange Park, two counts possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia
Derrick L. Mack, 21, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control
Cody W. Crenshaw, 30, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice
Stephen W. Allen, 46, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery by strangulation
Shawn D. Marcum, 42, Green Cove Springs, trafficking-methamphetamine, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony
Daniel P. Murrhee, 33, Keystone Heights, domestic battery with injury
Bruce A. Perry, 51, Orange Park, shoplifting
Kristina L. Souza, 52, Keystone Heights, criminal mischief

Monday, April 17

Nathaniel S. Kurr, 18, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery
Cherry M. Padgett, 43, Orange Park, trespass-

ing
Timothy E. Andrews, 27, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR
Yemanh B. Gebremedhin, 31, Green Cove Springs, sale/delivery-fentanyl, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony
Zachary L. Anderson, 30, Fleming Island, FTA
Isaac D. Higginbotham, 27, Orange Park, violation of injunction against domestic violence
Tamesha M. Mallory, 22, Orange Park, trespassing
James A. Krause, 42, Orange Park, felony domestic battery by strangulation
Casey A. Potter, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery, VOP-resisting law enforcement
Gracie J. Berry, 19, Green Cove Springs, VOP-larceny
Joseph R. Lawson, 41, Green Cove Springs, petit theft
James M. Bell, 43, Green Cove Springs, writ of attachment

Sunday, April 16

Leigh A. Stansbury, 39, Green Cove Springs, aggravated battery
Larry A. Kardon, 69, Fleming Island, DUI with property damage/personal injury
Brittany R. Jones, 43, 43, Orange Park, FTA-trespassing
Joshua A. Sumner, 37, Middleburg, two counts aggravated assault with deadly weapon, aggravated domestic battery by strangulation
Kevin D.G. Ortiz, 31, Middleburg, shoplifting
Nathan A. Rose, 48, Middleburg, domestic battery by strangulation

Alyssa M. Smith, 20, Orange Park, domestic dating battery
Nicholas D. Bowling, 20, Middleburg, DUI with BAL of .15 or higher
Richard P. Skelton, 45, Middleburg, DUI

Saturday, April 15

Jacob D. Hangen, 48, Orange Park, domestic battery
Douglas W. Robinson, 40, Keystone Heights, DUI with property damage/injury, leaving scene of accident involving property damage
Omar V. Soto, 39, Middleburg, domestic battery
Christian J. Sameniego, 26, Orange Park, DWLSR
Garrick Joss, 49, Orange Park, DWLSR
Kristina M. Stephens, 26, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery
Edward L. Colton, 43, Green Cove Springs, FTA
Kyle A. Tallman, 27, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, DWLSR

Friday, April 14

Jimmy S.H. Liu, 20, Orange Park, two counts FTA
Corry J. Preston, 33, Middleburg, contempt of court/violating injunction by communicating with witness
David A. Drake, 34, Green Cove Springs, VOP-extortion/threats
Kameron C. Powell, 23, Green Cove Springs, VOP-burglary
Peter S. Qaoud, 50, Green Cove Springs, FTA-possession-cocaine, FTA-possession-drug para-

phernalia
Della D. Alexander, 53, Green Cove Springs, battery

Thursday, April 13

Allison M. Padgett, 43, Middleburg, non-support
Robert J. View, 31, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, trespassing
Devin J.R. Hyland, 25, Green Cove Springs, FTA
Paul R. White, 26, Green Cove Springs, grand theft vehicle
Stacy L. Johnson, 55, Middleburg, petit theft
Gary M. Desimone, 41, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-grand theft, VOP-uttering/passing/altering check, VOP-burglary
Tracy J. Adams, 34, Orange Park, false verification of ownership to secondhand dealer, dealing in stolen property, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-hit and run/leaving scene of accident with property damage
Katherine M. Skipper, 34, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft, VOP-criminal use of personal information
Jessie C. Huff, 28, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery
Drew W. Peddy, 32, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Wednesday, April 12

Nicholas J. Burris, 23, Orange Park, giving false name/ID to law enforcement, DWLSR, driving with non-registered license tag, four counts FTA
Kurt A. Hendl, 30, Middleburg, DWLSR

Hatcher

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Pit crews had their routines, too, of stacking tires, unraveling air gun hoses and erecting a massive command post a few feet where their race cars would make 10-second stops during the race.

While others were scrambling, Thomas Hatcher sat patiently and wiped the grime off his shoes. This wasn't his first race and it wasn't time to be in a hurry. After running in front of speeding cars to change front tires for the last 17 years, he doesn't flinch.



Hatcher finished last year with Denny Hamlin's team to give Hamlin a better chance to win the NASCAR Cup championship.

Pit crews are younger, faster and stronger, but Hatcher, 38, is still regarded as one of the premier over-the-wall crew members in NASCAR.

"To do it as long as I've done, I've seen a lot of people come and go, especially pitting," he said. "The guys I started with, there's only one or two left. Back in the shop, it's a little longer life. But how many times do you get to do what you love to do? It's amazing that you get to do something so

many people want."

And he's never wanted to do anything else since graduating from Middleburg High in 2002.

Now a tire changer for Erik Jones' No. 43 Chevrolet, Hatcher was part of a championship season with Joey Logano in 2018, and he was a member of the World Championship team with driver Kyle Busch last year.

More impressive, he was one of five men who changed four tires and added 12 gallons of gasoline to Busch's car last year at the Richmond International Raceway in less time that it takes for your credit card to be approved at the pump.

"That 8.6 (second) stop set a world record," Hatcher said. "That's fast."

In that stop, Hatcher ran from the wall and dropped to his knees to change the right-front tire. He stood up, ran around the front of the car and changed the left-rear tire. The time he spent on the job – wall to wall – was just 10 seconds.

Now it's his only job.

Hatcher's career started to fast track to racing when NASCAR Technical Institute got an invitation from auto mechanic instructors Doug Drake and Ronnie Delp to tell students what it has to offer.

"They came and recruited at Middleburg High School because Mr. Drake and Mr. Delp were big into automotive," he said.

Three years later, he was working in the Roush Yates Engines engine shop. Still, his real passion was to service cars in a frantic atmosphere where a small mistake in the time it takes for a light bulb to turn on can be the difference between going to Victory Lane or packing up and moving the show to the next town.

"I was still working in the engine shop, but I was thinking about driving on the weekends, going to race tracks and pitting," he said. "On weekends, I went to pit crew school. They had a pit competition at Roush (Fenway Racing), and I thought that was kind of cool."

So he did both jobs until the organization eventually forced him to decide whether to remain in the shop or pit cars. It was an easy choice.



Hatcher changed tires on the world record pit stop with Kyle Busch last year. Five crewmen completed the stop in 8.6 seconds.

"They asked me to choose," Hatcher said. "I was young and I wanted to pit, so I slid over to the car shop (pitting), and I stayed there until 2011."

From there, he worked at Penske Racing, where he teamed with drivers Brad Keselowski and Logano. His best run was with Logano, where he was part of the 2015 Daytona 500 victory and the 2018 championship.

In his seven years with Logano, they won 23 races.

Before that, racing was transitioning in a direction. Joe Gibbs, who was the head coach for three Super Bowl wins with the Washington Redskins, realized former football players, especially linebackers and tight ends, would be perfect to pit cars. They had fast-twitch muscles that combined speed, quickness and strength. While Hatcher played football, wrestling and track at Middleburg, that was a long time ago. He now competes against other crews built primarily of former football players.

"The toughest part is I'm getting a little older," he said. "It's harder to stay healthy throughout the season. It's a long season. I'm still looking out the front window, though. You can't look in the rearview mir-

ror."

Gibbs still employs Hatcher. Another significant change in the sport is powerhouse teams like Joe Gibbs Racing and Hendrick Motorsports sub-contract pit crews to smaller teams. Legacy Motor Club has such a deal with JGR to "rent" crews.

While at JGR, Hatcher spent most of 2022 working with Busch. But his entire pit crew team was moved to Denny Hamlin's car in mid-September after Busch was eliminated from playoff contention. Gibbs wanted to improve Hamlin's championship hopes by having the world record team pitting the car.

Now he's with Legacy.

"This is the last year of my contract," he said. "I don't know what I'm doing next year. I've got a lot of experience in my position, so I don't think I'm going to have trouble finding something. I'm with a new crew this year. When I was with the 22 for seven years, we had the heart of the crew for all seven years."

He's not ready to slow down.

"I do this because I love racing," he said. "I don't care what it is. I love racing. I really love dirt-track racing, but it's a hard life. There's not a whole lot of money in it."

His family still lives in Clay County, and he said he misses home.

"I miss the country. I miss Florida. I miss fishing," he said. "In North Carolina, it's really hard to find a place to go fishing. At Lake Norman, since they (homeowners) own the shoreline, you can't fish unless you're in a boat. Also, it's more of a sporting lake. Most of the drivers live on the lake."

His career has included thousands of pit stops. Unless you examine each stop with time-lapsed photography, it's nearly impossible to notice a mistake. But Hatcher knows the difference.

"When you have a perfect day, it's euphoria," he said. "I'm going to go out there today, and I'm going to make a mistake. But experience will help me recover quicker. I've always believed it's not about not making a mistake. It's about recovering from it."

And getting ready for the next stop.



Thomas Hatcher, third from left, played a vital role in Joey Logano's Cup Series Championship in 2018. He also was part of the World Championship team last year with driver Kyle Busch. Hatcher said he wanted to pit cars after the NASCAR Technical Institute made a recruiting visit to Middleburg High in 2002. Hatcher also was part of Logano's 2015 Daytona 500 winning team.



Cassadaga

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The Declining Years of Spiritualism

Beginning in the 1960s Cassadaga's popularity began to decline somewhat. The more popular mediums were growing older and dying, and interest was fading. Certain other religious groups called Cassadaga the work of the devil and condemned its spiritualist practices. Winter visitors tapered off. Maybe the media's coverage of fraudulent practices of a few deceptive so-called mediums sparked the phasing out, no one really knows. But rest assured, Cassadaga's reign as the largest spiritualist community in the southern states would cease to give

in to any negative outside pressure. In 1991 the Camp was designated a Historic District and placed on the National Register of Historic Places

The Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp today

Today the small community is alive and well. The Spiritualist Camp consists of approximately 57 acres with 55 Victorian houses with about 100 year-round residents. The Camp is laid out in a square, with the main road leading to two lakes – Lake Colby and Spirit Pond. Those who reside here have chosen to live in a community of spiritual people where they can worship and work in harmony with their beliefs. Many of the Camp's residents are certified

mediums and healers offering services from their homes or apartments. The mediums that reside in the Camp are not gypsies or witches. They do not use tools such as Crystal Balls or Ouija Boards. They only use their psychic abilities in their sessions.

Hundreds of visitors visit the Camp hoping to communicate with a deceased relative each month. It's a regular stop for tour busses carrying passengers who can have lunch at the historic Cassadaga Hotel and listen to intriguing stories about the Camp history and residents. Visitors can shop at the bookstore, explore the Camp, and perhaps schedule a reading from a local medium.

Classes and walking tours of the Camp are available. Séances are conducted regularly in certain buildings and homes in the

Camp. The bookstore can provide you with all of the information.

The Cassadaga Hotel was built as a boarding house for the Camp in 1901. It burned down in 1925 and was rebuilt in 1927. It's now privately owned and not part of the spiritualist Camp. Even though it's no longer affiliated with the Camp, it offers medium services. The front desk can assist you with information.

While you're at the front desk, if you're interested in things that might bump in the night, be sure to ask the clerk about the hotel's friendly spirit – Arthur.

Today there are 13 Spiritualist Camps throughout the United States, but only Cassadaga can claim to be the Spiritualism Capital of the World.

Vietnam Veterans to award two scholarships to Clay County seniors

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

The application deadline is April 30.

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

accredited university, junior college or vocational/technical school.

The criteria to apply includes:

- A letter telling us about yourself, your life goals, and your plans for the future. Include your name, address, phone number and email address; an official, original letter of acceptance to an accredited four-year university, two-year college, or trade school on official letterhead.
- An essay, with a minimum of 500 words, based on an interview with a veteran, or active-duty member, from any branch of the United States military. The

interview should include a veteran's experiences while serving either here or abroad or a significant mission in which he/she participated.

- An essay is comprised of the introduction, the main points (body), and the conclusion. The essay will be judged on originality, grammar and spelling.
- A letter of recommendation from a school faculty member who is a school counselor, principal or teacher.
- A list of your community service, awards, and recognitions received during grades 9-12. Provide copies of documenta-

tion.

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

Recipients of the scholarship will be announced at the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1059 meeting on June 3.

Please mail the completed application on or before the deadline to: Vietnam Veterans Scholarship, P.O. Box 626, Orange Park, FL 32067-0626. For more information email Joanne Byrns at jobyrns@bellsouth.net or call (904) 705-1074.

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Class 1A Weightlifting Championships

Indians answer the bell with third title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

LAKELAND - Keystone Heights High boys weightlifting coach Lantz Lowery knew his regional glimpse at defending 2A champion Suwannee High, now in Class 1A, was going to be the same look a week later in Lakeland.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Keystone Heights weightlifter Bryar Schenk will take a Class 1A weightlifting title with him when he continues his football playing days at River City Prep next fall.

"Going against Suwannee the week before was a big help," said Lowery, noting Keystone Heights beat Suwannee in Tradition at regions by a 56-53 score with Suwannee dominating the field in the Olympic scoring. "All the way around, the state meet was not our best day."

Lowery noted that the competition in general, in the big arena with the best in the state hovering around the platforms, made for some uncomfortable lifts throughout the field.

"Everyone there is still a high school kid," said Lowery. "Being on that stage is a very daunting experience whether you are there for the first time of there for the third

SEE KEYSTONE, 29



Keystone Heights High's boys weightlifting team shows off plenty of championship hardware after winning a third straight state title in Lakeland. Keystone Heights was Class 1A champion in Traditional and had two individual champions; Larry "Trey" Jeffries and Brian "Bo" Overton.



Area elementary school kids take off at the Run to the Sun one mile fun run held Saturday in Orange Park.
 See coverage of the annual Florida Striders event on page 32.



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Class 2A Weightlifting Championships

Eagles storm to top of state podium

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

LAKELAND - With a relatively unimpressive region championship showing, third place finishes in the two disciplines, the Fleming Island High boys weightlifting team defied the odds with an astoundingly impressive showing at the Class 2A weightlifting championship with a repeat of their two team titles in Class 3A two years ago.

In 2021, in Class 3A, Springs earned outright team titles in the Tradition scoring, 24-18 over University High, in a year without the Olympic Snatch discipline part of the competition.

In 2022, still in Class 3A, and now with the Olympic Snatch added as a separate lift next to the Traditional scoring; clean and jerk and bench press, Fleming Island was 19th in Tradition and 27th in Olympic Snatch.

"Look at my paper, I had us tied with them with 19 points going down there," said Fleming Island boys weightlifting coach Damenyum Springs, who now has two sets of state championships trophies in the past three years after Saturday's thrilling 19-19 first place tie with Choctawhatchee in Lakeland for the Class 2A Tradition team title and a 26-26 first place tie with Leesburg in the Olympic scoring team championship. "I crunched the numbers and I had us tying with 19 points in the Tradition with Choctawhatchee. That 19 winning the title was a bonus."

Ironically, Choctawhatchee crushed the field in region 1-2A with Fort Walton



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island High boys weightlifting coach Damenyum Springs holds Class 2A trophy after his Golden Eagles won their second state title in the last three years (2021 in Class 3A) with individual state titles to Tyler Beverly, Zach Davis, Jered Rhodes and Kevin Reyes.

Beach second and Fleming Island third by 18 points.

Fleming Island scored big with Zach Davis winning the 154 Traditional title and Gage Isbell taking second in Unlimited to

Choctawhatchee's David Pettway, but it was a scoreless morning session with the lightweight classes for Choctawhatchee that kept Fleming Island in the game.

"I calculated 12 points for them in

the first session and they scored zero," said Springs. "Our lightweights were our youngest lifters and not going to factor

SEE EAGLES, 29



Ridgeview's Randy Emmanuel finished third at 129 in both Olympic and Traditional scoring in Class 2A with Middleburg's Gabe Harp, center, finishing third behind teammate Josh Senear in Traditional at 169. Right, Fleming Island's Jered Rhodes won the 169 crown in the Olympic scoring.

Blue Devils steal 'Train' from Panthers

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK – Friday night lights always seem to add something special to any game, and Friday night baseball at the Jungle of Ridgeview, fans from both teams were given plenty to cheer for as the proverbial Momentum Train jumped the tracks to excite the game even more.

“If you clean the ballgame up, execute, and do all the little things; we say little things but obviously they are big things because when we don’t do the little things, big things happen,” said Ridgeview coach Saul Jimenez, 13-6, who saw his Panthers registered a week’s worth of big games; an extra innings 3-2 loss to St. Joseph Academy, a tense 2-0 loss to Fleming Island, an 8-6 win over Oakleaf, an 8-3 win over Stanton, prior to hosting the Blue Devils. Ridgeview entered the game ranked 15th in 5A.

In their first at-bat, the Clay High Blue Devils, 17-4, ranked fourth in 5A, 25th in Florida, loaded up four runs on the Panthers which may have sent many teams packing in the first inning.

But, hold the phone. Over the next three innings, the Panthers scratched and clawed their way right back into the game, tying it at 4-4 in the bottom of the fourth.

As fast as Ridgeview said not so fast, Clay said stand back and watch this as they piled on five runs in the top of the fifth on their way to a hammering of Ridgeview on their home field with a 10-5 victory.

Mid-game, as Clay was making a few defensive mistakes that were costly, Clay Head Coach Josh Persinger called time to bring the entire infield to the mound for a talk.

“I had to remind them, hey we’re okay. I’m loud and I don’t have a problem telling them things,” said Persinger. “Then there are other times where I just have to pat

them on the back and say we’re okay. At that point I told them regroup, make the routine play, we’re pretty good too. I read them and give them what they need when they need it.” The next inning the Clay bats exploded, and the Blue Devils blew the game open.

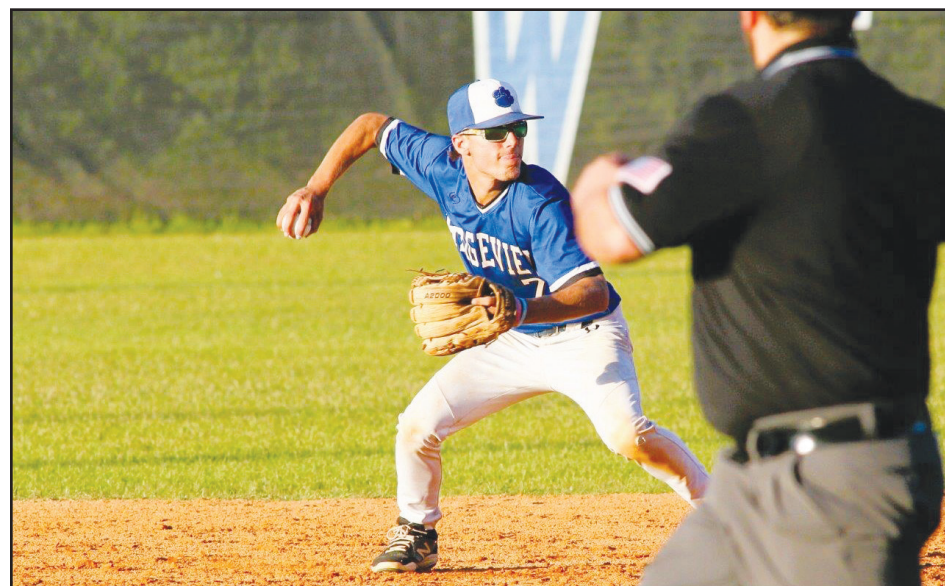
The air was heavy with anticipation for the game as the Panthers had beaten local powerhouse Oakleaf Knights 8-6 just 10 nights prior. The Blue Devils had beaten the Knights exactly one month ago 6-2. Both teams knew this game would come down to who will make fewer mistakes or have Lady Luck sitting in their dugout.

The Blue Devils got things kicked off quick when on the second pitch of the game, Cole Carnell tripled deep to center field, followed by Chase Haggard with a line drive to right field to score Carnell, 1-0. With two outs, the Panthers looked to be ready to stop the bleeding until Merrick Rapoza dinged an RBI single to score Jacob Anderson, who was running for Haggard, 2-0. After Easton, McMahan got on with a Panther error, and a wild pitch pushed both runners into scoring positions. With a single to center field, Collin Briggs notched two RBI’s as Rapoza and McMahan crossed the plate, 4-0.

The Panthers went right to work to chop the lead with each swing of the bat. In the bottom of the first with two outs, the Panthers loaded the bases with Alfredo Jimenez, Billy Girgis, and Wesley Langley.

The Panthers would not need a bat to break the ice as Keegan Roach was hit by a pitch to bring the first run across the plate, which stole the momentum train from the Blue Devils and parked it inside the Panther dugout, 4-1. Clay closed the inning without any further damage, but a momentum shift was underway.

After three Blue Devil batters up, three outs, the Panther momentum continued.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Ridgeview High shortstop Billy Girgis fires to first base in Clay win over Panthers.

Cody Holland walked onto first base and was driven around to third when Marquee Williams grounded out to second base. After the second out, Douglas Langley grounded to the shortstop and made it onboard when the throw didn’t hit the target, scoring Holland, 4-2.

After an unremarkable third inning, in the top of the fourth, again, three Blue Devils to the plate, three outs.

In the bottom of the inning, Holland got things moving for the Panthers with a right field single, then into the scoring slot on second base with a sacrifice by Wesley Langley. Xavier Harris walked to get two runners on first and second for the Panthers. Douglas Langley followed with another sacrifice to move his teammates to second and third base. Girgis finished things up as he poked a two RBI single line drive to right field scoring Holland and Harris, 4-4.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Blue Devils found the keys to that momentum train parked in the Panther dugout, stole it, and kidnaped Lady Luck in the process. With back-to-back walks putting Sean

Alvers and Carnell on with no outs, Chase Haggard attempted a sacrifice, but was safely on when the Panthers commit-

ted an error. With two quick outs, it looked like the Panthers had the inning about to shut down. Merrick Rapoza stepped into the box and after a swing and a miss and a foul, he blistered a worm burner to the shortstop who just could not get a handle on it.

“I think with basics, if you can put the ball on the ground, if you can force the other team to make mistakes, and you put pressure on high school baseball players, I think you can win a lot of games.” said Persinger.

With the RBI single and the lead, the momentum train went into overdrive and brought Anderson, Josh Rouw, Rapoza, and McMahan home, 9-4.

“The whole game, on both sides was just not a real clean game,” said Panther Head Coach Saul Jimenez. “I think we keep it clean and limit errors and it’s maybe a 2-1 ballgame. If you execute, I’m not saying it goes our way or their way, but if it’s a lot cleaner, it’s more of a 3-2- or 2-1 ball game, not 10-5.”

In the top of the sixth inning, Carnell would score off a Haggard single for Clay, and Ridgeview would have Harris score off an Jimenez single in the bottom of the sixth for the final 10-5 score.



St. Johns Country Day School sidwinder Jeff Henry hurls curve ball to Providence batter in Spartans 7-6 loss.

Spartans get a look in the mirror

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - With a fresh new ranking of number one in Class 2A and 11th in all classes Florida, the St. Johns Country Day School Friday match against Providence was a chance to face off against a mirror image of themselves.

“This was a game against a team very much like us; good pitching, good bats, solid defense,” said St. Johns coach Tom Lucas, who saw way too many errors end with a 7-6 loss to the Stallions. “Games like this come down to one or two plays that change the game.”

Providence, at 17-4, ranked 18th in all classes Florida, and sixth in Class 3A, ver-

sus the St. Johns juggernaut, now at 15-3, looked to maybe be a pitcher’s dual with Providence offering University of North Florida commit Brett Dennis on the mound against St. John’s senior Jacob Thomas, the pitcher’s dual kind of happened, but the unexpected errors; six to St. Johns and four to Providence, was a bit of a surprise.

“You can’t make six errors in a game against a team of this caliber and expect to win,” said Spartans coach Tom Lucas. “I’m proud that we answered at the end with our batting lineup to close the score down, but we’ll focus this week on sharpening up the field play.”

SEE SPARTANS, 33



Fleming Island beat Oakleaf 44-0 in their district playoff opener with speedy wide receiver London Jenkins shredding the Knights secondary here for one of three scores on the night.

Flag Football District Preview

By Joshua Wilson
FloridaHSFootball.com

DISTRICT 2A-2

Quarterfinals (at higher seed)

Mon., Apr. 17th at 6 p.m. unless noted

No. 1 Fleming Island (9-0) vs. No. 8 Oakleaf (4-11)

No. 4 Mandarin (6-8) vs. No. 5 First Coast (6-5)

No. 2 Sandalwood (7-3) vs. No. 7 Orange Park (3-7)

No. 3 Fletcher (8-3) vs. No. 6 Atlantic Coast (3-7), 5 p.m.

Semifinals & Championship (at Oakleaf)

Wed., Apr. 19

Semifinals: 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Championship: 8 p.m.

QUICK THOUGHTS: Fleming Island has dominated teams they have played this season, and unless a surprise happens, expect the Golden Eagles to emerge as the district champions in this one.

DISTRICT 1A-4

Play-In (at higher seed)

Mon. Apr. 17th at 6 p.m.

No. 8 Menendez (4-3) vs. No. 9 Palatka (3-9)

Quarterfinals

Tue. Apr. 18th at 7 p.m.

No. 1 Ed White (14-1) vs. Winner of Play-In

No. 4 Florida Deaf & Blind (6-3) vs. No. 5 Middleburg (4-7)

No. 2 Ridgeview (7-2) vs. No. 7 St. Augustine (5-3)

No. 3 Clay (5-3) vs. No. 6 Westside (5-6)

Semifinals & Championship (at Ed White)

Semifinals: Wed. Apr. 19th at 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Championship: Thu. Apr. 20th at 6 p.m.

QUICK THOUGHTS: Ed White, which won the Gateway Conference tournament earlier this week, is favored to win this district with the season they have had. Ridgeview is a surprise No. 2 seed after the season with Clay at No. 3. Middleburg, who has won this district the last two years, will have to make a run to keep any post-season hopes alive as the No. 5 seed.



Fleming Island quarterback MyKayla Maddox has been mobile slinger for Eagles high-powered offense with five scores via air and three via ground in 44-0 playoff win over Oakleaf.



Who is that masked woman?

Masked shortstop super hero Peyton Kirk fires to first base in double play attempt in 3-0 win over Fleming Island.



Track action at Bartram Trail with Fleming Island hurdler Brenden Cook, javelin thrower Hayden Compton and miler Katie Thompson as area teams prep for districts.



Tennis ace

Oakleaf High senior tennis ace A.J. Tabor won her second straight district singles title with win over Ponte Vedra. Tabor advances directly to the state championship tournament. Fleming Island's boys team advanced to face Ponte Vedra at Ponte Vedra on Tues., April 18 in round one of regions. St. Johns Country Day School's girls team advanced in Class 1A to travel to Oak Hall for their region opener.

Eagles

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much on paper, but Tyler Williams, fifth in 169, snuck up on everyone and that gave us two points. Jered Rhodes, at 199, got second when I thought he would win, but Tyler's fifth made the difference up and got us to 19 points."

Springs noted that Williams was just a first year lifter and more of a football player that lifted before the meet.

"He's an athlete and competitive and the team needed a surprise from someone off the radar," said Springs. "Williams, Tyler Beverly, and Kevin Reyes were our three surprises for the day. The rest of the team kind of did what was expected. Nobody knew what Tyler Williams and Kevin were going to do."

Also in the Traditional scoring, where Ridgeview and Middleburg had qualifiers, Ridgeview's Randy Emmanuel finished third at 129 in Traditional with Emmanuel actual tying with a 440 total to Fort Myers Chelio Antoine but being awarded third by body weight. Emmanuel was also third in the Olympic scoring; 10 pounds ahead of Antoine. For Middleburg, Josh Senear at 169 was Class 2A runnerup by just five pounds to Ida Baker's Luke Buzzelli and five pounds ahead of teammate Gabe Harp who finished third in the same weight class. Both Senear and Harp finished ahead of Fleming Island's Williams. Both finished out of the top 10 in Olympics with Fleming Island's Tyler Beverly winning the title at 169 by 30 pounds with a 490 total.

"Tyler and Kevin Reyes were both kind of new to the Olympic Snatch lift and were



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Fleming Island's boys weightlifting medalists; from left, Tyler Beverly, Kevin Reyes, Zach Davis, Jered Rhodes and Gage Isbell shows off their medals.

a little intimidated by it during the season," said Springs. "It's a little scary throwing that kind of weight over your head in one fast motion."

Beverly, who failed to qualify for state in Tradition because of a no-lift in bench press at regions, was determined to make his worth to the team at the state meet.

"I went in too high at regions and blew my lifts in the bench press and got kicked out of the state meet for Tradition," said Beverly, a junior. "When I did that, I got really mad at myself and told myself that I had to make it up for my teammates."

Beverly made his title a bit more dramatic by missing his first two lifts in the Olympic snatch before besting the field with a 220, then hitting 270 on his second lift in clean and jerk to set the table.

Springs also noted that he had another wild card in his deck with Reyes.

"He didn't win a single meet all season in Olympics," said Springs. "At state, he wins the dang Unlimited Olympics title with the best Olympic snatch of the year."

Reyes, with a solid 215 first lift, a miss

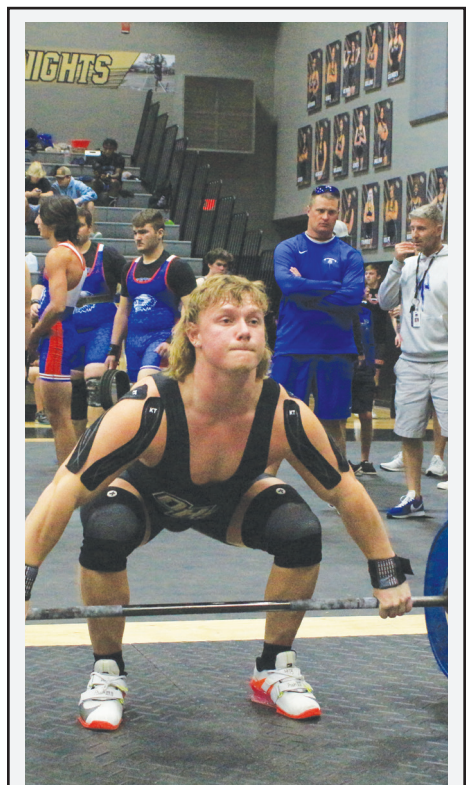
on his second left at 225 and final successful lift at 225, had himself position just 10 pounds behind leader Jayce Marcum of Charlotte; good at 235.

"He outplayed him in the clean and jerk," said Springs, noting Reyes hit his 315 on his second lift to put pressure on the field with just Isbell staying close with his 310 opening lift in clean and jerk. Isbell only hit 200 in Olympic Snatch.

Choctawhatchee's Pettway was not a factor as he did not compete in the Olympic Snatch and was only in for Traditional with his 315 clean and jerk, green lighting Reyes for the surprise title. Reyes, conversely, was not a factor in Tradition having not qualified from region in that scoring.

Also for Ridgeview, Collier Stephens, at 238, finished third in Traditional with a 640 total behind winner Antwan Hampton on North Marion hoisting a 700 total. Stephens would finish ninth in Olympic Scoring as well. For Middleburg, Khoda Moses was sixth at 219 in Olympic scoring.

Fleming Island's Braden Cunningham was seventh in Tradition in Unlimited.



Class 3A weightlifting action

Oakleaf High weightlifter Champ Spangler led a small contingency of Knights in the strong Class 3A championship with Spangler, in Olympics, getting 10th at 183; Prince Savea getting fifth at Unlimited, Christian Rodriguez getting sixth at 139 and Noah Shevchook getting ninth at 129. In Tradition, Oakleaf had Noah Shevchook ninth at 129, Christian Rodriguez seventh at 139 and Savea fifth at Unlimited.

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time."

In the final tally, Keystone Heights got Lowery a third straight state, albeit in just one discipline, Traditional and a tie for second in the Olympic scoring behind Suwannee with the Indians tying with South Sumter with 29 points with Suwannee the champions at 49 points. In Tradition, Keystone Heights dominated with a 41-35 edge on Suwannee and Bozeman third at 15.

"The Suwannee coach is the best at teaching that Olympic Snatch and that's how they dominate," said Lowery, noting Suwannee finishing with four Olympic scoring champions. "Our guys did what was expected pretty much with our Bo Overton winning at 169. He's a workhorse that just shows up and does his job."

Overton had the best Olympic Snatch at 215 and the best clean and jerk at 285 to win by 40 pounds with his 500 total. Overton then punched up the best bench press of the field; a 300, to win the Traditional scoring title by 20 pounds.

"Bo is always the same," said Lowery. "I knew after his first lift that he would win the state title. Say what you want, Bo trusts God all day and that keeps him calm and steady."



Keystone Heights senior Bo Overton, who was injured last year, won a state title on his first trip to the Class 1A championships with Larry Jeffries III powering to his title as a junior.

Lowery, with three trips in his pocket to the state meet with a truckload of trophies including a Dairy Farmer Weightlifting coach of the year alongside Fleming Island's Damenyum Springs, who also won a second round of titles after winning in Class 3A in 2020 to give Clay County a second year of two state championship teams in one sport.



"Three in a row is pretty cool," said Lowery. "This group was pretty special and kind of handled the pressure of being a two time champion pretty well. I don't think it will sink in for a while the level at which they competed and trained the last four years."

Lowery also got an individual title from Larry Jeffries III who won the Tradition ti-

tle at 219 to outduel Suwannee's Brandon Robinson from last week's region. Robinson again beat Jeffries in the Olympic scoring with the pair finishing second and third behind South Sumter's Jackson Sovercool who totaled 555 to Robinson's 540 and Jeffries 515. Jeffries missed on both is Snatch and Clean and Jerk second and third lifts to keep his total low.

"Our philosophy is if we hit all of our lifts, we win," said Lowery.

At 238, where Anthony Rozier-Tyler was the hero of the region meet last week, Coral Shores' Julian Juvier dominated with a 690 total with Rozier-Tyler equaling his 370 bench press at regions and finishing third.

Lowery got double points in two weight classes with Landon Hovsepian and Bryant Schenk finishing second and third behind Suwannee's Sam Wainwright in 183 and Wyatt Van Zant and Reid Begue taking third and fourth in 129 in Olympics for critical Keystone Heights points.

"Both of those pairs of boys work hard together and know where we want them to finish and they just execute the plan," said Lowery. "Reid missed on two lifts, but Wyatt was perfect on all of his lifts. Bryar missed his first in Snatch then was perfect from there. Landon missed just his last attempt of the day on the bench press. I can't ask for more."



Clay County Firefighter Zharia Brooks smiles with her new Guns and Hoses championships belt.



Putnam County's Dean Lowe has his belt and a big smile after beating Jared Charles in event finale at Guns and Hoses.



Jacksonville Sheriff's Joshua Newkirk gets close up look of Jacksonville Firefighter Logan Price's glove before impact.



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Clay County Firefighter Zharia Brooks, in red, listens to referee instruction before her Guns and Hoses in her debut against Jacksonville Sheriff's Office's Keiona Robinson.



Clay County Firefighter Zharia Brooks listens to her coach in between rounds.



Left: Kyle "Nasty" Reed finds calmness before his battle with Sam Humphrey of Miami. Right: The second female bout of the night belonged to FOP's Nicholle Griffith, in blue, and IAFF's Shawn Sulikowski; won by Sulikowski.



Area high school wrestling coach Jamie Harrison, who coached state girls champion Cheyenne Cruce, of Middleburg, and bronze medalist Aubrianna Apple of Clay, was referee for Guns and Hoses action at UNF.

Golden Eagles boys, girls lacrosse teams eliminated in district semifinals

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND - The Fleming Island lacrosse teams each bowed out in the FHSAA district semifinals on April 11, with the boys coming out on the short end of a 12-6 decision against St. Augustine and the girls falling 18-1 to Ponte Vedra.

The girls finished with a 9-6 record, winning six of their final eight games. They simply ran into a buzzsaw in Ponte Vedra, who claimed the District 3-1A title on April 13 and is ranked third in Florida's Class 1A by MaxPreps.com. Jillian LaBelle, who set school records for career points (190), career goals (169), points in a season (92), goals in a season (81), and goals in a single game (11) this year, scored Fleming Island's lone goal. The Golden Eagles will lose LaBelle and starting defenders Baylee Jennings and Rylee Thornberry to graduation. Head coach Brian Seech was thankful for their contributions.

"I will remember these seniors as talented, team-dedicated athletes who genuinely love the game of lacrosse," he said.

Seech, who stepped in to coach the Lady Eagles after Chris Peterson departed for a coaching job at Flagler College late



Fleming Island lacrosse had a stellar season behind Will Krupsky for the boys, left, and Jillian Labelle for the girls with freshman Chloe Perry to be key player next year.

last summer, thoroughly enjoyed his first season at the helm.

"Our roster numbers were not as strong as other teams, but I couldn't be prouder of the grit the girls displayed," he said. "I'm grateful to have had the experience to watch the players develop character and courage this season."

Seven starters will return next year,



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including freshman goaltender Esther Fernandes. Juniors Katie Logan, Sophie Roberts and Chloe Perry will be counted on to fill the offensive void left by LaBelle.

"Chloe is definitely one of my future leaders," said Seech. "She is fun, she is energetic, and she's a grinder. She calls herself the hype girl."

Seech is also counting on speedy fresh-

man attack Kathryn Ward to make a significant contribution next year, labeling her "the next Jillian."

The boys finished with an 8-10 record. Like the girls, head coach John Hawley has to replace his best offensive player but is stocked with a core of underclassmen who give hope for success. Leading scorer Will

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Remich, DelValle win Run to Sun 5K

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Pensacola Rutherford High standout cross country grad Michael Remich and Orange Park veteran road racer Belissa Del Valle won the top spots at the annual Florida Striders Run to the Sun 5k (3.1 miles) road race held Saturday and staged at the Best Buy Dog Track in Orange Park.

Remich, 25, a standout at the University of West Florida, now from Jacksonville, won by more than a minute with a 15 minute, 55 seconds split that was ahead of 18 year old Troy Winkler, second in 16:53. Justin Holstein, 38, was third at 17:58.

Del Valle, 35, who has been one of the top area runners from Orange Park with the range of a 3:34.04 Boston Marathon time and a 2:23 800 meter track time, won the female title with a 20:27 split that comes from a 6:34 per mile average.

Second female was ultra-distance standout Monica Bolanos-Bourdreau, 52 and originally from Colombia, now in Jacksonville, in 21:07, just a hair behind Del Valle. Bolanos-Bourdreau, in 2018, finished 13th at the HellCat 50K Endurance Run in Green Cove Springs.

Third female was Jacksonville's Liv Ade, 25, in 21:38.

There were 423 finishers in the event staged by 1st Place Sports of Jacksonville.

Upcoming is the Sat., May 6 Clay County Young Life "Hula Hustle" 5K and one mile run also at the bestbet.



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Runners take off from start of Florida Striders Run to the Sun 5K with 5K held on River Road from the Best Buy of Orange Park.



Left: Womens winner Belissa Del Valle is Orange Park veteran road racer; winner of the boys division of the Kids One Mile run breaks the tape and Run to the Sun 5K title went to former Pensacola Rutherford and U of West Florida standout Michael Remich.





STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

St. Johns Country Day School's Kody Daneault crosses home plate in late inning rally by Spartans that ended short with Providence winning 7-6.

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Lucas lamented that his usually strong defensive lineup gave Thomas and four more Spartan pitchers little help in tense situations.

"We stayed within a run or two for most of the game with the errors," said Lucas. "That's a positive, but not one to hold on to as the end of the season and districts and regions gets close. We need to execute sharper."

Providence came at in the first inning unabashedly not wincing at Thomas's incoming fireballs from the mound as the Stallions teed off with two singles after kickoff before Thomas settled in with two whiffs to even the tally. Thomas hit Providence batter Mason Wortman to load the bases after the first error on a pickoff play first moved runners to fill the bases before Ben Barrow rocked Thomas with a double deep to left field and three runs. Thomas regrouped for a third out strikeout to stop the barrage.

Dennis limited the Spartan at bats to one single and three grounders.

Thomas hit a second batter and an second error scored the fourth run for Providence. Run five came off a right field fly ball mishandled as Spartan fans were holding their breath watching the mayhem on their home field.

Thomas again ended the bleeding with a third out strikeout.

"We were just not in our game," said Spartan shortstop Sean Andrade, who had his own mishap in the six hole later in the game. "This is an experienced group and we'll have it right quickly. We are much better than this."

St. Johns got their first run on singles to Seth Alford then, Kellen Brown before Providence scored their first error to put the game at 5-3.

Both sides settled into actual Providence/St. Johns style tough baseball for the next two innings; Thomas replaced by sidewinder Jeffrey Henry on the mound

for St. Johns, with little fanfare before Andrade bobbled a sharp grounder from Barrow that scored Wortman from second base, 7-3.

Henry locked down the Stallions for two innings with Kody Daneault hammering a double to left field and Kyle Boylston singling to move baserunner into scoring position. Andrade would sac fly Daneault in before Boylston got snared on a pickoff at second base.

"Great teams make great plays," said Lucas. "They executed that one perfectly."

Henry got loose on the mound to put Thomas Gibbs on the mound with two baserunners in play in the sixth inning. With bases loaded, Gibbs hammered the Providence batters with two strikeouts to squelch any runs.

Dennis did his own squelching with two Ks and a grounder dealing the Spartans a momentum halt.

"He is a Division I pitcher and he just grinded there," said Lucas.

After two walks put Providence back in scoring position, a Lucas calling in senior Paul Janeczko, then Trevor Bradley to the mound, a heads up play on a grounder got a double play as Bradley fielded a fly bunt in the air and turned and fired off to second base to pop both baserunners.

"That was our big play for the night," said Lucas.

St. Johns looked to go big as a finale with Isaiah Mamea hammering a left center h homer, Daneault and Boylston both singling and Andrade singling home Daneault to 7-6 and Lucas anticipating a big finish.

Thomas walked as Spartan fans sat up on their seats, but Alford and George Gilson both striking out to Providence freshman reliever Ryan Walls.

Dennis finished with five strikeouts for Providence with Henry whiffing five in relief and Thomas registering four as a starter.

St. Johns keeps their usual tough schedule going with Trinity Christian (17-3) on Mon., April 17, and Bishop Kenny, a 3-2 winner over Clay High in March, on Tues., April 25.

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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The District Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Viking Center Multipurpose Room (V0112) on the St. Augustine Campus, 2990 College Drive, St. Augustine, Florida. In addition to the regular agenda, which may include, but is not limited to, business affairs, personnel matters, facilities items and academic and student affairs, the District Board of Trustees will also consider changes in various laboratory and course fees and third attempt fees.

Prior to the regular monthly meeting, a Board Budget Workshop will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the same location as the board meeting.

Florida Statute 1009.285 states "a student enrolled in the same undergraduate college-credit course more than twice shall pay tuition at 100 percent of the full cost of instruction." The full cost of instruction is calculated by using the Florida College System average per credit hour cost based upon the annual cost analysis reports submitted by all 28 colleges in the system.

| | Current Fee | New Fee |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Advanced and Professional Lower Level | \$221/per credit hour | \$248/credit hour |
| Advanced and Professional Upper Level | \$235/per credit hour | \$260/credit hour |

| Course # | Course Name | Previous Fee | New Fee | Change | Notes |
|-----------|---|--------------|----------|-----------|---|
| CJK 0018 | Legal | \$44.00 | \$47.00 | \$3.00 | Increased cost of FL Law Enforcement Handbook. |
| CJK 0020 | Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations | \$190.00 | \$208.00 | \$18.00 | Increased fuel costs. |
| CJK 0031 | First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers | \$15.00 | \$9.00 | (\$6.00) | Reduction in consumables used. |
| CJK 0040 | Criminal Justice Firearms | \$663.00 | \$615.00 | (\$48.00) | Reduction in rifle and shotgun ammo use. |
| CJK 0051 | Criminal Justice Defensive Tactics | \$173.00 | \$250.00 | \$77.00 | Change in instructor/student ratio. |
| CJK 0400 | Traffic Incidents | \$8.00 | \$7.00 | (\$1.00) | Reduction in consumables used. |
| EET 1084C | Introduction to Electricity & Electronics | \$45.00 | \$45.00 | | Access to Festo user manual library. |
| EMS 1119L | Emergency Medical Technician Lab | \$40.00 | \$41.00 | \$1.00 | Increased cost of supplies. |
| EMS 1431 | EMT/Hospital Field Experience | \$52.00 | \$73.00 | \$21.00 | Addition of new clinical scheduling software. |
| EMS 2603L | Paramedic I Lab | \$60.00 | \$64.00 | \$4.00 | Increased cost of supplies. |
| EMS 2604L | Paramedic II Lab | \$38.00 | \$37.00 | (\$1.00) | Reduction in consumables used. |
| EMS 2605L | Paramedic III Lab | \$38.00 | \$41.00 | \$3.00 | Increased cost of supplies. |
| EMS 2666 | Paramedic I Clinical Experience | \$173.00 | \$214.00 | \$41.00 | Addition of new clinical scheduling software. |
| EMS 2920 | Paramedic Seminar | \$284.00 | \$296.00 | \$12.00 | Increased cost of required PHTLS books. |
| ETI 1420C | Manufacturing Processes & Materials | \$45.00 | \$45.00 | | Access to Festo user manual library. |
| HCP 0001 | Health Career Core | \$43.00 | \$0.00 | (\$43.00) | Course no longer taught. |
| HIM 1282C | ICD Diagnostic Coding | \$20.00 | \$114.00 | \$94.00 | Addition of AHIMA VLAB virtual environment & AHIMA medical coding software license. |
| HIM 2723C | ICD Procedure Coding | \$20.00 | \$39.00 | \$19.00 | Addition of AHIMA VLAB virtual environment. |
| HIM 2729C | Advanced Coding and Reimbursement | \$20.00 | \$39.00 | \$19.00 | Addition of AHIMA VLAB virtual environment. |
| HIM 2800 | Professional Practice Experience I | \$84.00 | \$103.00 | \$19.00 | Addition of AHIMA VLAB virtual environment. |
| HIM 2820 | Professional Practice Experience II | \$153.00 | \$116.00 | (\$37.00) | RHIT exam fee now included in textbook price. |
| HSA 4850 | Internship/Capstone | \$15.00 | \$0.00 | (\$15.00) | Course no longer taught. |
| HSC 0003 | Basic Healthcare Worker | \$22.00 | \$22.00 | | Increased cost of BLS books. |
| HSC 1004 | Professions of Caring | \$38.00 | \$0.00 | (\$38.00) | No longer using fee-based personal inventories. |
| MEA 0543C | EKG | \$10.00 | \$12.00 | \$2.00 | Increased cost of supplies. |
| MEA 0573C | Laboratory Office Procedures | \$77.00 | \$44.00 | (\$33.00) | Reduction in consumables used. |
| MEA 0581C | Clinical Assisting | \$32.00 | \$33.00 | \$1.00 | Increased cost of supplies. |
| NUR 1005 | LPN Transition | \$250.00 | \$272.00 | \$22.00 | Increase in price of HESI exam & prep materials. |
| NUR 1020 | Foundations of Nursing Practice | \$171.00 | \$193.00 | \$22.00 | Increase in price of HESI exam & prep materials. |
| NUR 1212C | Adult Health II | \$72.00 | \$112.00 | \$40.00 | Addition of new clinical scheduling software. |
| NUR 1521C | Mental Health Nursing | \$159.00 | \$181.00 | \$22.00 | Increase in price of HESI exam & prep materials. |
| NUR 2244C | Adult Health III | \$204.00 | \$226.00 | \$22.00 | Increase in price of HESI exam & prep materials. |
| NUR 2251C | Adult Health IV | \$148.00 | \$170.00 | \$22.00 | Increase in price of HESI exam & prep materials. |
| NUR 2460C | Parent Child Nursing | \$146.00 | \$168.00 | \$22.00 | Increase in price of HESI exam & prep materials. |
| NUR 2943 | Transitional Nursing | \$118.00 | \$140.00 | \$22.00 | Increase in price of HESI exam & prep materials. |
| NUR 4949 | Capstone Management Practicum | \$53.00 | \$54.00 | \$1.00 | Increase in cost of supplies. |
| PRN 0098C | Practical Nursing Foundations I | \$275.00 | \$281.00 | \$6.00 | Increase in price of HESI exam & prep materials. |
| PRN 0690C | Comprehensive Nursing & Trans. Skills | \$290.00 | \$296.00 | \$6.00 | Increase in price of HESI exam & prep materials. |
| RET 1024C | Fundamentals of Respiratory Care | \$94.00 | \$61.00 | (\$33.00) | Reduction in consumables used. |
| RET 1027C | Respiratory Therapeutics & Diagnostics | \$34.00 | \$32.00 | (\$2.00) | Reduction in consumables used. |
| RET 1264C | Introduction to Respiratory Critical Care | \$15.00 | \$16.00 | \$1.00 | Increased cost of supplies. |
| RET 1284C | Cardiac Diagnostics | \$48.00 | \$52.00 | \$4.00 | Increased cost of ACLS books. |
| RET 1874L | Clinical Education I | \$119.00 | \$193.00 | \$74.00 | Addition of new clinical scheduling/tracking systems. |
| RET 2280C | Advanced Respiratory Critical Care | \$27.00 | \$15.00 | (\$12.00) | Reduction in consumables used. |
| RET 2714C | Pediatric and Neonatal Respiratory Care | \$69.00 | \$74.00 | \$5.00 | Increased cost of supplies. |
| RET 2877 | Clinical Education IV | \$52.00 | \$143.00 | \$91.00 | Addition of new clinical scheduling/tracking systems. |
| RET 2878L | Clinical Education V | \$325.00 | \$345.00 | \$20.00 | Addition of new 3-day third-party exam review. |
| RTE 1000C | Introduction to Patient Care | \$31.00 | \$29.00 | (\$2.00) | Reduction in consumables used. |
| RTE 1503C | Radiologic Positioning I | \$6.00 | \$5.00 | (\$1.00) | Reduction in consumables used. |
| RTE 1513C | Radiologic Positioning II | \$31.00 | \$18.00 | (\$13.00) | Reduction in consumables used. |
| RTE 1804 | Clinical Education I | \$114.00 | \$263.00 | \$149.00 | Addition of new clinical scheduling/tracking systems. |
| RTE 1814 | Clinical Education II | \$39.00 | \$49.00 | \$10.00 | Increase in dosimeter costs. |
| RTE 1824 | Clinical Education III | \$20.00 | \$24.00 | \$4.00 | Increase in dosimeter costs. |
| RTE 2061 | Radiologic Science Seminar | \$57.00 | \$67.00 | \$10.00 | Increase in cost of HESI RT exam. |
| RTE 2844 | Clinical Education IV | \$72.00 | \$167.00 | \$95.00 | Addition of new clinical scheduling/tracking systems. |
| RTE 2854 | Clinical Education V | \$42.00 | \$52.00 | \$10.00 | Increase in dosimeter costs. |

Estimated economic impact on all affected persons cannot be determined. Copies of the proposed fees can be requested from the Business Office, St. Johns River State College, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida. For disability accommodations call (386) 312-4106.

Legal 65514 published April 20, 2023 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

Florida Statute 1009.23(12)(a) grants authority to Florida College System institutional boards of trustees to establish fees within a range allowed by state statute. These fees "shall not exceed the cost of services provided and shall only be charged to persons receiving the service." In order to comply with this legislation, SJR State created a specific institutional policy and procedure that governs the creation, review and adjustment of fees.

The proposed fees below are a result of the analysis of the anticipated enrollment and the annual expenditures for the course(s). The analysis of these expenditures includes a percentage allocation to the shared courses so that students are only obligated for the cost associated with their specific course(s). Fee adjustments typically occur due to revisions to curriculum and course(s) and/or changes in the cost of expenditures. All laboratory and course fees are used to purchase items that are specifically related to the student learning outcomes and objectives of the course(s).

Proposed fees, which include fee increases, decreases and new fees related to new course offerings, will be considered for the following courses beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year:

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# 2023-DR-599

Division F
Gary Powell
Petitioner
and
Brittany Bulmer
Respondent.
TO: Brittany Bulmer
518 Clermont Ave S. Orange Park, FL 32073

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 Gary Scott Powell whose address is 518 Clermont Ave S. Orange Park, FL 32073, on or before June 1, 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: April 17, 2023.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Gracie Moore
Deputy Clerk

Legal 66021 Published 4/20/2023, 4/27/2023, 5/4/2023 and 5/11/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE PCD-0323-00003

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, both hearings taking place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRs ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF TWO PARCELS (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 33-05-26-014471-002-00 AND 39-05-26-015162-000-00), COMPRISING 6.67 ACRES, FROM AR (AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO PCD (PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of two parcels of land from AR (Agricultural/Residential District) to PCD (Planned Commercial Development District), the owners of the land being Ronald T. Wall and BFMS LLC.

Location Address for PCD-0323-00003
Tax Parcel Identification Number 33-05-26-014471-002-00
Tax Parcel Identification Number 39-05-26-015162-000-00

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

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special

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

Board of County Commissioners

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NOTICE OF RULEMAKING BY THE FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District ("District") on May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at Fleming Island Plantation Splash Park, 1510 Calming Water Drive, Fleming Island, Florida 32003.

In accord with Chapters 190 and 120, Florida Statutes, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its amended Amenity Rates ("Amended Amenity Rates") which govern the operation of the District's amenity facilities and other properties.

The purpose and effect of the Amended Amenity Rates is to provide for efficient and effective District operations of the District's amenity facilities and properties by setting policies, regulations, rates and fees to implement the provisions of Section 190.035, Florida Statutes. Prior Notice of Rule Development was published in Clay Today on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

The Amended Amenity Rates will address certain revisions to the District's Rates and policies governing the operation of the District's amenity facilities and other properties. Proposed rates include:

Amenity Center
Amenity Center Pavilions \$26-44 per pavilion (4 hours)
\$225-375 Deposit Patrons are required to rent both pavilions if 10 or more in attendance

Amenity Center Pool Party \$63-107 (2 hours)
\$225-375 Deposit Maximum of 20 guests; reservation includes use of outside picnic pavilion

Splash Park Grounds
Splash Park Gathering Room \$112-188 (2 hours)
\$202-338 (4 hours)

\$225-375 Deposit Maximum of 100 guests
Splash Park Playground Pavilions \$26-44 per pavilion (4 hours)
\$225-375 Deposit Patrons are required to rent both pavilions if 10 or more in attendance

Splash Park Field \$70-85 (2 hours)
\$225-375 Deposit
Specific legal authority for the rule includes Sections 190.035(2), 190.011(5), 190.012, 120.54, 120.69 and 120.81, Florida Statutes.

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

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:
TIME AND DATE: May 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Fleming Island Plantation Splash Park
1510 Calming Water Drive
Fleming Island, Florida 32003

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

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

A copy of the proposed Amended Amenity Rates may be obtained by contacting the District Manager c/o Inframark, 12574 Flagler Center Boulevard, Suite 101, Jacksonville, Florida 32258, Ph: (904) 436-4102.
Janice Eggleton Davis
District Manager

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE ZON-0223-00008

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing

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on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, both hearings taking place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRs ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A PORTION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 39-05-26-015113-001-05) FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF BB-2 (COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO BB-3 (SPECIALTY BUSINESS DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification on approximately 0.64 acres from BB-2 (Community Business District) to BB-3 (Specialty Business District) on the following land, the owner of the land being You Scream Properties, LLC:

Location Address for ZON 0223-00008
Tax Parcel Identification Number 39-05-26-015113-001-05

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

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

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday May 11, 2023 for the following: **RFP NO. 22/23-52, DESIGN-BUILD OF SIGNAL LIGHT AT COUNTY ROAD 315 AND SPRING PARK ELEMENTARY** Proposals will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, May 12, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.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 Proposal, 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 Proposal Period. The Request for Proposal Period during which no contact may occur commences from the date of publication of the notice of a Request for Proposals 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 Proposals;

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

The Board reserves the right and power to reject any and all Proposals without cause and to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the Request for Proposals or submittal of any Proposal, and in its discretion to re-advertise the Request for Proposals. 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.

Legal 65653 Published 4/20/2023 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.: 2019-CA-00137 PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

v. FREDDY PROSPER A/K/A FREDDY PROSPER, JR, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, will on May 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. ET, via the online auction at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Clay County, Florida, to wit: Lot 595, PINE RIDGE PLANTATION REPLAT PHASE 2-A, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 57, Pages 9 - 14, of the public records of Clay County, Florida. Property Address: 1082 Wetland Ridge Circle, Middleburg, FL 32068 pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style and case number of which is set forth above.

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.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Honorable Court this 14th day of April, 2023.

Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Jaime Pippin
DEPUTY CLERK

Legal 65652 Published 4/20/2023 and 4/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Meeting Dates of the Clay County Utility Authority

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

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

If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such

person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, call (904) 213-2464.

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Meeting Date of the Clay County Utility Authority

Pursuant to F.S. 286.011(8)(d), be advised that Wendell Davis, David Gardella, Daniel Hodges, Anna Lebesch, Michael McNeel, Darin Roark, and James Starnieri, sitting as duly constituted BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY, and Jeremy Johnston, as the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the Authority will meet in attorney-client session, outside of the sunshine, with Grady H. Williams, Jr., Esquire, Henry G. Bachara, Jr., Esquire, and Todd MacLeod as LEGAL COUNSEL to the Authority, at 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, or as soon thereafter as such matter may be heard during a recess of the regular meeting of the Authority on said date, in the Board Room, at the Ray O. Avery Administrative Complex, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. The subject matter of the meeting shall be confined to settlement negotiations or strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures associated with the litigation styled BBI Construction Management, Inc., a Florida corporation, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant, v. Clay County Utility Authority, a local governmental body, corporate and politic, Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff, and Clay County Utility Authority, a local government body, corporate and politic, Third-Party Plaintiff, v. Westfield Insurance Company, Third-Party Defendant, Case No.: 2019-CA-000653, pending before the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida. A court reporter shall also be present at said attorney-client session and shall record the entire attorney-client session as required by F.S. 286.011(8)(c). This attorney-client session is estimated to require approximately 120 minutes of time, and the official transcript thereof shall be made part of the public record upon completion of the aforementioned litigation. For further information, call (904) 213-2464.

Legal 65650 Published 4/20/2023 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 **THE RUSTIC CHIC FURNITURE & DECOR** located at **2359 Oak Hammock Ln, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32065-7280** 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 14th day of April 2023.
WHITE JAMIE

Legal 65649 Published 4/20/2023 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 **THE PAINT-ED POIN** located at **1499 Long Bay Rd, in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068-3748** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 14th day of April 2023.
PAINTER REGINA A

Legal 65648 Published 4/20/2023 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 **XTEND AI** located at **1727 Hollow Glen Dr, in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068-6883** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 14th day of April 2023.
X-TEND ROBOTICS INC.

Legal 65647 Published 4/20/2023 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 CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2022CA000726

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB AS TRUSTEE OF WV 2017-1 GRANTOR TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES,

LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JUDITH A. RECTOR a/k/a JUDITH RECTOR a/k/a JUDITH R. YNCLAN a/k/a JUDITH R. ANDREWS a/k/a JUDITH ANDREWS a/k/a MONA DRIGGERS, DECEASED; KENNETH A. YNCLAN; TROY ASKEW; VICKI LANGFORD; METROPOLITAN MORTGAGE CO.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 12, 2023 in Case No. 2022CA000726 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, the Clerk of Court will on **MAY 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM EST**, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com the following described property situated in Clay County, Florida:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8; THENCE ON THE WEST LINE THEREOF RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREE 59 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 2933.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 452.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 34 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST 375.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 55 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 397.39 FEET TO THE NORTH-EASTERLY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 218 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 218); THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE AND ON THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 5679.19 FEET, RUN A CHORD DISTANCE OF 205.51 FEET THE BEARING OF SAID CHORD BEING SOUTH 37 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST; THENCE NORTH 55 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 488.57 FEET; THENCE ON LAST ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS 380.59 FEET, RUN A CHORD DISTANCE OF 228.89 FEET, THE BEARING OF LAST SAID CHORD BEARING NORTH 37 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 300.00 FEET; THENCE ON THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 645.52 FEET, RUN A CHORD DISTANCE OF 129.35 FEET, THE BEARING OF LAST SAID CHORD BEING NORTH 14 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST; THENCE NORTH 08 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 150.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 65 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 364 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE CENTERLINE OF A CREEK; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 119 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT WHICH BEARS SOUTH 71 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 372 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING 1.05 ACRES MORE OR LESS IN AREA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT 1982 CAPE MOBILE HOME, VIN # GAMI20A-09C3074A, TITLE # 21643371.
Property Address: 2275 Maluke Lane, Middleburg, FL 32068

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated: April 14, 2023.
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Leigh Lucroy
Deputy Clerk

Legal 65646 Published 4/20/2023 and 4/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Meeting Ridgewood Trails Community Development District

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Ridgewood Trails Community Development District will be held on **Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Azalea Ridge Amenities Center, 1667 Azalea Ridge Boulevard, Middleburg, Florida 32068.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for the meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). 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 one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations at the meeting because of a

disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Marilee Giles
District Manager

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Notice of Meeting South Village Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the South Village Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Marilee Giles
District Manager

Legal 65643 Published 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING FOR MAGNOLIA WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Magnolia West Community Development District ("District") will hold a meeting on **May 9, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Magnolia West Amenity Center located at 3490 Canyon Falls Drive Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

In accordance with Sections 119.071(3) (a) and 281.301, Florida Statutes, a portion of the regular board meeting will be closed to the public, as it relates to the District's security system plan. Information and discussion related to the District's security system plan are confidential and exempt from the public records and public meeting requirements. Prior to the discussion of the security system plan, the public will be asked to leave. Upon completion of the discussion related to the security system plan, the public will be notified that they may return to the meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc, 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33614 ("**District Manager's Office**") or by emailing the District Manager at lgallagher@rizzetta.com and/or by telephoning 904-436-6270 during normal business hours. The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 436-6270 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

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

Lesley Gallagher
District Manager

Legal 65642 Published 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION B
CASE NO: 2023CA000937
LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida,
Plaintiff,

v. THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS OF LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHTS, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS HEREIN DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY, Defendants.

TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS OF LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE OF LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE BONDS, OR TO BE AFFECTED THEREBY:

The above cause comes to be heard upon the Complaint filed herein by the District in the County of Clay, State of Florida, seeking to determine the authority of said District to issue its Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District Special Assessment Revenue Bonds ("Bonds") in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$54,320,000, to determine the legality of the proceedings had and taken in connection therewith, including the levy and imposition of non-ad valorem special assessments ("Assessments") to pay debt service on the Bonds, and seeking a judgment of this Court that: (a) the District has been validly established and lawfully exists as a local unit of special purpose government; has the power to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain and otherwise undertake the Capital Improvement Plan, and to issue the Bonds, to levy, impose, and collect the Assessments, and has properly approved the issuance of the Bonds and the levy and imposition of Assessments; (b) the Bonds, Assessments, and all of the proceedings attendant thereto are valid and in conformity with law, and the Assessments constitute a first lien on the property in the District against which they are assessed; (c) the Assessments are supported by sufficient benefit and are fairly and reasonably allocated consistent with Florida law; (d) the District has duly authorized the execution and delivery of the Master Indenture and the execution and delivery from time to time of indentures supplemental thereto, and the Bonds will constitute valid and binding obligations of the District, and will be enforceable by their terms; (e) the District has the power to plan, finance, acquire, construct, reconstruct, equip and install, in one or more stages, the Capital Improvement Plan; (f) the Capital Improvement Plan will serve a valid public purpose; and (g) the members of the District's Board of Supervisors have been duly and validly elected.

The aforesaid Complaint having been presented to this Court, and this Court being fully advised in the premises, this Court hereby issues this Notice and Order to Show Cause:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that all taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the District, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation, and others having or claiming any rights, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds or to be affected thereby, and the State of Florida, through the State Attorney of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, appear on the **1st day of June, 2023** at the hour of **11:15 a.m.** of said day for 15 minutes, before the **Honorable Don H. Lester, via Zoom (information below)**, this hearing shall be conducted by video conference, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayers of said Complaint for the validation of the Bonds should not be granted and the Bonds, the proceedings therefore, the Assessments and other matters set forth in said Complaint, should not be validated as prayed for in said Complaint. **The parties and public may access the hearing via their computer at <https://zoom.us/join> and enter Meeting ID Code 779 311 0365.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that prior to the date set for the hearing on said Complaint for validation, the Clerk of this Court shall cause a copy of this Notice and Order to be published in a newspaper published and of general circulation in Clay County, being the County wherein said Complaint for validation is filed, at least once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks, commencing with the first publication which shall not be less than twenty (20) days prior to the date set for said hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by such publication of this Notice and Order, the State of Florida, and the several taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the District, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and others having or claiming any rights,

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title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds or to be affected thereby, shall be and are made party defendants to this proceeding, and that this Court shall have jurisdiction of them to the same extent as if specifically and personally named as defendants in said Complaint and personally served with process in this cause.

DONE AND ORDERED at the Court-house in Clay County, Florida, this 13th day of April, 2023.
The Honorable Don H. Lester
Circuit Court Judge
Copies furnished to: Sheila Ann Loizos, Esq. slzois@coj.net Jennifer Kilinski, Esq. Jennifer@cdlawyers.com George Smith, Esq. george@georgesmithlaw.com

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2022CA000189 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. CHERYL D. CHURCH AKA CHERYL DAWSON CHURCH, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **August 10, 2022**, and entered in 2022CA000189 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and CHERYL D. CHURCH AKA CHERYL DAWSON CHURCH; HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on **May 17, 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 24, MCKAY'S PARCEL 3-A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 6003 COUNTY ROAD 352, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656

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

Dated this 28 day of March, 2023.

Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Leigh Lucroy
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crintrp@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 65640 Published 4/20/2023 and 4/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case # 2023-CP-166 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SAM SHUM, DECEASED.

The formal administration of the estate of SAM SHUM, who died on February 9, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is April 20, 2023.

REBECCA SHUM
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
879 Coventry Circle

Milpitas, CA 95035
By: /s/ VeRonica R. Owens, Esq.
Fla. Bar No.: 73568 VeRonica@VeRonicaRoOwens.org 189 South Lawrence Boulevard Keystone Heights, FL 32656
2000 Henley Road, Suite B Middleburg, FL 32068
Telephone: (352) 473-5000 Attorney for PETITIONER

Legal 65639 Published 4/20/2023 and 4/27/2023 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 **Delve Information Technology Services** located at 526 Coppitt Dr. S, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 13th day of April 2023.
Gaviant Enterprises LLC

Legal 65516 Published 4/20/2023 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 **Delve IT Services** located at 526 Coppitt Dr. S, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 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 13th day of April 2023.
Gaviant Enterprises LLC

Legal 65515 Published 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on May 4, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

1995 Mercury ID# 1MELM-62W8SH652275

Legal 65500 Published 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-000103 Division B IN RE: ESTATE OF BOBBY GLENN WINFIELD, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of BOBBY GLENN WINFIELD, deceased, whose date of death was January 12, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE 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 April 20, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative: GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR.
Grady for Petitioner Florida Bar Number: 887950
Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.
Attorneys at Law, P.A.
1543 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 5
Orange Park, FL 32073
Telephone: (904) 264-8800
Fax: (904) 264-0155
Primary email address: grady@floridader.com
Secondary email address: renee@floridader.com
Personal Representative: ROBERT C. SHETTEL II
231 Bush Court
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

Legal 65499 Published 4/20/2023 and 4/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE: Disposition of Property / Lost or Abandoned

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Florida State Statute 705.105 Lost or Abandoned Property the following items were found within Clay County between the dates of 10/19/18 and 02/23/23. This property listed below is described in a manner reasonably adequate to permit the rightful owner of the property to claim it. Any Lost or Abandoned Property not claimed within 14 days of this notice will be disposed of in accordance with this statute. To claim, please call the Clay County Sheriff's Office evidence unit at 904-529-6070

Currency
Smith & Wesson Pistol
Mossberg Shotgun
Beretta Pistol
Winchester Shotgun
Springfield Pistol
Ruger Pistol
Tabelt
Cell Phone
Bicycle
Pellet Rifle
Stoger Shotgun

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 2023 CP 25 DIVISION: B IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS LEWIS ELLIS, JR., Deceased.

The administration of the estate of THOMAS LEWIS ELLIS, JR., deceased, whose date of death was on July 29, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: Clay County Court-house, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is April 20, 2023.
WILLIAM H. DAVIE, II
Fla. Bar No: 634387
733 N. Palmetto Ave,
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
(904) 276-5344 - Phone
(904) 284-8725 - Fax
BDavie@DavieLawFirm.com- Primary Service@DavieLawFirm.com - Secondary
Attorney for the Personal Representative
MELODY RIVERA
102 Lewis Drive
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
Personal Representative

Legal 65353 Published 4/20/2023 and 4/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING, JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

NO: 23-7-00146-8 SEA
IN RE THE DEPENDENCY OF:
BRYLEIGH KOREN SCHOONOVER
DOB: 8/19/2010

TO: *Mother, Sophia McCuiston, aka, Sophia Koren Schoonover; Father, Nicholas Jay Reese, and/or anyone claiming parental/paternal rights or interest in the child and to All Whom It May Concern:

On January 17, 2023, a petition for Termination was filed in the above entitled Court, pursuant to RCW 13.34.080 and/or RCW 26.33.310 regarding the above named child, whose parents are *.

[FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL 206-477-2310, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.]
Said Petition will be heard on June 1, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., at the Justice Patricia H. Clark Children & Family Justice Center, 1211 E. Alder St., Rm 4-B, Seattle, WA 98122, before a judge of the above entitled court, at which time you are directed to appear and answer the said petition or the petition will be granted and action will be taken by the court such as shall appear to be for the welfare of the said child. Appearance at this hearing is required and may be in person or via telephone by calling (253) 215-8782 and entering the Meeting ID #546 723 6866.
DATED This Wednesday, April 12, 2023
BARBARA MINER
KING COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT CLERK
By: HLS, Deputy Clerk

Legal 65352 Published 4/20/2023, 4/27/2023 and 5/4/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 10-2022-CA-001124 ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff,

vs. MARK MUSEGADES, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed **March 15, 2023** entered in Civil Case No. 10-2022-CA-001124 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Green Cove Springs, Florida, the Clerk of Court, TARA S. GREEN, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 17th day of May, 2023 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Unit 3045, Wells Ridge Three, a Condominium, according to Declaration of Condominium thereof as recorded in Official Records Book 878, Page 611, as amended, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida, together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this 16th day of March, 2023.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
By: Gracie Moore
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TDD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crintrp@coj.net.

Legal 65201 Published 4/20/2023 and 4/27/2023 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 **Present Tense Coffee and Books** located at 2851 Henley Rd #103, in the County of Clay, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 11th day of April 2023.
Second Story Jax LLC

Legal 65199 Published 4/20/2023 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-001064-A

Division
MaryJo Peters
Petitioner and
Bradley Perkins
Respondent.
TO: Bradley Perkins
6880 Crystal Lake Rd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656

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 MaryJo Peters whose address is 109 Highland Ave, Georgetown, KY 40324, on or before May 14, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave/PO Box 698, 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 30, 2023.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Leigh Lucroy
Deputy Clerk

Legal 65195 Published 4/20/2023, 4/27/2023, 5/4/2023 and 5/11/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 05/11/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
3FAHP0JGXCR157345 2012 FORD

Legal 65050 Published 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 05/09/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
1B4HR28Y3XF680351 1999 DODG

Legal 65049 Published 4/20/2023 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. 2019-CA-001398 WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE FOR STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST M, Plaintiff,

vs. TIMOTHY LESTER; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TIMOTHY LESTER, Defendant(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale entered on January 13, 2023 in Case No. 2019-CA-001398 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, the Clerk of Court will on **APRIL 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM EST**, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com the following described property situated in Clay County, Florida:

LOT 22, IN BLOCK 2, OF FOXRIDGE UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE(S) 17, 18, 19, 20, AND 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 946 Maple Ridge Court, Orange Park, FL 32065

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

TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Gracie Moore
Deputy Clerk

Legal 65034 Published 4/13/2023 and 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 1939 East West Parkway, Fleming Island, FL 32003
May 2, 2023 at 10:00 am
Johnny S Dixon SR-Household items
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Legal 64515 Published 4/13/2023 and 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

We Stor of Middleburg, LLC will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder. The sale will take place online at self-storage-auction.com in enforcement of Florida Statutes section 83.806 ending Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 4:30pm on the following units. The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale. All units contain household

goods unless otherwise noted: Brian Blanton, Douglas & Debra Elton, James Fagan, Jason Fitz, Naki Oliver, Tina L. Qualls, Molly M Shepard, and Michelle L. Siders.

Legal 64508 Published 4/13/2023 and 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: JEFFREY W KOCH, 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.: 653/2017
Legal Description: LOT 10 BLK 18 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2710 PG 1032
Parcel ID No.: 210823-002676-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,664.69
Physical Address: 7154 WESLEYAN , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: DAVID ANTHONY & YVONNE B WHITE
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 5th day of April, 2023
TARA S . GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

Legal 64353 Published 4/13/2023, 4/20/2023, 4/27/2023 and 5/4/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 2023-CA-152 Parcels 105 & 805 STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Petitioner,

vs. JANET T. HILL, a married woman; AMANDA ENGLISH; and DIANE HUTCHINGS, Clay County Tax Collector, Defendants.

STATE OF FLORIDA TO: To the above named Defendants and all said Defendants who are living, and if any or all Defendants are deceased, the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against any such deceased Defendant or Defendants, if alive, and, if dead, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, legatees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any such deceased Defendant or Defendants, and all other parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the property described in the Petition, to-wit: Item # 4307192

Parcels 105 & 805
CR 220 – Clay County
Section No. 71580 County Road No. 220
Clay County
F.P. No. 4307192
Parcel No. 105 Part "B"
Fee Simple

A Part Of Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida, Being More Particularly Described As Follows:
Commence At The South 1/4 Corner Of Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida; Thence North 00°15'24" West, Along The West Line Of The Southeast 1/4 Of Said Section 33, A Distance Of 617.42 Feet To The Baseline Of Survey Of County Road No. 220 (As Per Florida Department Of Transportation Right Of Way Map Section 71580, F.P. No. 4307192, Having A Variable Width Right Of Way); Thence North 34°46'39" East, Along Said Baseline Of Survey Of County Road No. 220, A Distance Of 1,292.37 Feet; Thence South 89°47'18" West, A Distance Of 61.03 Feet To The Intersection Of The Northwesterly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Said County Road No. 220, And The Southerly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Joe Johns Road (A 40.00 Foot Right Of Way As Recorded In Official Records Book 2013, Page 1704 Of The Public Records Of Clay County, Florida), And To The Point Of Beginning; Thence South 34°46'39" West, Along Said Northwesterly Existing Right Of Way Line Of County Road No. 220, A Distance Of 25.00 Feet; Thence North 27°43'01" West, A Distance Of 23.09 Feet To Said Southerly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Joe Johns Road; Thence North 89°47'18" East, Along Said Southerly Existing Right Of Way Line, A Distance Of 25.00 Feet To The Point Of Beginning.

Containing: 256 Square Feet, More Or Less.
Being a Part of Tax Parcel No. 330425-008145-000-00 and
Section No. 71580 County Road No. 220
Clay County
F.P. No. 4307192
Parcel No. 805 Perpetual Easement
A perpetual easement for the purpose

of constructing removal/reinstallation of fence, tying in, conforming, harmonizing, and/or reconnecting existing grade, slope, pavement, drainage, utility, driveway, walkway, turnout, and/or other features, in, over, under, upon and through the following described land in Clay County, Florida, to wit:

A Part Of Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida, Being More Particularly Described As Follows:

Commence At The South 1/4 Corner Of Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida; Thence North 00°15'24" West, Along The West Line Of The Southeast 1/4 Of Said Section 33, A Distance Of 617.42 Feet To The Baseline Of Survey Of County Road No. 220 (As Per Florida Department Of Transportation Right Of Way Map Section 71580, F.P. No. 4307192, Having A Variable Width Right Of Way); Thence North 34°46'39" East, Along Said Baseline Of Survey Of County Road No. 220, A Distance Of 1,232.37 Feet; Thence North 55°13'21" West, A Distance Of 50.00 Feet To The Northwest-erly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Said County Road No. 220, And To The Point Of Beginning; Thence South 34°46'39" West, Along Said Northwest-erly Existing Right Of Way Line Of County Road No. 220, A Distance Of 71.86 Feet; Thence North 55°13'21" West, A Distance Of 5.00 Feet; Thence North 34°46'39" East, A Distance Of 50.00 Feet; Thence North 27°43'01" West, A Distance Of 34.42 Feet; Thence South 89°47'18" West, A Distance Of 130.19 Feet; Thence North 00°12'42" West, A Distance Of 5.00 Feet To The Southerly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Joe Johns Road (A 40.00 Foot Right Of Way As Recorded In Official Records Book 2013, Page 1704 Of The Public Records Of Clay County, Florida); Thence North 89°47'18" East, Along Said Southerly Existing Right Of Way Line, A Distance Of 152.06 Feet; Thence South 27°43'01" East, A Distance Of 23.09 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Containing: 1,634 Square Feet, More Or Less.

Being a Part of Tax Parcel No. 330425-008145-000-00

A petition in eminent domain has been filed to acquire certain property interests in Clay County, Florida.

Each Defendant is required to serve written defenses to the petition on Petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are shown below, on or before **May 22, 2023** and to file the original of the defenses with the clerk of this court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter, showing what right, title, interest or lien Defendant has in or to the property described in the petition and to show cause why that property should not be taken for the uses and purposes set forth in the petition. If any Defendant fails to do so, a default will be entered against that Defendant for the relief demanded in the petition.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a declaration of taking has been filed in this cause and that Petitioner will apply for an Order of Taking and any other order the court deems proper before the **Honorable Steven B. Whittington**, one of the Judges of this Court, on **Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.** (45 minutes are reserved) in **Hearing Room 4-097 at the Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida**. All Defendants to this suit may request a hearing at the time and place designated and be heard. Any Defendant failing to file a request for hearing shall waive any right to object to the Order of Taking.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of this Court on the 30th day of March, 2023.

TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

By Gracie Moore
Deputy Clerk

Legal 64341 Published 4/13/2023 and 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Clay County School Board until **2:00pm on Thursday, 18 May 2023**, in the Purchasing Conference Room, 800 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

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

RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPAIR/RENOVATION BUILDING 2

466 Madison Ave, Orange Park, FL 32065 Work includes tear-off and replacement of fiberglass shingle roofing and drip edge on Building 2; addition of a plywood flare on the roof edge to cover the existing internal gutter; addition of external gutters and downspouts in select areas, including tie-in to existing under sidewalk drainage lines in three locations; addition of stucco and metal fascia dormer and cricket at one area of lower roof; repair of damaged hard gypsum board and acoustical grid ceilings. Complete scope is included in the Drawings and Specifications.

All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by: **BRIAN BOATRIGHT ARCHITECT, INC.** 914 Plainfield Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073

email all questions to brianboatrightaia@gmail.com include project number in subject line Plans are on file and available for purchase with the following plan room:

LDI Reprinting Center
550 Wells Road, Suite 8, Orange Park, FL 32073

(904) 579-4027
orangepark@ldireprinting.com Addenda will be posted with the plan room listed above. 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. **Electronic drawings and specifications will not be distributed.**

There will be Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting at the site on Tuesday, 2 May 2023, at 2:00pm per Section 00100, Part 9.1. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid.

Only contractors having been pre-qualified by the Clay County School District are eligible to submit bids for this project. **Only pre-qualified Contractors should submit bids for this project** (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 payment and performance bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted bid amount.

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

Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the invitation to bid, contract award, or recommendation for contract award, shall file a notice of protest with the superintendent of schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the notice to protest. Failure to observe such timelines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The school board requires a protestor to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.

Protest Bond Requirement: Should a contractor wish to protest the bid recommendation, the protestor shall be required to post a bond as follows:

I. Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00), or 2% of the lowest accepted bid, whichever is greater, for projects valued over \$500,000.00; and

II. Five percent (5%) of the lowest accepted bid for all projects valued less than \$500,000.00.

Conditioned upon payment of all cost and fees, which may be adjusted against the protestor, in the administrative hearing. If at the hearing, the school board prevails, it may recover all costs and attorney's fees from the protestor; if the protestor prevails, the protestor shall recover from the school board, all costs and attorney's fees. Bid Tabulations shall be posted in the Operations Reception area at 925 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 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

Legal 64174 Published 4/13/2023, 4/20/2023 and 4/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: ROBIN ALAN FEISER, 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.: 946/2019
Legal Description: LOT 15 BLK 109 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2009 PG 238

Parcel ID No.: 160823-004491-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,710.22

Physical Address: 7800 SMITH ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: HIGHRIDGE DEV GROUP INC

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 31st day of March, 2023

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

Legal 63667 Published 4/6/2023, 4/13/2023, 4/20/2023 and 4/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE# 10-2022-DR-002190-AXXX-XX
Division F
Lisa Marie Williams

Petitioner and Deangelo L. Williams Respondent.
TO: Deangelo Williams
1454 Orange Circle South, Orange Park, FL 32073

YOU ARE NOTICED 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 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 WOOSTER

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

Legal 63042 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: 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

Legal 63041 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: 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

Legal 63040 Published 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023, 4/13/2023 and 4/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MARK H FINK, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate

for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No.: 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

Legal 63039 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: 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 HILLCREAS 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

Legal 63038 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: 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 Spadeo

Deputy Clerk

Legal 63037 Published 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023, 4/13/2023 and 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Lakes at Bella Lago Community Development District ("District") intends to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied by the District pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. The Board of Supervisors of the District will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, April 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., at Holiday Inn and Suites, 620 Wells Road, Orange Park, Florida 32073.**

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing the District to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments ("Uniform Method") to be levied by the District on properties located on land included within the District.

The District may levy non-ad valorem special assessments for the purpose of financing, acquiring, maintaining and/or operating community development facilities, services and improvements within and without the boundaries of the District, which may consist of, among other things, recreational facilities, stormwater management improvements, irrigation, landscape, roadways, and other lawful improvements or services within or without the boundaries of the District.

Owners of the properties to be assessed and other interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard regarding the use of the Uniform Method. This hearing is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and location to be specified on the record at the hearing.

There may be occasions when Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office, c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (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 Office.

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

Craig Wrathell
District Manager

Legal 63029 Published 3/30/2023, 4/6/2023, 4/13/2023 and 4/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

CASE #: 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.

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
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