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Reinhold Foundation selects Waste **Not Want Not as** its top nonprofit

By Don Coble don@claytodayonline.com

ORANGE PARK - Sandra L. Staudt-Killea realized her nonprofit was about to be honored as the Paul E. Reinhold Community Service Award winner shortly after Olivia Myers started talking about the winner during Tuesday morning's Celebrate Clay

STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Reinhold Foundation CEO George Egan congratulates Waste No Want Not Executive Director Sandra L. Staudt-Killea after her agency won the top honor at Celebrate Clay. breakfast.

Her suspicions were confirmed when Myers said:

"It is our civic responsibility to be good stewards of the Earth's resources and to feed the most vulnerable. The agency we honor today is a clear champion on both fronts, bridging the gap between waste and **SEE REINHOLD, 14**



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Runners get down, dirty for Seamark Ranch

More than 1,000 runners tackled the "Andy Dufresne" mud pit at the finish line of the 5K run that raised nearly \$175,000 for Seamark Ranch. Story on page 18

Vineyard Transitional Center out of sight ... not out of mind

Organizers eager to get halfway house rebuilt to help released inmates

By Don Coble don@claytodayonline.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Every time Pastor John Sanders drives down Pine Avenue, he slows down to stare at an oversized empty lot. A year ago, it was home to The Vineyard Transitional Center, where newly released inmates from the Clay County Jail could learn life skills and better adjust to society.

Next year, he hopes a new building a dormitory will be re-opened,

Until then, he can only close his



The Vineyard Transitional Center was in disarry before it was torn down a year ago. Construction will start on a new mission this summer.

eyes and envision the future.

"I go by the lot all the time," Sanders said. "I always slow down and think about what it's going to be someday. I can't wait." What concerns Sanders most is the

community forgetting about his mission

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Rep. Aaron Bean introduces legislation to put American businesses first

For Clay Today

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean, whose district includes Clay County, introduced the Freedom from Government Competition Act of 2023 to increase opportunities for private industries to provide goods and services without the threat of taxpayer-funded government competition. This bill puts American businesses first and saves taxpayer dollars from duplicative and wasteful spending.

"Twenty-seven billion dollars – that's the last estimate of how much our government is wasting on services already provided by American businesses. Our government has grown too large and wasteful, and my bill says that if small businesses can do the job, then we do not need the federal government competing with them. This will drive down costs for all of us and will result in greater job innovation," Bean said.



Aaron Bean

Original cosponsors of the bill include Representatives Greg Steube (FL-17), Virginia Foxx (NC-05), Andy Barr (KY-06), Kat Cammack (FL-03), Mary Miller (IL-15), Mark Alford (MO-04) and James Moylan (Guam). This bill has received support from Heritage Action for America, Associated General Contractors, and Business Coalition for Fair Competition.

"The federal government has no place competing against U.S. businesses for goods and services otherwise aptly provided by the private sector. We commend Bean's bill to ensure commercial and contracted activities are provided at the best value and quality to the taxpayers while maintaining the integrity of services," said Ryan Walker, Vice President of Government Relations, Heritage Action.

"Construction firms invest heavily in their people, equipment, and craft to deliver construction projects, repairs, and maintenance at the highest quality and best price. When the federal government insources construction services, it does so most often at the expense of many small businesses – including veterans, women, and minority-owned firms – and taxpayers. Fair and open competition drives the best value for taxpayers and the Freedom from Government Competition Act will help ensure taxpayers and small businesses benefit from that competition. The Associated General Contractors of America applauds Representative Bean for standing up for small businesses, taxpayers and fair and open competition with the introduction of this bill," said Jimmy Christianson, Associated General Contractors, Vice President, Government Relations.

"The Business Coalition for Fair Competition commends Representative Bean for introducing the Freedom from Government Competition Act. This is long overdue, common sense legislation will support free enterprise, particularly small business, while making government more efficient by focusing the federal workforce on inherently governmental activities," said BCFC President John Palatiello.



Broncos senior Aspyn Martin plans to study business marketing after she graduates from Middleburg High.

'Pushing through'

Middleburg's Martin survives young betrayal to be empowered to succeed

By Don Coble don@claytodayonline.com

MIDDLEBURG – Aspyn Martin's story is difficult to hear, but the Middleburg High senior said telling is empowering.

She was assauled by her stepfather when she was 11, and she had his baby

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when she was 12. Then she bounced between more than a dozen foster homes before finally finding a loving family three years ago.

She is also the Student Council's President and the Senior Board's Treasurer.

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Commissioners recognize everyone behind the record success of Fair

By Lee Wardlaw lee@claytodayonline.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Board of

County Commissioners honored the historical performance of last month's Clay County Agricultural Fair staff with a recognition and brief presentation on Tuesday.

One thousand volunteers, fair and county staff, public safety and law enforcement officials who made it were recognized for their roles after a record crowd of 156,480 attended the 11-day event that ended on April 9.

Several representatives from the County Fair Association's Executive Board, Board of Directors and staff were recognized, and all were invited to the stage. First responders, including Fire Chief Lorin Mock, Assistant County Manager and Acting Fire Chief David Motes, Sheriff Michelle Cook, Emergency Management Director John Ward, and several others, also were honored.

"This is just a small number of the many, many people that helped make the fair successful and safe. We appreciate you, and it was a great fair," said Commission Chair Betsy Condon.

Fair Executive Director Tasha Hyder reflected on the records set and highlights made at this year's milestone fair, despite a significant rainstorm during the event's

Co-Owner, COO/VP: Hugh Osteen Publisher: Farris Robinson Business Manager: Christie Wayne Managing Editor: Don Coble Staff Reporter: Lee Wardlaw Sports Editor: Randy Lefko final weekend, \$8,000 raised for the Picnic Project and \$500,000 raised for local children during the record Livestock Auction

"We had a great year. Most importantly, it was really safe and fun, and we didn't get killed on traffic. Thank you, Clay County Sheriff's Office," Hyder said.

But the most integral part of the operation to a successful fair every calendar year is the volunteers, which Hyder quickly mentioned.

"I actually get paid for what I go through during the fair's 11 days, but I want to take this moment to recognize those people who do not," Hyder said, who then proceeded to call out a litany of names of volunteers serving on the fair's executive board and board of directors.

Bob Olson, the Fair's Chair of Daily Entertainment, said "The (Fair) is unique across the country. Every time we go to a convention and tell the other fairs that we are run by all volunteers with the exception of our three staffed employees, they just shake their heads and say, 'How do you do it?' We do whatever it takes to make the fair operate, and I am surrounded by a fantastic team. I get asked 'How long does it take to plan?' We're already starting to plan for next year. It's a whole year's effort. I want to thank the county for supporting us."

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Five ways to show support during Military **Appreciation Month**

By StatePoint Media For Clay Today

U.S. military service members are ready to be called upon at any time to protect the country, and May, which is Military Appreciation Month, is the perfect opportunity to express gratitude for their sacrifices.

That's particularly important in Clay County, where an estimated 40,000 active military or veterans call home.

Military Appreciation Month was first recognized by a U.S. Senate resolution in 1999. Although the entire month is designated to honor past and present military members and their families, several holidays are sprinkled throughout the month that honor service members, including Loyalty Day, VE Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day.

"This year in particular, many more service members are overseas supporting NATO due to war in Ukraine. These deployments should be a reminder to all Americans of the importance of expressing our gratitude to the men and women in the military who sacrifice so much for us," says Christopher Plamp, United Service Organizations (USO) senior vice president of Operations, Programs and Entertainment and an Air Force veteran.

With its long history of keeping America's military service members connected to family, home and country, the USO provides five ideas for how to honor and support service members and their families.

Say "Thank You." The simplest way to support service members is to thank them for their service. According to the Blue Star Families 2022 Military Family Lifestyle Survey, only one-third of activeduty families feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community.

You can send a message of support and encouragement to service members through the USO's website.

'Acknowledging the immense challenges of military life can have a real, positive

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OPINIONS



I drink beer to be happy, not to be drawn into political issues

By Don Coble Managing Editor

stopped at my favorite watering hole a couple of days ago, and an old friend L at the counter joined me. When our

server asked if he wanted his usual – a Bud Light – he

said no. We all know why he changed his allegiance to his favorite beer - the most popular beer on the planet. But his reason was astute

Don Coble and not based on

any bias against transgender people.

That's how to conduct a protest. No signs. No bullhorns. No parades. Do it with your wallet.

The more I thought about it, the more I agreed. I don't drink beer to support or rally against any movement. I drink beer to be happy. While some want me to enhance my brain cells, I chose to wipe out a few and be satisfied.

When political movements and social stances impede my ability to throw back a couple, that's where I draw the line. I drink beer to forget politics and what's going on in the country. It's really the only sanctuary against the downward spiral in this country many of us have left.

I don't care if Bud Light put transgender social media star Dyland Mulvaney's image on the side of its cans. They had

to know there would be a blowback. Just think, who drinks that beer anyway?

While I support the company's decision to make a political stand, I also support the community's reaction. If it bothers a Bud Light drinker enough - and I'm not one - that they will switch bands, so be it.

That's how a true protest happens.

Sales of Bud Light dropped 17% compared to sales during the same timeframe a year ago in the two weeks following the social media post. It was so bad when I was at the Martinsville Speedway two weeks ago for a NASCAR race, beer vendors were told not to stock more than a couple of cans of Bud Light in their carts because nobody was buying the beer.

My buddy who owns my favorite watering hole said he hadn't sold more than a handful of cans of Bud Light since the controversy spun out of control with the release earlier in April.

Anheuser-Busch responded by suspending two executives who managed Bud Light's sponsorship of Mulvaney, with 1.8 million Instagram followers and 10.8 followers on TikTok. Alissa Heinerscheild, who was Budweiser's vice president of global marketing, was made the patsy after she said it was a good idea to expand Bud Light's targeted marketing.

Again, nobody drinks beer to support or protest a cause. We drink because it helps them forget about all the turmoil in the world.

A global marketing vice president, Daniel Blake, also was pushed out the

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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

• The county commission agrees to pay \$2.1 million to place a resource officer in all 44 district-owned schools after the school board struggles to fund the expense.

• Katie Vineyard, the COO at Challenge Enterprises, wins the top award at the Celebrate Clay breakfast highlighting the county's leading nonprofits.

• Chick-fil-A and Metro Diner provide the soup for the Salvation Army's annual Empty Bowls fundraiser in Orange Park.

10 years ago, 2013

• The trial for Jacksonville's Cornelius Walston, who was charged with stabbing David Wiley Smith and Kevin Lee Martin to death during a brawl at Club Myth on Fleming Island, starts.

• The Americans United for the Separation of Church and State urge the Board of County Commissioners to add "In God We Trust" to the county's seal.

• The Florida Office of Financial Regulations closes Heritage Bank in Orange Park and Ponte Vedra.

20 years ago, 2003

• Jennifer Carroll garners 86% of the vote in Clay County and 60% in Duval to win the District 13 seat to the Florida House of Representatives.

• Paul Nichols announces he will built 76 "dockominiums" - condos built at Doctors Inlet where residents will have private moorings

• The Clay County Sheriff's Office continues its investigation into the death of Mary Nelson, whose body was found lying on the side of Aurora Boulevard.

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Opinions ...

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

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School News

Vietnam Veterans to award two scholarships

For Clay Today

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

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door.

Trust me, nothing of this magnitude wasn't approved without the highest approval.

Heinerscheild and Blake made a calculated decision that was stupid, and the company is more than willing to let them fall on their swords for it.

This comes at the same time when a transgender Montana lawmaker went to the dais to tell any lawmaker who voted against allowing minors – our babies – from getting sex-change operations. The lawmaker said anyone who votes against

allowing children to get sex changes will have "blood on their hands."

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Recipients of the scholarship will be

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which he/she participated.

There's no need to protest this stance, either. In reality, any parent who agrees to have their young children subjected to a sex-change operation should be jailed. Forever.

Like the decline in Bud Light sales, the best way to protest this is by voting Zooey Zephyr out of office. If they agree with him – yes, I said him – position, vote to return him to the Montana House of Representatives.

Either way, feel free to go to your favorite watering hole and order a beer. At least it won't bother you as much.

History

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30 years ago, 1993

• The school board decides to remove seventh and eighth grade students from Clay High after they realize they were mature enough to deal with the pressures of high school.

• Keystone Heights residents hope water from the mining area at Camp Blanding will be diverted to Brooklyn and Geneva lakes.

• Orange Park Public Works Director Bill Southan and supervisor John Tatem

both resign amid allegations of misconduct in the department.

40 years ago, 1983

• To conform with the Southern Association of Colleges and Standards, middle schools in Clay County are required to replace varsity sports with intramural sports.

• The Orange Park High baseball team defeats Ed White, 11-8, to win the Gateway Championship.

• Despite being a year old, the county said it will accept bids to repair the Clay County tag agency after it was damaged by high winds.

Appreciation

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impact. The simple act of thanks can show military members that their work is valued and appreciated," Plamp said.

Send a Care Package. Sending care packages with items such as snacks and hygiene products lets service members know that the American people are thinking of them, even from thousands of miles away. The USO Care Package program simplifies sending military care packages, which can be complicated. You can support this program by making a monetary donation to the USO. Another option is to check out the USO Wishbook, where you can select a symbolic gift, such as a USO Care Package, from a catalog to be sent to service members. In 2022, the USO delivered 200,000 of these care packages globally.

Support Military Spouses. Deployments are challenging for military spouses. Aside from being separated from their loved ones, military spouses must also shoulder household responsibilities alone. For military families with children, this

can be even more difficult. Offer to cook a family dinner or pick up groceries. Even simply asking how they are doing can make a difference.

Volunteer. Many challenging but rewarding volunteer opportunities serve the men and women in uniform, including with the USO, where you will see the impact of your support firsthand. Many USO locations need volunteers who can facilitate programs and events and help ensure the military community has the resources and support they need to carry out their missions.

Donate. Show your support through the annual USO T-shirt campaign, which raises funds for the USO's mobile and center operations, programs and entertainment, transition services and more. The campaign also builds awareness and understanding of military families. To learn more, visit https://www.uso.org/tshirt.

"From simple words of gratitude to hands-on volunteering, there are many ways to let service members who selflessly put their lives on the line every day know we value their service," Plamp said.



Champions of Magic to appear Monday at Thrasher-Horne Center

By Kylie Cordell For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Champions of Magic will bring a spectacular show delivering "grand-scale magic," according to Master Illusionist Sam Strange.

"It's a full-scale production show with different styles of magic," he said. "There are five magicians, and it comes with lots of large-scale illusions. It's a very high energy, fast past show."

The Champions Of Magic cast presents incredible interactive magic, a daring escape from Houdini's water torture cell, mind-blowing predictions, levitation high above the stage and a finale beyond explanation.

"It comes with high energy and 80s music, visual illusions, pyrotechnics, all sorts of stuff. It's such a vibrant show. It's fun to do, and the audience loves the spirit of it," Strange said.

The show, which has been touring through arenas and 2,000-seat Broadway houses, will only be performed for one night.

Strange and his partner, Richard Young, make up the act Young and Strange – one

of the world's most unique comedy illusion acts. The pair met in their early childhood and have been doing magic ever since.

"I do grand scale illusions which are basically larger scale props. We're going to have pyrotechnics and high-scale production," Strange said.

Young and Strange started touring with Champions of Magic in 2013.

"We did our sets in small venues around the UK, and in 2017, we transitioned to North America. Since then, we have been back and forth. It's now the world's largest touring show and most watched magic show of all time," Strange said.

In recent years their relentless development and innovation of spectacular illusions and live shows have landed them spots on prime-time television and the biggest stages around the world. In addition to Live performances, Young and Strange also create online video content which showcases original formats for magic.

However, the real magic is on the stage. "We love performing in live theatres. When you perform on a theatre stage in

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these historic buildings that have been home to the best shows in the world to a live audience. It's a feeling like nothing else," Strange said. "So many magicians now produce online content for Instagram or TikTok, and that's primarily what they do. And we have dabbled with that over the years, but it doesn't emotionally do it for us to just stand there in front of a camera."

However, in a cynical age surrounded by what is essentially magic all the time, he said that trying to compete with mass media entertainment is difficult.

"It's really difficult, isn't it? You sift through news feeds and videos all day that



are insanely interesting. Now everyone has these massive TVs in their house with unlimited streaming services.

"But we do try to push the limits of magic. What's great about coming to a

magic show is that you get to experience pure escapism. You forget about all that stuff. You are engaged in the live moment. I don't think those moments can compete with anything that you would see online or on a TV screen," he said.

So break away from the screen and experience live entertainment like never before with Champions Of Magic – an evening of impossible illusions and spectacular special effects. The show happens all around the theatre and features spectacular illusions that can't be seen anywhere else.

"It's a massive show. You have to have fun. I think the audience, they recognize that," Strange said. "And it's different every time. There's always something varied about the show."

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Obituaries

Rhonda Jean Knott

Rhonda J. Knott was born in Sylva, NC on August 27, 1976 to parents of Tony and Betty Jo Knott. She passed into the arms of Jesus on April 12, 2023 in Orange Park, FL. with mother and sister holding her hands. Born with Cerebral Palsy and never having spoken a word, yet she left a lasting impression on this earth.

Rhonda was preceded in death by her

father, Mark A. (Tony) Knott, Aunts Georgia Dowda and Polly Baxter, Uncle Harry Brut, and both sets of grandparents. She is survived by her mother, sister and brother-in-law, Tracy and Ron Wells, Aunts Elsie Alderman, Diane Brut, and JoAnn Knott



Rhonda Jean Knott

and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rhonda's struggles with C.P., inspired her parents to help develop programs for the developmentally disabled in Clay County, Florida and surrounding counties:

1979 – Lighthouse Learning Center in Orange Park, when there were no programs for pre-school children with developmental disabilities. It later became part of the Clay County public school system and Head Start.

As members of First Baptist Church Jacksonville, parents Betty Jo and Tony started a special needs Sunday School called "I Am Special" and continues more than 40 years later as the "Shine Class."

1994 –Building Abilities of Special Children & Adults (BASCAinc.org)

Rhonda's parents together with cofounders, John and Linda Cone, started this non-profit to produce programs in Clay County for our developmentally disabled community: Today, BASCA supports 5 group homes, 2 day treatment centers, summer camps, sheltered workshops and resale boutique at headquarters in Orange Park.

2000 –Daystar Centers - When our severely disabled children were graduating from high school like Rhonda, the Knott's began discussions with the First Coast YMCA about sponsoring a special day treatment center that would give continued PT and OT, social activities, swimming therapy, etc. Giving much needed respite for parents. The first Daystar Center was built at Dye-Clay YMCA and in 2011 the second Center was built at the Barco-Newton YMCA on Fleming Island. Today more than 30 participants with trained staff are part of the YMCA programs – the first in the nation.

Rhonda's short 46 years of life has left a legacy that will continue to bless special needs children and their families because God blessed the Knott's with this precious child. A scholarship in Rhonda's name has been established at Western Carolina University to award students majoring in special education and to inspire them for generations to come. Betty Jo's book "Wake Up, Rhonda" shares her family's journey as God used a broken vessel to mold a community and the vessel is now made whole!

A Memorial Service to celebrate her life will be held at 2:30pm on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at First Baptist Church of Orange Park, 1140 Kingsley Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073

Memorial Donations can be made to: Daystar Center, First Coast YMCA 40 E. Adams St, Ste 210 Jax, FL 32202

Barbara Teston Kennedy

Barbara Teston Kennedy, 90, of Orange Park, FL passed away April 16, 2023. She was born August 8, 1932 in Screven, GA to the late Jessie and Lottie (Mizell) Teston. Barbara was a devoted and loving mother, sister and grandmother who cherished time spent with her family. She is preceded by her

parents, husband, Lucious Kennedy; son, Paul C. Armstrong, Jr.; brothers, L. Glenn Teston and Jesse Newton Teston and stepdaughter, Maureen Chambers. Barbara is survived by daughters, Debra A.

Byerly (Mike), Ali- Barbara Teston Kennedy cia A. Wilson (Mike)

and Kimberly A. Armstrong (Lexa); sisters, Harolyn Deck and Jacquelyn Hand; stepchildren, Jim Kennedy (Bonnie), Sharon

Burnett and Kenneth Kennedy (Debbie); numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews vi and friends. Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm, Thursday, April 20, 2023 in the re Jacksonville Memory Gardens Chapel. The sh family will receive friends from 1:00pm m until service time. The family requests, kr in lieu of flowers donations be made to fo Community Hospice of Northeast Florida in https://www.communityhospice.com/ Arrangements under the care of Jacksonville re Memory Gardens 111 Blanding Blvd., Or-

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Rev. James P. Archibald, Jr.

Rev. James P. Archibald, Jr., died on October 15 2022, at the age of 91, after having been a resident of Penney Retirement Community (PRC) for 23 years. He was an active Clergy serving with other Clergy residents within the Penney Retirement Community, pastoring to the 32 different Christian denominations who have come from all over the world to further their Christian experiences through active engagement in causes greater than themselves through a host of voluntary initiatives.

Rev. Jim Archibald served as a Methodist Minister for 45 years, retiring from the Baltimore Washington Conference, having served as the Senior Pastor at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church for a decade.

On Wednesday, May 3, 2023, his families, clergy and close friends will spread his ashes at the Penney Farms Cemetery, on Rt. 16 at the Garden of Hope, assembling at 8:45 am and concluding at 9:30 am.

His Remembrance and Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held at the Penney Memorial Church in Penney Farms, Florida, located at the intersection of Rt. 16 and Rt. 218., beginning with a prelude by the Penney Retirement Community Handbell Choir at 9:45 am.

The service will be led by Rev. Mark Davies and is scheduled from 10 to 11:00 am.

This time of worship will include a representative sample of the clerical leadership within the Penney Retirement Community. His family invites all those who knew and loved Jim to attend and join them for a buffet luncheon following the service in McCormack Hall running from 11:00 am to 1:15 pm. This will be a time when PRC residents, families and friends may share their remembrances of him.

The Celebration of His Life leads into an afternoon of open houses on campus at the Penney Railroad House, which he instigated by Jim Archibald at 1:30 pm. It will be led by Jon Nelson and include a demonstration of model railroad trains.

The day will conclude at the J.C. Penney Museum, led by Cathy Parrott, a Board Member of the Penney Retirement Community and a skilled and valuable resource to the Town of Penney Farms.

All are welcome to Jim Archibald's Remembrance and Day of Celebration

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Middleburg's Quinn, Big Engine share spotlight at Claystock 2

Event supported St. Michael's Soldiers, Homegrown Kindness Project

By Lee Wardlaw lee@claytodayonline.com

MIDDLEBURG – Fans at Claystock 2 not only supported East Coast Warriors Foundation's St. Michael's Soldiers and The Homegrown Kindness Project, but they enjoyed a day of entertainment, including former American Idol contestant and Middleburg resident Stephen Quinn.

The event also featured food, local vendors selling their crafts and creations, silent auction featuring "sleek antiques" and specialty items donated by residents.

Among the lineup of performers that rocked fans at American Legion Post 250's backwoods-based location included hometown hero Quinn.

The former American Idol contestant qualified for the Hollywood round and Top 50 final cut for the television show in 2018. He performed a euphonious rendition of the national anthem, which he followed with a rocking opening act.

After Quinn, The Mae West Band, Southbound 41, Circus and Big Engine crushed the remainder of the performances at the



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The crowd at Claystock 2 enjoyed food, vendors, drinks and a steady stream of live music were featured at American Legion Post 250 in Middleburg to support the East Coast Warriors Foundation's St. Michael's Soldiers and the Hometown Kindness Project.

military-based event.

Big Engine sent everyone home with the ultimate bang by raising an extra \$127 before putting their instruments down as they performed their "Money Song."

All funds raised through \$10 ticket donations will be distributed to St. Micheal's Soldiers, a Middleburg-based nonprofit dedicated to deployed men and women of the U.S. military and those injured in the line of duty in the Northeast Florida area, along with the Homegrown Kindness Project.

Among items that were auctioned in-

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cluded a Ronnie Van Zant light-up sculpture, framed photos of the Lynyrd Skynyrd "Hell House" and a guitar signed by all bands from Saturday's event.

Dona Tingle, founder and organizer of



Stephen Quinn was one of the featured acts at Claystock 2.

Claystock 2, said she expected the event to raise at least \$13,500 - the same amount raised in 2022.

"We want to match or (exceed) that (donation amount) for Jim and Kathy (Signorile) this time," she said.



Big Engine closed the show at ClayStock 2 at American Legion Post 250.



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Advocates explore forming Clay County Disability Council

First organizational meeting held last week at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship

By Lee Wardlaw lee@claytodayonline.com

ORANGE PARK – Stakeholders from the county's disability community held their first collaborative meeting on April 20 to create a preliminary blueprint for the Clay County Disability Council.

The council, which will serve as a liaison between the county's disability advocate community and municipal and county governments, would be the county's first group of its kind.

If formed, the council would seek to become a division of the Clay SafetyNet Alliance, a nonprofit committed to expanding the platform of committed social service partners among faith-based, nonprofit, forprofit and local government organizations.

Residents with mental and physical disabilities, their parents, caregivers, nonprofit providers and representatives from county nonprofits Challenger Enterprises and BAS-CA, attended along with Clay County Community and Social Services, a department within the county government dedicated to



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

Jose Morales helped map out the Disability Council's mission statement by crafting a mission statement, which he will do alongside outspoken self-advocate and Clay County Changemakers co-founder Lauren Eakin.





Attendees from the community witnessed the historic meeting at the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship on Thursday afternoon in Orange Park.

the well-being of all residents.

Jose Morales, who is blind and a former county resident and a highly successful professional, moved to Jacksonville to be the ADA Manager for CIL Jacksonville and led the meeting alongside DeAnn Burgess. She is an advisor for Clay County Changemakers, a nonprofit dedicated to helping persons with mental and physical disabilities and fighting for change to aid the quality of life through advocating for change in political policy. Morales said that the first order for the Disability Council was to create a mission statement.

The statement will be drafted with help from Lauren Eakin, a woman who lives with cerebral palsy and is required to utilize a wheelchair. Eakin has become a well-known advocate for people with disabilities living in Clay County.

Eakin is the co-founder and board member at the Changemakers, a board member for the Florida Self Advocates Network and Clay County Transportation Disadvantage. She's also a graduate of the Florida Partners in Policymaking program and has been fighting for disability rights since 2017.

The statement is to be completed in the next two weeks. They hope that will be a significant step for the county's disabled community.

Among other details discussed at the meeting by Morales included plans for an open public forum at the Clay SafetyNet Alliance's July meeting to explain the direction the Disability Council needs to move forward, as well as the key and crucial highlight differences of a Disability Council and Advocacy Group according to Florida Sunshine Law.

Morales used his Duval County Mayor's Council as a blueprint for a successful council model while creating the Clay County Disability Council.

Morales laid out the details of the council can install members, create subcommittees and address issues as they arise.

He told the group how to approach businesses and nonprofits to establish funding, support, and goodwill that can help promote



Lauren Eakin, who lives with cerebral palsy and requires a wheelchair, is a board member of several local groups in Clay County. She's a celebrity fixture at most disability meetings.

policy changes for persons of disabilities within the community, which is what the proposed council would seek to do if formed.

"We started from Ground Zero (in 2017), and we're trying to build this disability council in Clay, and I'm really excited to see where it goes. This is something I've been working on for a while. I want to get Clay where Duval is," Eakin said.

"In 2017, I became very aware of the lack of services for people with disabilities in Clay County and throughout the state. Since then, we've been pushing hard through advocates trying to make the change, and it's very difficult to do so. I'm very happy about the progress from the meeting today and what could be in store moving forward," Burgess said.

Burgess said working to bridge partnerships to gain further support within the county community will be one order of business.

"We're going to attempt to pull together some partnerships to help expand the Clay County Disability Council," she said.



Tennis enthusiasts serve support for American Cancer Society, local charities

By Lee Wardlaw lee@clavtodavonline.com

FLEMING ISLAND – Athletes and fans of the Tennis 4 Cancer not only enjoyed fastpaced, high-flying, competitive action on the courts last weekend, but it was all to support the American Cancer Society and other local charities.

The tournament benefited the American Cancer Society and its Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation Hope Lodge in Jacksonville. It provides a free place to stay for cancer patients and caregivers in a supportive, home-like environment. Proceeds also helped a wide-ranging list of local charities supported by the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise, which organizes the annual event.

Donations from the tournament are split between the American Cancer Society and other local charities supported by the Orange Park Sunrise.



The men's bracket provided for great competition, but the women's heat was equally as competitive.





PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

Fans and athletes flocked all 12 courts. The infinite action provided the ultimate "kid in a candy store" feeling for tennis lovers in Clay County and throughout the greater Jacksonville area.

The 13th annual tournament was held at the Eagle Harbor Tennis Club on Fleming Island.

Final numbers haven't been tabulated yet, but nearly 300 players competed, according to Göran Fredrikson, a representative for the tournament. He said 270 athletes picked up rackets in 2022, and that number would most likely range between 260-280 this year.

Classic rock and other favorite hits played in the background as tennis balls flew through the air simultaneously on 12 courts.

When they weren't playing, guests and supporters found various ways to monitor the action. They under the cooling shade of umbrellas around the courts with clubhouse food and drink in hand. A quick look at the gathering showed why it is the largest annual event at Eagle Harbor.

"This is an amazing event, and it's a community event. It's the biggest event at Eagle Harbor every year, and every year it continues to grow and grow. We have tremendous sponsors and tremendous par-

Vineyard

during the delay between the demolition of the dilapidated building and the construction of a new building.

Sanders said The Vineyard will ramp up its fundraising soon. Plans have been drawn for a new mission with a completion date for next year.

The old building was in such disarray, contractors said it would be more cost-effective to tear it down and rebuild than to keep making repairs. The original building was knocked down last May, and it's taken Sanders a year to collect enough of the to-tal \$500,000 needed to complete plans and schedule construction.

"We're gaining momentum," Sanders said.

ticipants from all over Northeast Florida," said Bob Willen, a committee member and team support staff member.

Men and women of all ages and skill levels executed their best forehands, backhands, serves and other arrays of swift, well-timed and athletic maneuvers.

While not everyone came home with trophies, it wasn't due to a lack of effort.

The biggest winners, however, were local charities.

"Fundraising has been great, and the weather was as good as it could have been. It was a fantastic weekend," said James Ellisor, tournament chairperson.

Despite past accomplishments in the name of charity, the motivated, driven Ellisor and his team of volunteers will continue to make Tennis 4 Cancer a first-class event.

"Like I say every year, we try to improve things. In 13 years, I think we've got it down pretty good, but there is always room to improve and ways to grow," he said.

The new mission will provide a safe shelter for men to rebuild their lives after being released from jail. The home will host as many as 16, and each will attend life skill classes and learn to be self-sufficient.

"We start the vetting process while they're still in jail," Sanders said. "They start the program four or five months before they're released. By the time they get here, they already know what's going on.

"I believe everyone deserves a second chance."

The purpose is to provide an alternative to being an asset in society. By teaching men to deal with challenges by hard work and faith, Sanders said they are less likely to be arrested again.

The Vineyard also supports 50 people weekly with clothing, meals, temporary housing and other necessities.



From left, Phyllis Applebee, SMMA Treasurer Linda Hawkins, Kathy Plante, Leslie Kruzicki and AGOP President Phyl Renninger accept the check from the Jacksonville Society of Mixed Media Artists.

Art Guild of Orange Park gets donation from Jacksonville SMMA

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – The Art Guild of Orange Park was honored with a wonderful \$6,460 donation from the Jacksonville Society of Mixed Media Artists (SMMA) at the AGOP April meeting.

AGOP President, Phyl Renninger, accepted the donation from Phyllis Applebee, SoMMA Treasurer, and former SoMMA members Kathy Plante, Linda Hawkins and Leslie Kruzicki.

SMMA , an eclectic group of talented artists working in mixed media, collage, experimental, fiber, encaustic, and nonobjective art, disbanded this year. AGOP is inviting former SMMA members to join AGOP, an inclusive group of visual artists reaching into many local communities.

At the presentation, Hawkins gave a heartfelt impromptu talk about the difficulty non-profit groups have in surviving. Hawkins pointed out that organizations require dedicated volunteers as well as a younger active generation willing to maintain an organization's mission. She offered a caveat of appeal for engaging in volunteer organizations: "Studies tell us that volunteers live longer and have healthier lives."

AGOP policy seeks young members. Recently the Guild lowered its membership age from 18 to 14 so that talented high school students can become part of this art group. The Guild also offers an annual cash



scholarship that includes free one-year membership in the Guild. Applications are available online at www.artguildoforangepark.org.

Art students wishing to join the Guild can join online or at one of the monthly meetings. The Guild meets at 150 Fox Alley Dr. on the first Tuesday of each month during the academic year and is open to the public.

AGOP works continuously to increase membership and its presence in the community. The organization promotes visual arts programs in schools and reaches out to serve many other community organizations and agencies. Guild volunteers participate in many activities, events and art programs throughout Clay County each year.

The Guild provides arts education and support to members through workshops and mentoring and affords exhibition opportunities for participants. Membership is for visual artists and anyone interested in supporting local arts and artists. If you call yourself an "Art Lover" you are welcome.





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Gateway to Clay: Residents, county officials look for solutions to clean up Wells Road corridor

ORANGE PARK – More than 25 residents attended the Gateway to Clay initiative meeting on April 24 to hear how the county plans to revive the Wells Road corridor. Although violent crime has been reduced by 40% compared to last year, according to Clay County Sheriff's Office Assistant Chief of North Patrol Domenic Paniccia. He also said most property crime along Wells Road is driven by shoplifting and thefts at the Orange Park Mall and big box stores like Home Depot and At Home Store. CCSO also reported they use a lot of surveillance, tag readers and traffic cameras to help deputies respond in real time. Sheriff Cook said her agency will continue to help turn around one of the primary throughfares entering the county. She told residents her deputies chased a shoplifter for 45 minutes until they detained him. "If we don't work together to take back the corridor, it will be easy, and I hate to say this, but we'll lose it. I will say this: even when they commit a non-violent, we will carry their butts in jail." The meeting also emphasized Fire Rescue's Community Paramedicine's proactive measures to curb drug abuse and overdoses, cleaning up the area, dealing with the homeless and creating social media that shares concepts and solicits suggestions.

Garden Club of Fleming Island to release butterflies on Saturday

For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – Imagine sitting in your garden and watching beautiful butterflies flitting from flower to flower. Feel the peace and tranquility of this scene.

Would you like to recreate this in your garden?

Part of the mission of the Garden Club of Fleming Island is to instruct how to identify flowers that attract butterflies and how to create butterfly gardens. Two of our members presented "Butterfly 101" at the April meeting.

This was in preparation for our big Butterfly Release on April 29 at the Fleming Island Library. We will join the children to release 240 butterflies. It is a gala event and it's free to the public.

The May meeting is members-only, so keep an eye out for August when we resume our regular schedule.



If you want to connect with the Garden Club, we have a public May event at Club Continental with the Art Guild of Orange Park. The Art and the Garden Show is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on May 16 at Club Continental.

We will be selling plants and craft items with garden themes. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

We want to thank all those seniors from Fleming Island High for applying for our scholarship this year. Watch for the May issue, where we will feature the winner.



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Penney Retirement Center President and CEO Teresa Scott was selected as the winner of the Jack Myers Executive Director Award.

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"We're so proud to present this year's Paul E. Reinold Community Service Award to Waste Not Want Not."

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Irene Toto, CEO of Clay Behavorial Health Center, accepts the award for Judge's Choice Program.

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Peggy Bryan Volunteer of the Year Award (\$7,000) – William Darnell, Saved to Serve

Judge's Choice Volunteer Awards (\$3,500) – Deborah Cannarella, Young Life Clay County, and Larry Grosshans, Seamark Ranch

Special Judges' Awards (\$2,000) – Clay County Rescue Mission, The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, First Coast Women's Services, Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs, The James Boys of Orange Park United Methodist Church, Mercy Support Services, Miriam's Basket, Project REACH Clay County District Schools, Quigley House and Seamark House.

Category Awards (\$1,000)

Arts and Culture: CalaVida Arts Festival, Concert on the Green, Island Theater, Oakleaf Elementary Music Program and Soul Food Festival

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Community Programs: Challenge Enterprises of North Florida, Clay County Habitat for Humanity, McRae Elementary School Weekend Food Program, Operation Barnabas, Saved 2 Serve, Seeds of Love Ministry and Vineyard Transitional Center **Education and Literacy:** ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida, Children's Home Society of Florida, Clay County Education Foundation and Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy Foundation

Environment and Animal Advocacy: CJ Acres Animal Rescue Farm and Clay County Humane Society

Health and Human Services: BASCA, Community Hospice and Palliative Care and Emmanuel Project of Northeast Florida

Senior Citizen's Programs: Shepherd's Center of Orange Park

Church Service Programs: Food Bridge Middleburg United Methodist Church and Mission of the Dirt Road

Accomplishments by Youth: AMI Kids Clay County, Clay County Sheriff's Explorer Post 987 and Teen Court of Clay County; Service to

Youth and Families: Young Life Clay County.

than 100 local nonprofits hoping to earn a portion of the \$100,000 that was awarded.

"It was so exciting waiting to hear the words," the executive director said. "It's like a beauty pageant. You don't want to hear your name too soon. At the same time, the longer you don't hear your name, you start to worry about it being too late."

Staudt-Killea operates a group that collects unused food and redistributes it to 47 food banks that feed 7,000 people a week.

"The unique community outreach agency we celebrate this morning connects the dots between surplus food and hungry people," Myers said. "Fortunately, in 2022, 47 charities in Clay County that feed hungry people received the equivalent of 11,000 meals every week thanks to this agency. This food feeds more than 7,000 people in Clay County every week.

"Eighty-three percent of the charities served by this agency said it would be extremely difficult or very difficult to continue providing their current level of service without this food service agency. Nearly three-quarters said they would have had to reduce the amount of food they provided to each client, and one-third stated that they would have to reduce the number of times they serve altogether." Waste Not Want Not earned the top award of \$15,000 from the Paul and Klare Reinhold Foundation. The organization was one of 47 county nonprofits that were selected for a variety of prizes.

The Way Free Medical Clinic and Clay Behavioral Health Center earned \$7,000 after winning the Judge's Choice Program Awards. Penney Retirement Community President and CEO Teresa Scott earned the Jack Myers Executive Director Award and Saved 2 Serve's William Darnell won the Peggy Bryan Volunteer of the Year Award. Both earned \$7,000 checks.

The spotlight during the annual breakfast at the Thrasher-Horne Center clearly focused on Waste Not Want Not.

"Ever resilient, this team rescued and distributed two million pounds of food last year within the value of \$3.2 million."

First-time winners included Saved 2 Serve, Seeds of Love Ministry, The Vineyards Transitional Center and Clay County Rescue Mission.

According to the foundation's executive director Amy Parker, Clay County nonprofits, involving more than 11,000 volunteers, secured \$36.8 million in grants and contributions, raised \$2 million in fundraising, and earned about \$44 million in other



The Way Free Medical Clinic Associate Executive Director Andrea Crowder accepts her agency's Judge's Choice Program Award.

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Kids Fest turns Orange Park Town Hall Park into giant playground

By Lee Wardlaw lee@claytodayonline.com

ORANGE PARK - Town Hall Park was transformed into a giant playground during last weekend's fun-filled Orange Park Kids Fest.

Hundreds of young and old children were treated to a myriad of family-friendly attractions during the two-day event at Orange Park Town Hall Park, with children enjoying a robust menu of activities.

Some options for the little ones included exciting thrills like pony rides, miniature golf, sand painting and Tim's Train Rides – a four-wheeler connected to train cars, with each car holding a carrying capacity of two passengers.

Children rode alongside friends and parents.

The train ride service followed a circular path weaving through the middle of the action at the "small town Disney World" event, harboring a carnival-style atmosphere featuring several entertainment options for the parents and adults.

That included food trucks, business vendors, and nonprofit vendors and more.

As the children played, adults enjoyed the savory smells and sweet eats from a wide-ranging variety of food trucks, with options including barbecue, churros, elephant ears, pizza, sushi, Karaage (Japa-

nese fried chicken) and more.

Live music and interactive shows on the stage were offered, with children being encouraged to become part of the action.

Most of the activities, however, were focused on children 12 and younger.

A portion of the town hall's front lawn was dedicated to a harnessed trampoline, rock climbing wall, inflatable slide and inflatable obstacle course to keep children engaged.

The event is a three-time winner of the Bold City Best Award for Best Kids Entertainment.

Some of the children properly nicknamed "Funnest Event in Town." shared their thoughts regarding their favorite activities. Among the responses included



Miniature Golf was another popular item on a menu chock-full of activities for the children attending the event from across the town and county. Smiling faces were a common sight throughout the weekend.



5-year old Emma Quiroz and 10-year-old

coloring station were her two favorites. "I

like it because you can draw whatever you

want and pick any color that you want to

Quiroz said the rock-climbing wall and

Robbie Borland.

Tim's Train Rides toted the little ones through the heart of Orange Park Kids Fest.

use." Ouiroz said.

"I really like the bounce house, and the stormtroopers were really cool. I also really enjoyed the (interactive) shows," Borland said.



Pony rides, sand painting, and several other options were available for cheerful children throughout the course of the entire weekend, but inflatable slides and bouncy houses served as the stars of the show.



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2023 SPOTLIGHTS Homeless to honors Positive school spirit drives Brown's success at Clay High

By Don Coble don@claytodayonline.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – It's easy to pick Dwight Brown out of a crowd. He's the one with the blissful smile.

It wasn't always that way for the Clay High graduate-to-be. Instead of immersing himself in his hopeless past, Brown was determined to find a positive path to success.

And nothing will erase that enthusiasm. Or his determination.

"For a year, I lived in a homeless shelter in Jacksonville," Brown said. "We kind of moved around a lot in my childhood because my mom couldn't stay in one house, you know. There were nights I slept in the car."

Unlike his classmates in Duval County, Brown wore shoes handed down from an older brother. He washed his clothes in the sink or bathtub, and he often wore the same outfit for days at a time.

"I stunk," he said. "I noticed as a young child the differences between me and my other classmates. I knew there was a difference between how they were living and how I was living. I just like kind of thought to myself, I don't want to be stuck in this position. I want to move on past this position that I'm in. I just don't want to be homeless anymore."

Brown eventually moved in with his father and stepmother in Clay County. Suddenly he found stability, and with it came the decision to only surround himself with positive, happy people.

"I just flourished here. I liked the education system," he said. "It was different than Duval County. I had better influences, and I



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Despite his challenging past, you won't find Dwight Brown without a smile at Clay High.

just flourished."

Brown will graduate with honors and a four-year scholarship offer for the University of Florida. He wants to become a lawyer, judge or politician.

"This isn't supposed to be where I am. It's so rare, but I made it," Brown said. "I just tried to stay inspired by my past. I know where I once was. I'm not going back." Brown said academics and "school spir-

it" helped drive his success. The more he excelled, the harder he worked.

"I had a great support system and a certain level of spirit to want to push as hard as I did to make myself become who I am," he said.

What Brown became was the school's 2022 Prom King and this year's Homecoming King.

"I've got good friends around me," he said. "I always make sure I have good influences around me – people who also want a future for themselves, because if you don't want a future for yourself, what are you going to do to inspire me?"

Brown's zeal for life defies his past. Instead of finding a place to sleep or where to get his next meal, Brown now worries about future college exams and how far his enthusiasm for success will take him.

Martin from page 2

and three classes away from earning her Associate of Arts degree.

Martin won't hide from her past. Secrets have been replaced by resolve.

"Having a child when you're 12, of course, sends up a million red flags," she said. "Going into my ninth-grade year, I was in foster care – in foster care trying to raise a child. It was hard because I was a child trying to raise a child, so it wasn't easy to stay on my academics."

Aspyn has disdain for many in the foster care system. She said older children often are considered housekeepers and babysitters, not family members. Betrayed by someone in her original family, she struggled to find a family who accepted her as their own.

"It was terrible," she said. "When I was removed (by the state) from my home, my daughter was old enough to know I was her mom. I knew I couldn't return, so I bounced from home to home."

And yet, she not only survived, she flourished.

"I honestly wouldn't change it for the world," Aspyn said. "Even though I went through these difficult times, I would just push through. I mean, honestly, your struggles don't define who you are. Your challenges don't define who you are." Martin wants to earn a degree in business marketing. She already works as a student manager intern for Vystar at the school. "I already have it in with Vystar, so I guess it's my biggest motive for continuing through and not just giving up," she said. "I want to be the person to share my story and say it's OK. You have to learn it's not your fault, first off. And second off, you can come out above it and push through and just do what's best for you."

On Oct. 2, 2019, a jury found him guilty, but the case was closed a month later. The case is now listed as "inactive."

"I ended up going to trial against him," Aspyn said. "I just wanted to make sure I was all done with him. Back then, I thought it was my fault, not my family's fault, but my fault."

She found solace in her schoolwork and social activities at the school.

"You name just about any club, and I'm in it," she said. "Academics became my main focus because I learned to put my heart into anything I do."

Her daughter is now in pre-kindergarten. Both mom and child now embrace a happy future.

"Sadly, there is a lot of bad people in society," Aspyn said, "but there's a tone of good people out there if you search for it. Being happy is a decision, and I've decided to be happy."

And empowered.

Sara Evans brings her expansive musical setlist to Thrasher-Horne on May 4

By Alan Sculley *For Clay Today*

ORANGE PARK – Sara Evans has a current album, "Copy That," out, and there was a genuine sense of not just excitement, but surprise, in her voice when she began talking about the project in a recent phone interview.

"I'd have to say it's probably, I mean, I hate to say this because I never want to sound insincere, but this could honestly be my favorite record I've ever done," Evans said. "That says a lot because A, I've made, what, nine albums now, but also I've written a lot of my own songs and they've all been my babies."

Evans is referring to the fact that "Copy That" is made up of her versions of songs made famous by other artists. Evans, obviously, realizes that artists commonly say that each new album is the best one they've done. She's also aware covers albums are sometimes dismissed as less important than albums of original material and less workintensive to complete than albums of original material.

Evans will play many of the hits from "Copy That" when she appears at the Thrasher-Horne Center on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at thcenter.org.

But clearly, "Copy That" is not meant to be a red-headed stepchild of Evans' nine previous studio albums (plus a Christmas record). Evans and producer Jarrad K (Kritzstein) put plenty of thought and work into the project, beginning with choosing the songs for the album.

"When it got down to it, I was like 'Oh my gosh, how am I going to pick the songs? This is way more stressful than I thought it was going to be, because the songs are endless," Evans said. "I knew we could probably only have somewhere between 10 and 15 songs."

Evans decision to stick closely to the original versions of the songs – "That's why I named the album 'Copy That," Evans said – also meant a lot of meticulous work in making sure to emulate even the smallest details in the famous versions of the songs. "He (Jarrad K) was diligent about that. He really worked my tail off," Evans said.

The musical relationship that developed between Evans and Jarrad K is one of the reasons "Copy That" became such a special experience for the singer. Evans discovered Jarrad K after listening to Ruston Kelly's 2018 album, "Dying Star," and was struck by the creative and intricate musical touches Jarrad K's production work brought to the album.

It turned out that Evans' hunch that she would mesh musically with Jarrad K was spot on.

"We are literally kindred spirits. We are soul siblings, we are musical soulmates. And we had the best first meeting. I just couldn't stop ask him things like 'Why did you do this on

Ruston's record?' And 'Where did you get the idea?'" Evans said. "I always tell people that we fell in love musically."

What also made the "Copy That" project special was that it features Evans' 23-yearold son, Avery, as featured guitarist and the backing vocals of daughters Olivia, 20, and Audrey, 19. The album also was part of a homecoming for Evans, who had moved from Birmingham back to her former home town of Nashville. She was exhilarated by living and working again in that vibrant music center.

Evans' enthusiasm is apparent in the performances on "Copy That," an album that gets a strong element of familiarity thanks to the faithful renditions of the songs. The choice of songs, however, has some surprises.

There are a couple of country classics (Patsy Cline's "She's Got You" and Hank Williams' I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry") and some '70s-era country tinged pop tunes (the Kenny Loggins/Stevie Nicks duet "Whenever I Call You Friend" and Poco's "Crazy Love") one might expect from Evans. But "Copy





Sara Evans

That" also boasts several seemingly leftfield choices, such as the Knack's powerpop hit "My Sharona," Dexys Midnight Runners' Irish-tinged rouser "Come On Eileen" and the Pretenders' bouncy "Don't Get Me Wrong."

The diversity of "Copy That" sends a very intentional message.

"I want people to realize that I'm so much more than just the country genre. And like when Spotify does like playlists concerning me, I don't want to just be associated with Carrie Underwood or Luke Bryan or the current country," Evans said. "I want to be known as an amazing singer and producer and musician, and not just Sara Evans, the country singer."

Evans has been filtering songs from

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"Copy That" into her concerts. Of course, with a catalog that includes 20 charting singles, including five No. 1 country hits that during the early-to-mid- 2000s put her in the front ranks of the country scene, she has plenty of song choices for her shows.

"It's definitely a good 90 minutes, no question, sometimes longer because I like to talk a lot to my audience," Evans said. "Yeah, basically it's all the hits – really even not all the hits – we don't play everything."



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MudRunners get filthy to support children's home







By Don Coble don@claytodayonline.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Last Saturday's Seamark Ranch's MudRun turned into a filthy mess.

And a huge success.

Nearly 1,100 runners certainly helped laundrymats and clothes soap companies all while supporting the nonprofit raise almost \$175,000 to help it provide a safe home for children struggling with a family crisis eaused by loss, grief and trauma and learn the tools for a brighter future.

"It was phenomenal," said Seamark Ceo Greg Voss. "Last year, we had about 1,020 people. This year, it was closer to 1,050 to 1,000. We are catching enough steam, we have to start thinking about how we can accommodate more people. It's a huge event."

And very dirty.

For the 10th year, runners faced a fivekilometer obstacle course that included wading through lakes, climbing walls, sliding into pools of water, running through woods and crawling through a long maudlin of mud.

"We refer to the mud at the finish line 'Shawshank Redemption.' It's named after the character who crawled through sewage in the movie – Andy Dufresne."

The mud pit was so thick and sticky that many runners lost their shoes. Others discarded their shoes on the trail or around the ranch after they realized soap and water would never get them clean again.

"We always tell people to buy a cheap

pair of tennis shoes because you won't be able to wear them again," Voss said.

Voss said a backhoe needed to dig shoes out of the finish line. He said when volunteers set up the course next year, they will find shoes throughout the course left from previous runs.

"It's a tennis shoe graveyard out there," Voss said.

The MudRun plays a vital role in the future for many deserving children. It provides a Christian-based home, schooling, counseling, life-skill, and job-skill training to those requiring out-of-home care.

One of the most popular spots was the community shower 50 yards from the finish line. Runners stood five deep to get a spot to wash black mud from their eyes and ears. Others who couldn't wait jumped into a ditch filled with runoff water from the showers or into the giant lake at the starting line.

The grime was a perfect distraction from the physical challenges of the obstacle course. It also was the best way to remember one of the county's dirtiest – and most successful – fundraising events.









Thousands of unwanted, expired pills collected during Drug Take Back Day

By Lee Wardlaw lee@claytodayonline

CLAY COUNTY - Health and law enforcement officials joined with the community to lock arms to end the war on drugs during the Drug Enforcement Administration's annual National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 22.

Residents were able to safely dispose of their unused and expired medications at three locations in Clay: the Orange Park Police Department, HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital and the County Paramedic Office in Middleburg.

After disposing of prescription pills, officials locations asked residents a few brief questions, such as how they found out about the event. People who dropped off drugs were also encouraged to complete a survey via a QR code.

The safe and proper disposal of medications provides myriad benefits that promote the community's greater good.

Freeing cabinet space and keeping the drugs out of harm's way to children and potential drug abusers are among some top advantages of the DEA's annual program.

At the Orange Park Police Department, Assistant Chief Randy Chase reminded residents of the importance of getting rid of expired and unwanted prescriptions.

"We want to tie in that (residents) can drop (the medications) off on a daily basis." he said.

Capt. Stephen Teal, Community Paramedicine Program Director for Clay County Fire and Rescue, said several pharmacies and Fire Rescue stations provide residents with highly resourceful and convenient Deterra pouches, which can destroy up to 45 pills.

"You fill it up with water and zip lock it shut, and the bag is biodegradable," he said

OPPD filled two large trash bags with expired and unwanted prescriptions in four hours, largely thanks to the help of Cori Kirk, Property and Evidence Technician.

Kirk was responsible for sorting through the medications and separating liquids, syringes or creams and returning them to residents. The takeback only concentrated on pills.

The pills were taken to the department's property and evidence room to be examined, weighed, and collected by the DEA on Monday, which destroyed the medicines collected.

The Paramedic's Office in Middleburg also had a strong turnout looking to rid their cabinets of unwanted pills. In the first three hours, nearly five trash bags had been filled, according to Teal.

Residents listed several reasons for turning in pills.

"My wife is no longer taking them," said Brad Berg as he pulled into the drive-thru style configuration at OPPD.

Improper disposal can be dangerous, including to fish and wildlife in waterways, when the drugs are flushed down the toilet or thrown in the garbage.

"I had this stuff stored for quite a while, and I wanted to get rid of it. But I didn't want to put it in the trash or flush it down the drain because I heard (about the detrimental effects to the fish) on the radio. I just heard this story about the (red drum

> This trash bag is one of two that were filled during the DEA's National Drug Takeback Dav at

ined and weighed in the depart-

ment's evidence room and were

collected by the DEA on Monday.

the Orange Park Police



Cori Kirk stayed busy collecting trash bags filled with unwanted medical supplies from residents on Saturday, which she checked to ensure there weren't any syringes or liquids prohibited during the DEA's National Drug Takeback Day.

fish) all over the state filled with prescription meds. I'm a big fisherman, and I don't want that stuff getting in the water," said Bob Buehn after he turned in pills at OPPD.

Wearing rubber gloves and ready to examine the medication, OPPD Property and Evidence technician Cori Kirk collects two bags of overprescribed and expired pills from Bob Buehn.







Morgan Pinchin, Administrative Assistant from the Community Paramedicine Program, and Lisa Rogers, Naloxone Coordinator, operated a booth at the Clav County Paramedicine Office in Middleburg





Faith Walk by Pastor Billy Register True Life Ćhurch

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Love is not only EMOTION

1 Corinthians 16:14 has a simple but powerful instruction for living. "All that you do must be done in love."

Love is an everyday discussion in our society. We experience love in our personal lives, through books, movies, and all other forms of human expression. We also experience love through a faith family we find in our church. Love has a very broad meaning in the English language. We can use it for something rather insignificant, such as "I love hot dogs" to something as life changing as, "I love God."

Considering this, the scripture has different words that it uses for love. These words are used to differentiate different kinds of love, such as familial love, passionate love, the love we have for friends, and finally, God's love for all His children.

Now, when you think of love, you likely think of it as merely an emotion, right? This more refined understanding of different kinds of love is helpful to dive into because it helps us to realize that love is SO much more than an emotion! Love is a verb! Our love isn't meant to be stagnant and held hostage within our hearts. Love is meant to be shared with all!

Notice that in each of these scriptural definitions of love, love is an action. How do we love others and love God in all these definitions? By serving them. We serve others by meeting their needs in any way we can, and we serve God by obeying His guidance of our lives. We are made in God's image, which means we are supposed to love as God does. That means we are made to love everyone! In this way, we reflect God's character and reveal His nature to the world.

For the perfect example of this, we must simply look to Jesus' example. Did He go around, simply telling people, "I love you," and then moving on to the next place? No! He spent time in each place He went, meeting the needs of others and serving them. He showed His love rather than simply talking about it, which is what made His love so incredibly powerful. What an amazing place this world would be if we all loved and served like Jesus! Think about it this week!

You can write the Pastor at pastorbilly@findtruelife.com.



Golden Years Gala celebrates 16 years

The 16th annual Golden Years Gala will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. The Gala recognizes senior adults for outstanding volunteer service in Clay County. This is a wonderful way to say, "Thank You!" by celebrating someone you know for their extraordinary efforts. The categories are as follows: Ernie Cohen Lifetime Achievement Award, Volunteer Man of the Year and Volunteer Woman of the Year In addition to recognizing the nominees, we will be awarding the Shepherd's Center Outstanding Service Award. Senior Adults are important to the community. They are a generation of high values, strong work ethic, commitment, integrity, generosity, and lovalty. Seniors are a wonderful example to all, showing that true fulfillment is to share their time and talents through service.

The Gala will be held at Sullivan Hall, 7190 U.S. Highway 17 S, Fleming Island, Wednesday, May 25. Breakfast will be served at 8:30a.m. There will be a live and silent auction and awards program. Tickets are \$50: please call (904) 269-5315 to order yours today. The event benefits Shepherd's Center of Orange Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit which provides education for senior adults to improve their quality of life. The award-winning educational program focuses on health, wellness, art, information technology, and history.

A listing of the nominees and the Shepherd's Center's Outstanding Service Award winner with a summary of their activities follows.

Ernie Cohen Lifetime Achievement Award

Chris Baker

Chris Baker has been a mentor to volunteers at The Clothes

Closet and the Clav County Food Pantry (CCFP) for the past 23 years. She utilizes her skill in accounting, serving as treasurer for the CCFP. She maintains a database of volunteers. records donations, tracks grants received, coordinates with the Postal Service during their annual

Chris Baker food drives, organizes a yearly yard sale to provide funding in support

of the CCEP. She works with CCEP volunteers every Wednesday and St. Giles volunteers one Saturday each month to provide food for 50 or more families. Chris Baker also participates in St. Giles Sew & Sews, which provides dresses for little girls in Africa.

Norma Layton

Food Pantry, PEO Inter-

Norma Layton has been involved as an officer/leader/chairman in multiple organiza-



Norma Layton

national, Chapter GK, Miriam's Basket, Inc., the Orange Park Woman's Club, and 100+ Women Who Care. As a member of Nimble Needles, Norma helps make care items for Clay County Nursing homes and other facilities. She has assisted fundraising to aide the homeless, coordinates fundraising to benefit children in crises. She also serves on various committees at Orange Park Women's club. She is always looking for opportunities to serve and is the person you can depend upon to do her best.

Cathie Parrott

Cathie Grace Parrott serves the Penney

Retirement Community (PRC), the Town of Penney Farms, the Penney Memorial Church, and the Green Cove Springs Rotary Club. She chaired many committees within the PRC including the Board of Governors, the J.C. Penney Scenic Highway Fund raising funds via the Old Fashion Farm Day, a 5K race benefitting deserving charities, the



Cathie Parrott

fund to assist PRC residents needing financial aid. She is also an instructor in PRC's Arts & Crafts 'pottery' group, a member of PRC's clothing repair team; a former aide to a foster children's group, and initiated TLC, a church group founded to provide refreshments or meals following memorial (Celebration of Life) services. As a grant writer, she has successfully obtained funding for the J.C. Penney Scenic Highway, Highway 16, staging for the Martina C. Kohler Park, Penney Farms' tennis and pickleball courts, and playground restoration for New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Millie J. Wilkes has been a resource for the Clay County Agricultural Fair for the past 20

Bridge and Bread Basket programs. Millie served the board of the Clay County Agricultural Fair as Marketing Director, initiating the first dollar night on opening day, the first website, the

first online ticket sales



Millie Wilkes

and first reserve seating for concerts. She now serves as an Honorary Board member, working where needed on audit, scholarship, budget, nominating, and was the first Superintendent of the Office Ticket Presale Booth. She worked for years as Superintendent of Exhibit Buildings. She not only works each day of the eleven-day fair until closing, but also helps with set-up and tear-down. Millie was honored as the 2020-2021 Volunteer of the Year Award for the Fair Association. At the Food Bridge, she helps with grant writing, coordinates food pickup, deliveries and volunteers. She processes new online applicants and renewals. She is there to help hand out 12,000 to 13,000 pounds of food each Thursday to 225-275 families. During 2022, she volunteered 586 hours

Dolores Williams

Dolores P. Williams has spent her time with the Phillipian Community Church, the Sassy

Senior and Steppers, the Duval Academy Advisory Board, the First Coast Bid Whist Players, and the Jacksonville Jazz Society. Dolores serves on many committees in her church. She visits nursing homes visiting the sick, praying for them, and seeing they are entertained with song and music. The



Delores Williams

Sassy Seniors and Steppers entertain at nursing homes to lift residents' spirits. Dolores is a volunteer and a performer. Monthly she serves on the board for Duval Academy Advisory that serves troubled youth, where they make food baskets and deliver the baskets, go on field trips, such as museums, football, and baseball games, and cleanup the community. With the First Coast Bid Whist Players she heads the annual toy drive for low-income children. They make Thanksgiving baskets to serve the homeless. The Jacksonville Jazz Society raises money to annually give \$3,000 scholarships to three seniors that are jazz artists.

Woman of the Year

Deborah Cannarella

Deborah is a retired nurse who served for almost 50 years in Florida hospitals and home healthcare. She volun-

teers for Young Life's childcare team and tends to babies and children of teen mothers. She is always ready to hold, rock, play, and love on these little ones. She creates a beautiful fun atmosphere where every mother feels confident leaving them in her care. Deb also volunteers at Young

Life camps in Florida



Deborah Cannarella

and North Carolina. She also spends Fridays at Bannerman Learning Center, volunteers at First Coast Women's Services, and serves in the children's ministry at Grace Anglican Church.

Robin Hockenberry

Robin spends numerous hours attending to various aspects involving The Salvation Army food pantry and food distribution. She stays

busy organizing and dating non-perishable food items and filling brown bags for food distribution. Robin and her husband decorate and distribute over fifty barrels for food drive donations. Picking up donated food bags from Publix and Walmart is included in her volunteer efforts. She is trustworthy



Robin Hockenberry

and reliable in her service to over five hundred



Gala

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individuals in Clay County serviced by The Salvation Army

Teri Hourihane

Teri is the Secretary of the Clay County

Cruzers Car Club. This organization has over two hundred members. In 2022, Teri organized two car shows, raising money for charitable organizations. With her initiative, she led the Cruzers Car Club to raise \$4,500 for scholarships to be used in the Clay County high schools. Another \$15,000 was raised and donated to numerous charities.



With her leadership and efforts, Teri continues to build more funds for the Clay County Car Cruzers Club charitable efforts.

Lorraine Lyons

For fifteen years Lorraine has volunteered

for Aging True at the Middleburg Senior Center. She donates her time daily prepping and cleaning the kitchen and dining areas. She also assists with serving lunches and coffee. During Lorraine's many years of volunteering at the Senior Center, she has demonstrated compassion and love to those she serves. Her



Lorraine Lyons

presence is an inspiration and brings joy to all. She is a genuine soul and is constantly giving back to the community.

Robin McKenzie

Robin McKenzie began volunteering her time for Haven Hospice ten years ago. She arrives in full Naval uniform and is a total blessing to the patients and their families. Robin is

also part of the "No One Dies Alone" program. It's here she uses her past nursing skills to bring comfort and peace to terminal patients. She also volunteers her time for the Bereavement Deptartment and has spent lots of time speaking with the families who are having difficulty with their grief. Robin also has a gift for making guilts



Robin McKenzie

and heart shaped pillows for the Veterans. The fabric comes from the branch of the military in patriotic colors. She also continues to take volunteers under her wing. Robin is a faithful member of St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church, Orange Park. It's here that she's known as a "Baker" for Bingo night. With all this said, Robin also plans to train as a Eucharistic Minister very soon!

Victoria Parker

Victoria is a stellar member of the community! Victoria's passion is to help people anyway

she can. Some of her volunteering involves a food pantry pick-up for the elderly; providing home baked goods, seamstress repairs; and provides donations for Bingo games. She also finds the time to volunteer at the Clay County Fair! Most

importantly, she has been a great advocate for bereavement within the community and shares her time, kindness

and patience when someone has had a death in the family and asks for nothing in return.

Susan Smalling

Susan was a nurse and served our country in the United States Navy Nurse Corps until she retired. She along with her dog, "Molly Mae"

Victoria Parker

Susan Smalling

have been volunteering for the Clay County Humane Society for over five years. They visit nursing homes, schools, the Clay County Fair and other non-profit organizations like Challenge Enterprises and the Tim Tebow Foundation's "Night to Shine" events.

Susan is also on of the only three "Trauma Unit"

teams that visits Trauma/ICU at HCA Orange Park Hospital. In addition, Susan volunteers at St. Vincent's Pet Therapy program, is a founding member of the Jax Paws airport therapy teams and is considered a First Responder team through HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response, having deployed during the hurricanes this past year. Susan continues to recruit therapy dogs to become certified and inspires all those around her!

Runa Tobler

Runa is the joy of Bingo! Runa faithfully

continues to be the heart and soul of Bingo three times a week at the Orange Park Senior Center! Runa always has a smile on her face and welcomes newcomers and visitors learning all their names for the next time. In addition to volunteering at the Orange Park Senior Center, Runa

also volunteers at her

church, Faith Community Church. She gives of her time in the nursery, assists with fundraisers, serves on the Welcoming Committee and on the fellowship ministry making for a valuable, loved and much appreciated member of the congregation.

Carolyn Warren

Carolyn is a member of the Garden Club of Orange Park in addition to the Club's Arrangers Guild. She's also a Governing Board member of the Garden Club, the Chairman of the Birds, Butterflies and Bees Committee along with

Carolvn Warren

Runa Tobler

the District IV of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and makes the most beautiful floral arrangements! Carolyn is also the past president of the Garden Club Whippoorwill Circle. The work of this Garden Club won a first-place award from the FFGC and the Deep South Region encompassing seven states. One of her passions is her community butterfly garden at Edgewater Landing, Green Cove Springs. Both adults and children enjoy the peaceful beauty of the butterflies. The garden has become a place for the neighborhood children to learn horticulture and the importance of protecting our environment

Man of the Year

William Hockenberry

William "Bill" Hockenberry, a Salvation Army volunteer, is a great team player with a genuine passion to work endless duties to keep the organization running smoothly. He loads and

William Hockenberry

Larry Hollingsworth

Mike Hourihane

picks up food donations every Friday, works at the HUB, organizes the walk in freezer and fridge, and works at the back pack outreach. He is just a phone call away and willing to step in when needed. Bill is verv humble about his work and focuses on why he volunteers, which is

clearly to make an impact in helping those in the community.

Larry Hollingsworth

Larry Hollingsworth, a Pastoral Care volunteer at HCA Florida

Orange Park Hospital for the past three years, he serves as a member of the hospital Patient Safety Committee and is one of three on-call chaplains for emergencies on nights and weekends. Larry consistently goes above and beyond in all that he does and

exemplifies the type of volunteer service that so many of our Clav

County seniors provide. Larry volunteers at the Food Pantry in Green Cove Springs recording donated and distributed food amounts. Larry, over the past six years, takes a blind Vietnam veteran to the YMCA three days a week. He is a regular blood platelet donor.

Mike Hourihane

Mike Hourihane, a volunteer with the Clay County Cruzers, has led the organization to two car shows and other events which raised money for charitable donations in the county. With his initiative, Mike led the car club to raise over \$4500 in scholarships for Clay County

High Schools and \$15,500 for local charity organizations.

Leland Taylor

Leland Taylor and his golden doddle Wyatt volunteer at the Care Center at Haven Hospice every day of the week and brings pleasure and peace to patients, families, and staff. Wyatt is called the "angel dog" as he often will help a patient transition if having a hard time letting go of this world. Leland



Leland Taylor

became a volunteer in February of 2022 and in that time, he has spent 700+ hours visiting the Care Center at Haven Hospice Leland and Wyatt share their time with sixteen other Care centers/schools across Northeast Florida.

Gary R. Wade

Gary gained his first experience in a leader-

ship role within the Boy Scouts of America Organization in 1999. Starting with the Cub Scout Pack 25, he has held several positions within the K-5th grade age group of scouts, culminating in the leadership role of Cub Masters Garv continues to serve Clay County as the District Eagle Scout Coordinator and the Charter Organiza-

tion Representative.



Gary R. Wade

Shepherds Center Outstanding Service Award

Hal Hill

Hal Hill has been a volunteer instructor with the Shepherd's Centers since 1996. He has taught line dancing every session since that time, 108 sessions! Line Dancing is one of the

most popular classes at SCOOP, typically having an enrollment of 25 people per session. Hal shared that he told Jinee Ballou he would teach a few free classes for SCOOP, but only for a few weeks; look where he is 27 years later. Hal and his co-teacher, Lou Ann Simpson, kept teaching through the Covid



Hal Hill

shut down on the Zoom platform; he did everything he could to keep his students engaged and happy while they were shut in. Hal shared that teaching for free is more valuable than getting paid because he sees how SCOOP changes people's lives for the better. He has had students join who have not danced in ages, who have slowed down both physically and mentally improve their lives through dancing. Hal owns A-1 Towing and Storage. This year Hal will be married to his wife Janet for 40 years. Together they have six children and five grandchildren. Hal is a native of Clay County, he was born at NAS Jacksonville Naval Hospital. SCOOP is blessed to have such a caring and dedicated volunteer!

The Shepherd's Center is honored to tell these amazing volunteer stories and honor these volunteers at the Golden Years Gala.



Police Briefs



Orange Park man convicted for selling machinegun conversion devices

JACKSONVILLE – A federal jury found Kristopher Justinboyer Ervin, 43, of Orange Park, and Matthew Raymond Hoover, 39, of Wisconsin, guilty on April 21 of conspiring to transfer unregistered machinegun conversion devices that they referred to as "Auto Key Cards."

Ervin also was convicted of seven counts of transferring unregistered machinegun conversion devices, three counts of possessing unregistered machinegun conversion devices and one count of structuring cash transactions to avoid currency transaction reporting requirements.

Additionally, Hoover was convicted of four counts of transferring unregistered machinegun conversion devices.

Ervin faces a maximum penalty of 110 years in federal prison. Hoover faces a maximum penalty of 45 years in federal prison. The sentencing hearing will be on July 31.

Ervin was first charged on March 2, 2021, and Hoover on January 26, 2022. Both Ervin and Hoover have been remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

According to testimony and evidence presented at trial, in January 2021, Ervin's bank contacted the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to report that employees believed that Ervin was trafficking machinegun conversion devices. Subsequent investigation revealed that Ervin was running an online business selling machinegun conversion devices, known as lightning links, etched into metal cards, which he referred to as Auto Key Cards. Ervin described the Auto Key Card as a "pen holder," a "novelty," and a "political sculpture." A lightning link can be dropped into an otherwise legal AR-15-type firearm and converted into a fully automatic machinegun.

In February 2021, federal agents from the ATF and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service surveilled Ervin and observed him dropping off dozens of packages at an Orange Park, Florida post office, each of which was determined to contain unregistered machinegun conversion devices.

The ATF examined the Auto Key Cards and a firearms enforcement officer was able to remove the pieces of a lightning link from an Auto Key Card using a standard Dremel rotary tool in about 40 minutes. When the firearms enforcement officer placed the two pieces of the lightning link into an AR-15 type firearm, it converted the semi-automatic firearm to be fully automatic.

Hoover operated a YouTube channel called CRS Firearms, on which he advertised Auto Key Cards. In his videos, Hoover stated that "laws only work if we follow them" and encouraged his viewers to use "discreet ordering" by mail to purchase Auto Key Cards. Hoover stated that his viewers could cut a lightning link out of the Auto Key Card, "drop it in your receiver, scratch your full auto itch, throw it away when you're done" and "no one's the wiser."

Hoover's videos advertising the Auto Key Card led to a substantial increase in Ervin's sales. Ervin sold more than 2,000 Auto Key Cards in only a few months. Multiple purchasers of the Auto Key Card testified at trial that they had learned about it from Hoover's videos and purchased the Auto Key Card intending to use it to convert their AR-15-type weapons into machineguns. Ervin compensated Hoover for his advertisements by sending cash through the mail and, on one occasion, a Louis Vuitton purse.

In March 2021, federal agents executed a search warrant at Ervin's home and recovered Auto Key Cards containing etchings for more than 1,500 lightning links.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Laura Cofer Taylor and David B. Mesrobian are 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 make our neighborhoods safer.

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

Traffic stop for wrong tag, seatbelt leads to significant drug arrest

MIDDLEBURG – An alert Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy realized the tag on a pickup truck wasn't assigned to the car,

and the subsequent traffic stop led to a significant drug bust.

Amy Diane Crook. 41, of Jacksonville, was charged on April 20 with trafficking in fentanyl, possession of morphine, methamphetamine, crack cocaine, alprazolam, morphine, drug para-

am, Amy Crook

phernalia and amphetamine after she was stopped on County Road 218 for not wearing a seatbelt.

During the traffic stop, she was asked to show her registration card. When she reached across the center console to reach the glovebox, the deputy noticed she "slid a black off the center console onto a tool bag in the backseat." The deputy also noticed a glass pipe.

According to the arrest report, Crook admitted using the glass pipe to smoke methamphetamine. She also admitted to using fentanyl.

A search of the car uncovered 11.6 grams of fentanyl and other illegal drugs and paraphernalia.

Crook's bond was set at \$560,023.

Wanted man returned to face attempted armed robbery charge

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A man wanted since 2017 for attempted armed robbery was returned to Clay County from the Broward County Jail on April 19. Donahue Roshane

Anton Johnson, 30, of Miami, is accused of wearing a hood or

mask while brandishing a gun during a robbery attempt on April 19, 2017, according to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Donahue Johnson

He was arrested on April 6 in Hollywood on the Clay County charge.

His bond was set at \$500,003.

Keystone Heights couple indicted for stealing mail

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Attorney Roger B. Handberg announced the return of an indictment charging Connor Lee Austin, 31, and Maranda Ann Stewart, 26, of Starke, with mail theft. If convicted, each faces up to five years in federal prison, and they may be required to repay the victims.

According to court documents and public records, Austin and Stewart stole First Class mail over multiple months in 2022.

Austin appeared in federal court on April 19, according to a writ bringing him to Jacksonville from Florida State Prison, where he is serving a prison sentence of 36 months for grand theft, grand theft from a dwelling and burglary.

The court ordered Austin detained pending trial. Stewart appeared in federal court on April 17 and she was released on a bond. Their trial is set for June.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed one or more violations of federal criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the Clay County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, with valuable assistance from the Bradford County Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin C. Frein will prosecute the case.

Man arrested after being found with stolen boat, trailer

MIDDLEBURG - A tip from a resident led to the arrest of a man suspected of stealing a boat and trailer from Long Bay Road on March 9.

Robert Anthonly Gallion, 40, of Middle-

burg, was charged with grand theft after a resident followed Gallion to Everette Avenue on March 14. The witness said Gallion washed the boat and drove it behind his residence. Deputies also found another trailer that was reported stolen.



Robert Gallion

When they tried to talk to Gallion, he fled on foot. However, he was caught several hours later.

Gallion told deputies he bought the boat and trailer for \$500 after receiving cash from an ATM machine, but there were no bank records or surveillance footage of his withdrawal

Gallion's bond was set at \$25,003.

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 25

Alan G. Alvarez, 57, Orange Park, DUI, refusal to submit to BAL test, DWSLR Ana L. Mazzullo, 55, Green Cove

Springs, FTA-disturbing the peace Lavelda B. Rupert, 63, Middleburg, DWSI R

Terry A. Levy, 46, Orange Park, kidnapping child, interference with custody

Javon K. Williams, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP-resisting law enforcement, VOP-trespassing

Ashley N. Shantz, 35, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control

Tesla R. Christensen, 35, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft auto, VOP-possession-controlled substance, VOP-DWSLR

Braxton C. Gibson, 31, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-dealing in stolen property, two counts VOP-burglary, VOPgiving false verification of ownership

Thomas V. Martinez, 25, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-methamphetamine, VOP-battery

Travis S. Hess, 38, Green Cove Springs, petit theft

Javon D. Bell, 32, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery

Christian G. Rijo, 20, Middleburg, burglary

Deshawn J. Pollard, 27, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Frank B. Jenkins, 54, Orange Park, possession-cocaine

Monday, April 24

Susan G. Hazelwood, 55, Fleming Island, FTA Jeremiah B.A. Moore, 38, Middleburg, domestic battery

Catherine R. Tickle, 57, Green Cove Springs, DWSLR

Christian G. Rijo, 20, Middleburg, dealing in stolen property, giving false name/ ID to pawn broker

Devin J.R. Hyland, 25, Middleburg, violation of condition for release

Jason W. Collins, 47, Keystone Heights, FTA-DWSLR Ryan P. Dixon, 20, Middleburg, fugitive

warrant

Aaron L. Williams, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWSLR

Lawrence R. Simmons, 50, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine

Melinda L. Bowman, 51, Green Cove Springs, FTA-failure to register vehicle

Cameron T. Marcum, 22, Orange Park, negligent manslaughter Larry D. Snider, 29, Middleburg,

possession-marijuana, DWSLR

Sunday, April 23

Shanese L. Boutard, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-criminal mischief

Ryan M. Ragsdale, 26, Middleburg, VOP-possession-drug paraphernalia, VOPpossession-marijuana

Havanah S. Avery, 22, Orange Park, domestic battery, criminal mischief

Tolando D. Cleveland, 48, Orange Park, domestic battery

Pamela S. Delcampo, 39, Green Cove Springs, child abuse/domestic battery William J. Towns, 20, Middleburg, driv-

ing without valid license Allison E. Radomski, 27, Middleburg,

trespassing

Saturday, April 22

Kristopher M. Wilson, 40, Fleming Island, DUI

Ronald T. Dyess, 24, Fleming Island, out of county warrant Felix F.J. Melendez, 34, Orange Park,

DWSLR

Jennifer R. Scileppi, 38, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control

Jeffrey D. Estima, 27, Green Cove Springs, FTA-fraud by possessing forged/ stolen driver's license, FTA-resist/obstruct/ oppose law enforcement

Shonda J. Riley, 47, Green Cove Springs, trespassing

Collie E. Stevens, 40, Orange Park, FTA, VOP-community control, loitering/prowling

Yang F. Ou, 37, Orange Park, DUI Angela A. Escher, 45, Green Cove Springs, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia

Michael J. Gasper, 43, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Friday, April 21

Thomas A. Bobango, 35, Orange Park, felony domestic battery by strangulation Gary C. Irons, 38, Orange Park, domes-

tic battery with injury Stephanie R. Schwallenberg, 37,

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

tion of injuction against stalking Kyle G. Prevatt, 22, Green Cove Springs,

four counts VOP-armed burglary Kiera E. Bluhm, 54, Orange Park. shop-

lifting Jack W. McKerrell, 28, Green Cove

Springs, battery in jail Brian S. Tymoniewicz, 47, Green Cove

Springs, DUI with property damage/injury

Thursday, April 20

Ibrahim Sharqawi, 51, Orange Park,

possession-marijuana, DUI Kaylah J. Brinson, 19, Keystone Heights,

domestic battery, vandalism Tara S. Jackson, 49, Green Cove Springs,

domestic battery Brittany S. Thompkins, 36, Orange Park,

battery Norman E. Rodriguez, 18, FTA-driving without valid license

Kiara Brown, 18, Orange Park. shoplift-

ing

Cory S. Mussenden, 32, Orange Park, grand theft vehicle

Eric Simmons, 54, Orange Park, shoplifting

Darlene T. Lakes, 52, Middleburg, grand theft

Michael J. Barrett, 36, Green Cove Springs, FTA-driving without valid license

Devonte O. Jackson, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWSLR

Robert A. Gallion, 40, Middleburg, grand theft

Amy D. Crook, 41, Middleburg, trafficking-fentanyl, possession-morphine, possession-methamphetamine, possession-crack cocaine, possession-Alprazolam, possession-amphetamine/dextro, selling/ manufacturing/delivering-opium, possession-drug paraphernalia

Gracen B. Doan, 24, Green Cove Springs, DUI with property damage, leaving scene of accident with property damage

Christine D. Scally, 54, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Wednesday, April 19

Albert E. Keene, 87, Orange Park, FTA-DWSLR

Aaron J. Scruggs, 28, Orange Park, possession-marijuana

Kevin R. Davis, 57, Orange Park, two counts violation of injunction against domestic violence

Dameon Coates, 18, Middleburg, trespassing

Amber J. Ray, 18, Middleburg, trespass-

Kobe A. Ray, 20, Middleburg, trespassing

Eric Whigham, 33, Middleburg, grand theft

Aunterial N. Wynn, 44, Orange Park, battery

Community Briefs

Autism Carnival coming to Orange Park Mall on Saturday

ORANGE PARK – The second annual Autism Carnival will be on Saturday, April 29, at the Orange Park Mall.

The event, which will be held at The Grove, will include bounce houses, corn hole, pit foam, dunk tank, food trucks, sack race, 360 booth, pie throwing, jumbo Jenga and jumbo connect 4 games.

The event, which is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will focus on residents with hidden disabilities. There will be popcorn, cotton candy and drinks. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Florida Autism Center.

For more information about the carnival or for details on sponsorship, call (901) 503-6675.

Ascension St. Vincent's hosting Community Fun Day

MIDDLEBURG – Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County hospital is hosting its Community Fun Day on Saturday, April 29.

The event will be held on the Middleburg campus located at 1670 St. Vincent's Way and will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event will include carnivalstyle games for kids, group activities, music and touch-a-truck vehicles, including a fire truck, ambulance and K-9 unit. Select food vendors will also be participating.

Ascension St. Vincent's celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year and is proud to serve Northeast Florida. For more information about Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County, please visit healthcare.ascension. org/locations/florida/fljac/middleburg-ascension-st-vincents-clay-county.

Golfers, sponsors needed for Chief Asdot Memorial tournament

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Time is running out to support the second annual Chief Derek Asdot Memorial Golf Tournament on May 20. The four-man scramble will be at Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club at 9 a.m. Sponsorships are available. For \$750, companies will receive a team spot in the tournament, company banner and signage on a hole, while companies can set up a booth at a hole, company banner and signage for \$500. For \$250, companies can get signage at a hole.

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a player or a sponsor, call (904) 297-7322 or email Normanv@gcspd.com.

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Smell of football in the air

Teams to hit fields May 1

Parker returns to Clay County; Bartram-trained

By Randy Lefko Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High football has a new guy leading the sideline with former Bartram Trail High assistant head coach and running backs coach Chad Parker returning to Clay County to lead the Golden Eagles' football program. "I learned

a lot over the years between my

tween My New Fleming Island football coach Chad c o a c h i n g Parker is a familiar face with a stint at Orange jobs at Or- Park High and his recent span at rival Bartram ange Park Trail.

with Danny

Green and at Bartram Trail with Darrell Sutherland, two pretty successful guys," said Parker, 42, who takes over for long-time coach Damenyum Springs, an assistant from day one and a head coach for nearly the last decade. "The attention to details and the process was their big goal. Both of the those guys had a set way to do things to be successful and were relentless in getting the kids to get there."

SEE PARK, 32

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Andrew Jackson High alum and former football player Chris Foy brings football at Oakleaf back to basics with summer weightlifting and conditioning already in full sessions.

Foy 'overwhelmed' by Knights Nation

By Randy Lefko Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - Oakleaf High's latest football coach, Chris Foy, a recent district title coach at Andrew Jackson and a former Fletcher coach that has ties to Oakleaf from years ago (we'll get to that), has been most impressed since arriving in January with the Oakleaf football community.

"We recently had a youth football camp here and, tell you the truth, it was a little breathtaking to see almost 150 athletes here from 6-16 years old with the parents filling the stands and a bunch of former Oakleaf players, including NFL Jaguars' linebacker Shaquille Quarterman, an Oakleaf grad, on hand," said Foy, 50 years old, married and with four children; one to

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Keystone Heights batter Ashley Nugent is key hitter for Lady Indians as they head to district playoffs.

Indians primed for playoff run

By Randy Lefko Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - A solo homer by senior Kiley Channell, her sixth of the year, lit a fire that created an inspired team effort for her Keystone Heights High softball team that was playing 10th-ranked in 3A Baldwin (17-4) in front of a Keystone Heights home cloud in what Indians coach Jessica Marquart classified as a quality test of her teams' readiness to challenge the upcoming playoff schedules.

"We have been improving more and more each week and still playing tough teams," said Marquart, uncharacteristically at 6-15 and ranked 35th in Class 3A. "We have a 12.7 strength of schedule rating which is one of the highest in Florida and our girls have taking their lumps. Remember, this was the region final game last year."

In the Class 3A rankings, comparing strength of schedules, top ranked Coral Springs Charter, 17-0-2, has a 13.1 rat-

District Tournaments *District 3-6A, Region 1*

Oakleaf, 8-10,

Final games: Tues., April 25 at Ridgeview 13-6, Thurs., April 27 at Tocoi Creek *Districts at Oakleaf: May 1-4*

District 2-5A Region 1

Middleburg, 12-9; Ridgeview 13-6; Orange Park 13-6; Columbia 15-4; Gainesville 6-12 **Final games:** Mon., April 24, Riverside at OPHS Tues., April 25 MHS at Keystone Heights; Oakleaf at RHS; Andrew Jackson at OPHS Thurs., April 17 MHS at Nease; SJCDS at RHS; Bishop Snyder at OPHS

Districts at MHS, May 1-4

District 3-5A Region 1

Clay, 11-7; Fleming Island, 6-13; Ponte Vedra, 14-5; Parker, 7-6; Englewood 3-8; St. Augustine, 2-15 **Final Games:** Mon., April 24:clay at Providence; FIHS 6, Buchholz 3

Tues., April 25: Clay at Creekside; FIHS at St. Augustine



Senior Kiley Channell is all around player for Indians with big bat and excellent shortstop skills.

ing with third ranked Calvary Christian at 19.6 and number eight Berkeley Prep, 14-6, at 14.8. Only three more teams above Keystone Heights have played a tougher schedule.

Keystone Heights has had the likes of Baker County, Clay, Ridgeview, locally, on their schedule as top teams in the area as well as Eustis, Bartow and Cooper City in midseason in tournament play.

Wed., April 26: Bartram Trail at Clay Thurs., April 27: Clay at Keystone Heights; FIHS at Santa Fe

Districts at Fleming Island, May 1-4

District 3-3A, Region 1

Keystone Heights, 6-15; Interlachen 15-7; Taylor 12-9; Bradford, 7-8; Palatka, 8-10; Beachside, 6-9; Crescent City, 5-15

Final Games: Tues., April 25: MHS at KHHS Thurs., April 27: Clay at KHHS Fri., April 28: KHHS at University Christian Districts at Keystone Heights, May 1-4

District 2-2A, Region 1

St. Johns Country Day School, 11-3; Eagles View, 9-7; St. Joseph Academy, 7-6; Bishop Snyder, 7-11; First Coast Christian, 6-8; Trinity Christian Academy, 3-12

Final Games:

Districts at Trinity Christian, May 1-4 **Final Games:** Thurs., April 27 at Ridgeview

Indians stumble at Fernandina Beach

By Ray Dimonda Correspondent

FERNANDINA BEACH - Trying to snap back from a mid-week 10-4 loss to Yulee. the Keystone Heights High Indians baseball team packed up and headed north into the backyard of the district leading Fernandina Beach Pirates for a Friday night sneak peek of a possible district tournament clash, the Fernandina Beach Pirates, 17-4, after a first at bat attempt with two runners on base left abandoned for the Indians, the Pirates went to work quickly, taking full advantage of two Indian errors to put a quick three on the board. The Indians went on to uncharacteristically make five errors on their way to the 10-0 defeat going into the last week of the regular season.

Keystone Heights also sits in one of the winningest districts; district 4-3A, where four teams have winning records; Taylor (14-7), PK Yonge (15-7), Trinity Catholic (15-7) and Keystone Heights (14-6).

"Defensively, the last two games have just not been us," said Keystone Heights Head Coach Chris Roach, who had two five game win streaks within the season to get to 15-4. "We have to go back to the small ball and work on the basics, for sure. A lot of ground ball work."

It wasn't all doom and gloom for the Indians as they got hot in the top of the third inning with two good hits and a walk, they had the bases loaded with only one out. But as luck would have it on this Friday night, Keystone Heights hit into a double play to keep the goose egg on the board, but even worse, pulling any momentum out from under the Indians.

"I couldn't buy a break tonight," said Roach. "I couldn't buy one for two games



Keystone Heights High pitcher Benjamin Goforth is one of a handful hurlers for Indians to get wins.

now. But that's the game of baseball and why we play it. Every night is going to be something different."

With two outs in the top of the sixth inning. Keystone had two runners on and were desperate to slow down the Pirates 8-0 lead. But again, a ground out would end the top of the inning and bring the Pirates back on offense. With two runners on and only one out, a sacrifice fly to right field allowed the ninth run to cross the plate, followed by a grounder up the middle which was fielded, but the throw could not catch the runner at the plate for the 10th Pirate run, ending the game on the 10 run rule.

Indians Pitchers Benjamin Goforth, Ryan Jones, and Chase Packham notched six strikeouts, gave up six walks, and six earned runs off seven hits. As a team, the

SEE INDIANS, 33



Keystone Heights catcher Andrew Wilson successfully blocks home plate in play at the plate.

Reyes surprise fueled Fleming Island lifting title

By Randy Lefko *Sports Editor*

FLEMING ISLAND - As far as Fleming Island High sophomore weightlifter Kevin Reyes knew, his regular season was not spectacular, but he knew his team was going to need some additional team points to chase a second state title in the past three years.

"I was a little apprehensive about lifting the type of weight I was attempting over my head when the season started," said Reyes, who competed in the Unlimited weight division for coach Damenyum Springs. "Coach Springs was very good at just kind of encouraging me each day and boosting my confidence that I was strong enough."

The Olympic Snatch lift, one of the more precarious lifts, directly from the floor to an overhead finish, is one that intimidates many lifters not specifically training for the event.

"I knew he was strong enough to handle the weight, but that lift is scary, I can attest to that," said Springs, who had one of his strongest upper weight crews since his first title two years ago. "I needed Kevin to at least get us some points; one or two from a top 10 finish, would keep us in the chase. He came through big time."

Big time, for Springs, was Reyes following the lead of his upper weight teammates; Zach Davis, Jered Rhodes, Gage Isbell, Braden Cunningham and Tyler Williams in scratching out as many team points as they could.

"I had us on paper at least tying Choctowhatchee and in the top three with Leesburg in the Traditional," said Springs. "Tyler got a fifth and that gave us some points, but Kevin went big and won the state title. It was amazing. As a coach, you never know when a kid will hit the switch."

With a somewhat expected individual Olympics title to 169 Tyler Beverly who had been dominant through the season, Springs got a string of individual efforts that were expected; Jered Rhodes winning at 199 and Gage Isbell to be in the mix at Unlimited.

"On paper, I had Kevin in the top 10," said Springs. "Had he gotten a fifth or better, we were still in the mix. When he stepped up, the entire team was behind him."

In his Olympic Snatch lifts, Reyes opened at 215 to set the tone for the divi-



Fleming Island sophomore weightlifter Kevin Reyes surprise the state with his spectacular Olympic SnatchClass 2A title with lifts that far exceeded his regular season totals.

sion with 215 being the top first lift of the competition.

"I wanted to set mark high for myself and keep my confidence," said Reyes. "I knew I was good at 215 and also good at 220 if I needed it."

In the second round, Reyes and Jayce Marcum of Charlotte both missed at 225 to set up a dramatic third lift as the decider with Marcum at 210 off his first lift.

"He missed it just slightly and I thought he was going to go big on his third lift which he did (235)," said Reyes. "I knew I had to come close."

After missing at 225 on his first try, Reyes took some advice from Springs to fo-

SEE REYES, 34





Split seconds separate Motosurf's top racers

By Randy Lefko *Sports Editor*

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - With more than double the athletes than last year's event, the Keystone Heights Motosurf stop over the weekend gave watersports fans more thrills, a few crashes and plenty of splashes as the races for the event were all finishe with thrilling split second finishes.

"We have racers from all over the world; Canada, Indonesia, Bosnia, Mexico, Chile with American racers coming from other water sports including five time jetski world champion Mark Gross," said Motosurf event spokesman Andrew Prikryl. "Anthony Squire, from North Carolina, is a current world cup competitor and the American champion. He could win all the races today."

Prikryl noted that the Keystone Heights events has become one of the more sought events on the pro tour due to the hospitality of the local fans.

"The people here are fantastic and we have the athletes housed in many AirB-



Tiny Faith McKay of Ft. Myers took the youth challenge races with a surge in the final 100 yards.

Motosurf championship races start hard with a flurry of splashing as racers speed to course in Keystone Heights.



Women elites battle to the line in final race of weekend in Motosurf action.

NBs around the area," said Squire, 27, and the pro mens champion for the day in both the Electric challenge and the Motosurf final. "I stayed in an AirBNB off a lake and Friday we had 30 athletes out there for a little barbecue and lakeside party. It was fantastic."

Squiree said the youth challenges for the weekend provided some of the best races of the weekend with riders from around the country getting a good look at the competition and being part of it.

"For Europe, this sports is like American football here," said Squire. "Over there, it is huge and the kids start very young to get this good. For America, the sport is growing from a hobby to a legit sports to train for."

Squire, who noted that, at last year's Keystone Heights event, he did not do well.

"I was fifth, but got a good taste of the sports," said Squire, a construction manager in North Carolina. "I've been a water sports guy all my life and raced some motorcycles and even fly boarding. Kind of whatever sport we can find that's off the grid."

Squire got his first board four years ago, got hit with the COVID year, then got fifth in Keystone Heights last year. Last year, Squire said he may have been the only American rider on the pro circuit.

"I just rode and raced as much as I can; Cancun, Italy, Croatia, to race against the best and get better," said Squire. "The community in the sports are really nice and everyone helps the other guys."

One of the key rivalries of the day was Squire and Mexico national champion Juan Pable, a 10-time national champion, with

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both tangling up in prelims and qualifying for races separated by milliseconds with Squire holding the edge into the final.

Pablo, 44, said him and Squire duking it out is a matter of age versus youth.

"One little error on the course is the difference," said Pablo, racing since 2015 and with his wife ranked 11th in the world. "He's very exact in his riding. We are going about 35-40 miles per hour out there and with the wind, any air under the board can knock out off course."

In the mens final on Sunday, Pablo held a slight edge going into the final lap with Squire breathing down his back until the final turn when Squire, with a near disastrous left turn hugging just inside the buoy, uprighted and got a burst past Pable to win the event.

"I messed up three times out there and he was right on me," said Squire."He was sneaky and stayed just out of my sight so I had to think about what he was doing. It was a great race to end the weekend."

In the womens final, won decisively up front from eventual winner, the second place finish came down to a jostle at the finish line to make things spicey.



American champion Anthony Squire sneaks past Mexico national champion Juan Pable for millisecond win in Mens' Open championship race.



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Action at the Eagle Harbor Tennis Club as area tennis players battled in the Tennis 4 Cancer doubles invitational held over the weekend. See related story on page 12.





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Fleming Island, Ridgeview advance; Clay out

By Randy Lefko *Sports Editor*

JACKSONVILLE - Clay High girls flag football played probably their best game of the season against one of the two best teams in the area; unbeaten Fleming Island being one and Ed White, the other, but fell short, 14-13, against the 17-1 Lady Commanders in their district championship game on Thursday.

"A couple of plays and a couple of penalties were costly to us today," said Clay coach Jared Moses, who was awaiting FHSAA rankings after the game to see if his Blue Devils would end their season or continued into region playoffs; see insert. "Against a team like this, lots of speed and athleticism, we could not afford to make the mistakes we made."

In the playoff final rankings, Clay finished outside the top eight of the region with Ridgeview advancing as the seventh seed and FSU High as the eighth seed in Class 1A and Fleming Island staying unbeaten to advance and host a playoff game on Wed., April 26 against Sandalwood. Ridgeview will travel to No. 2 seed Choctawhatchee also on Wednesday.

Ironically, Clay beat Sandalwood in March, but lost to Ridgeview two days later. Clay then beat Ridgeview in the district semifinal to get to the final against Ed White. Clay lost 26-0 to Fleming Island in regular season play in April then ran a three-game win streak with a barrage of points; 32-0 over Orange Park, 33-0 over Westside and 20-12 over Ridgeview. Ed White, also ironically, lost 32-0 to Fleming Island.

"We were getting our groove at the season's end and I think this game proved we could play against the best teams in the area," said Moses.

Against Ed White, Clay held a 13-7 halftime lead and had a sterling defensive effort from freshman Cora Parker to stifle two Commander drives. Parker also had a spectacular offensive pass catch in the first half that led to a Clay score.

Fleming Island, 11-0 and ranked fifth statewide and fourth in Class 1A behind Alonso (Tampa) 18-0, Western 13-2 and Lennard High (Ruskin) 15-3, advances into the region playoffs as the top seed with a 20-7 district championship win over Fletcher. The title was a fourth in the row for coach Clinton Lyons and seven titles in the past eight years. Fleming Island lost in the Class 2A Final Four to eventual champion Western 34-13 last year. Western beat Newsome 34-14 in the championship game. Alonso lost in their region 2 final to Newsome last year. Leonard lost in their region opener 29-28 last year to Hillsborough.

"I think this team has a lot more skill players on the field then we have ever had," said Lyons. "Maddox is our first scholar-



Ridgeview's success hinges on quarterback Nia Blocton finding her receivers.

Region and Final schedules

Quarterfinals: April 26 Semifinals: May 3 Finals: May 8 Final Four: May 12-13 at Mandarin High School

ship signing athlete and London Jenkins, from the basketball team, has been a big boost to both sides of the ball with her athleticism."

Fleming Island won their semifinal over Mandarin, 32-6, off a five touchdown performance; three by run, two by air, of quarterback Mykayla Maddox who finished with 169 yards passing and 62 yards rushing. Fleming Island got two interceptions; from Gabi Musa and Langston, as the Golden Eagles had their first touchdown scored against them all season by Mandarin. Fleming Island has scored 374 points in their unbeaten season.

"Musa has been our enforcer in the middle and can usually chased down anything from sideline to sideline," said Lyons. "She is also a big part of our offense as a pass and run weapon."

Against Fletcher, Maddox passed for 164 yards and trwo scores. Defensive back London Jenkins scored on a 70 yard pick six TD with rusher Gabi Musa getting two sacks and two pass break ups.

Maddox had scoring passes of 39 and 31 yards to Jenkins.

The win over Fletcher was the Golden Eagles 28th of 30 for the past two years.

Ridgeview, now 8-3, will face off against Choctowhatchee, 14-2, on Wednesday with the Panthers having a strong enough schedule to offset Clay's late run. Ridgeview beat St. Augustine 19-0 to get to the Clay semifinal.



Fleming Island defender Natalia Ramdas has snared a couple of enemy passes in Golden Eagles' playoff run.



Ridgeview's power players; Lexi Haile, Emma Rayes and Nia Blocton get the ball downfield for Panthers who head to region playoffs at Choctowhatchee.



Clay High quarterback Dakota Hill scored and had a pass knockdown but not enough as Blue Devils lost thrilling 14-13 district final to Ed White.



Fleming Island defender London Jenkins has added a Deion Sanders-like threat in Golden Eagles secondary with her basketball skills and speed.

Parker from page 25

Parker has already seen the quality of athletes at Fleming Island and says it is comparable to any team in the state.

"There is a much higher quality of athlete right here in these hallways," said Parker, who coached Orange Park High wrestling with district titles and an individual state title to Corey Van Dorn. "One thing that we will put to work here is the football IQ of the kids. Coach Sutherland used to have a test of the football plan at Bartram Trail every day and if athletes could not answer the questions, they did not play. Many of the teams we beat at Bartram had better athletes, but we were smarter."

Parker dropped some of the star player names of his Bartram Trail days; guys like Joey Gatewood and Devin Ellison, that terrorized the likes of Fleming Island and Oakleaf in past seasons, and noted that the rivalry between the schools with all three teams was part of the seasonal preparations.

"We knew how good Fleming Island and Oakleaf kids were," said Parker, noting Bartram Trail has been a frequent deep playoff team since 2016 with either Fleming Island or Oakleaf en route to their final finishes before moving to Class 8A recently. "Heck, Oakleaf had Shaquille Quarterman and Fleming Island had Ryan Smenda back then. They were monsters."

One name that will be familiar with Fleming Island football fans, as well as Oakleaf, is the installation of former coach Derek Chipoletti as Parker's defensive coach.

"We worked it out and he's in. We also got offensive coach Evan Scharf back on the field," said Parker.

SPRING GAMES

Thurs., May 18

Baker County, Creekside, First Coast Jamboree at Creekside 6pm

Mon., May 22

Fleming Island at Middleburg, 7pm Keystone Heights, Ridgeview at Santa Fe Jamboree 7pm

Tues., May 23 Ocoee, Riverside at Orange Park Jamboree TBD

Wed., May 24 Clay at Williston TBD Fri., May 26

Oakleaf at Spruce Creek

Parker wants to see, on the field, flawless execution and premiere fourth quarter

conditioning. "My wrestling coaching background made me realize how important conditioning is to success in the fourth quarter or the end of a game; wrestling had periods," said Parker.

Parker played football at Orange Park for two games where he played alongside Fleming Island athletic director Travis Cunningham. Parker had some college time, but limited football and then decided while at University of South Florida that he wanted to coach.

"I played in South Carolina where we went to the playoffs often, then moved here with my dad, a U.S. Marine," said Parker.



Fleming Island football coach Chad Parker had two wrestling state champions on his resume; one at Orange Park, one at Bartram Trail.

"I had some college tryouts, but nothing big." After a coaching internship at Wesley Chapel near Tampa, Parker's first coaching stint was under Green at Orange Park for two years where he ramped up the wrestling program. "We made that wrestling program relevant and had a great team back then with Van Dorn, the Tejadas brothers, Devon Brooks and Marcus Reid on that team," said Parker. "I knew though I wanted to be a head football coach." At Orange Park for eight years, then Parker went to Bartram Trail where he coached football and wrestling with a second state champion at Bartram Trail; Ethan Vugman, this season.

"I got Fleming Island's wrestling coach P.J. Cobbert as my junior varsity coach," said Parker. "He's a great motivator and knows what conditioning and weightlifting can do for a program."

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be an Oakleaf running back, Chris Foy, II. "One thing that happened during the camp was the group broke away from the skills groups; eight of them, and conditioned. I've never seen a camp do that."

Foy's take away from the camp was more than football.

"There may have been kids there that came with little football skill, but, I tell you, not a single kid out there that did not work," said Foy. "That conditioning break was not because they did something wrong, but because that's just what they did."

Foy, who took over for former coach Marcus Miller, the Oakleaf athletic director who stepped in as interim coach when Frank Garis walked away from the program, has a storied history of coaching among uber competitive programs.

"I was on the Fletcher coaching staff when Chipoletti (former Oakleaf coach Derek Chipoletti) beat us twice; one in the season, then in the playoffs," said Foy, an offensive center as a high schooler at Andrew Jackson High in Jacksonville, then a multi-position player in college. "Let's not talk about that, LOL, I was on the other side."

In that epic 2014 season, Chipoletti, now a new defensive coach at Fleming Island High for the upcoming season after a hiatus from football, guided Oakleaf to a historic 10-0 regular season, a district championship, three home playoff games as the top seed. In that reign, Oakleaf beat Fletcher 28-7 in regular season play, then beat Fletcher 28-14 in the region semifinal before losing 35-0 to Niceville in the region final. "What Oakleaf had on that team, not just guys like Quarterman and his guys, is that they loved each other and played together since Pop Warner," said Foy. "When they came to Fletcher in the season, we had our big running back get hit by Quarterman and Ouarterman made him pass out twice. Colleges came to the game to see our guy and Quarterman got a bunch of offers and he was just a sophomore.'

Foy wound up playing college ball at Fayetteville State in North Carolina where he was a multi-position player.

"Just don't put me in a position that

touches the ball," said Foy. "I was terrible around the ball, but I could hike it was my only value in a ball position."

Foy's one memory of college ball was a 6'8" inch, 320 pound Elizabeth State lineman named Everett McGiver, who played for the NFL Dallas Cowboys.

"His claim to fame in the NFL was getting hit by a scissor thrown by Cowboy wide receiver Michael Irvin on the sideline and hitting a guy; Everett," said Foy. "He big and a very good player."

Foy, a after a tenure as coach at Landmark Middle School, wound up at Fletcher for six years through some strong seasons, then back home at Andrew Jackson the past three years he rebuilt his home program from the ground up to win two district titles; their first since 2010.

Foy finished at 8-3 last year at Jackson with an historic come-from-behind district title win over Raines High and 7-4 the previous year with district title win over Ribault before losing in regions to Gadsden County. Jackson, as number one seed in 2022, lost to Riverside in their region opener.

As for football, Foy likes his big offen-

sive lines and his power football.

"With the size of the offensive line here, we will run power football," said Foy. "Absolutely, you run the ball and stop the run, you win the game."

Foy liked the way Keystone Heights High had big, strong offensive linemen and big tough running backs in their 10-0 season a few years ago.

"That was a good season for them," said Foy. "It was fun to watch teams try to stop just basic, power football. Their biggest pass was that handoff."

On defense, Foy likes a 4-2-5 format with his linebackers the "spears" on the attack.

"My linebackers are the attack point and my secondary is the bandaid," said Foy. "I don't touch the safety. As long as we got real estate, he's the last guy."

Foy will open on May 1 for the spring football phase of the school, but for now, the players are building a weightlifting room of sorts under the stadium bleachers.

"It might rain, it might get hot, but it's developing mental toughness," said Foy. "If you really want to play here, this is what you do. And these kids are showing up."

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Eagles top Knights

By Randy Lefko *Sports Editor*

FLEMING ISLAND - After a 6-0 loss to Buchholz, the Fleming Island High baseball team regrouped to take wins over Bartram Trail, 9-6, and Oakleaf, 2-0, in two clashes that hope to prepare the Golden Eagles for district tournament play.

Against Buchholz (16-6), the Eagles, with pitcher Danny Sakowski on the mound, gave up three runs in the second inning to give the Bobcats an early advantage. Fleming Island had runners on base in the ensuing inning, but Buchholz pitcher Anthony Wilkie, a Clemson commit, finished with 10 strikeouts to control the game.

Against Bartram Trail, Fleming Island reversed the trend with seven runs in the first inning started with a three-run double from Abram Summers and a slew of walks.

For Oakleaf, with Cayden Robinson on the mound, Fleming Island scored in the $% \left({{\left[{{{\rm{C}}} \right]}_{{\rm{C}}}}} \right)$



Fleming Island pitcher Cayden Robinson shut down the big bats of Oakleaf in 2-0 win.

fourth after Gavin Billingsley moved from first on a superb sacrifice bunt by B Abram and an Ander Chadwell RBI single. Billingsley returned that favor with his own sacrifice bunt to score Summers for the second run.

Robinson whiffed nine batters for Fleming Island who travel to Oakleaf on Wed., April 26 before ending their regular season at Bishop Kenny on April 27.

point out, they are right back at it Monday.

"We go straight to Tocoi Creek on Mon-

day, North Marion at home Tuesday, and

wrap up the season at Clay on Thursday.

It doesn't get any easier for this team. We

are going to continue to gain going into the

district tournament. My philosophy is you

have to play the best to eventually be the

best. We have a long way to go and a lot

of work to get done. We just have to shake

this one off and move forward."

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Indians logged four hits, earned five bases on balls and only struck out one time in 22 at bats

"Hopefully we see those guys in a couple weeks in the regional tournament; that is the goal," said Roach. "We'll be a better team next week." And having no rest for the weary, Coach Roach was quick to

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cus in, breath slowly, concentrate on form and think speed.

"It was all a matter of mind over matter as the saying goes," said Reyes. "I just visualized the lift in my head a few times then went for it."

Successful at 225 with Marcum up by 10 with a good lift at 235, the Olympic title was going to be determined in the Clean and Jerk.

"I knew he was strong in the clean and jerk and that he could catch the other guy," said Springs. "So far, and remember, he was a sophomore in the big show, he was very calm and focused."

In the clean and jerk, Reyes' teammate Gage Isbell blasted the first lift at 310 to the set the mark for the rest of the field.

"That pumped me up," said Reyes. "I knew what Gage and I were doing in our gym and I needed to follow his lead.'

Reyes, who had a 295 best lift at the region meet a week prior, opened at 305 and, with Isbell, missing at 215 in the Olympic Snatch, Reyes felt the momentum shifting to his favor.

Marcum missed at 280 on his first lift then hit 290 to give Fleming Island a little boost.

Reves hammered his second left at 315 to take the lead with Isbell missing at 320 twice. Reyes would also miss his third lift at 320, but the title was his.

"I wanted to come through for my team," said Reyes. "Coach Springs believed in me the whole way even with my season not being spectacular."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC

SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 05/12/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 4360 CR 218 MID-DLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien DLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien

DLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78 KNMAT2MT3FP527509 2015 NISS

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Sale Date: May 9, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. Location: 4225 CR 218, Middleburg, Florida

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITIONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-000191 Division B IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY RAE FITZHUGH Deceased

IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY RAE FITZHUGH Deceased. The administration of the estate of Betty Rae Fitzhugh, deceased, whose date of death was February 4, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue / PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 22043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal represen-tative's atorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUB-LICATION 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 PUB-LICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLOR-IDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERI-ODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DATE OF SUM OR CLAIMS FOR THE DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is April 27, 2023.

The date of first publication of this notice

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

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PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on May 11, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursu-ant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. 2003 Pontiac ID # 1G2WP52K73F156012 1997 Ford ID# 1FTCR10U7VUB91394

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NOTICE OF

FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2018-CA-000463

Personal Representative: Matthew E. Fitzhugh 712 Chathal Drive Orange Park, Florida 32073

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: DLA 401K PLAN & TRUST, the holder of the follow-ing 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.: 892/2016 Legal Description: LOT 10 BLK 98 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3152 PG 1026

HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3152 PG 1026 Parcel ID No.: 210823-004283-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,875.01 Physical Address: 7153 DUKE ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: DENTON II LLC

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 28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 24th day of April, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay Country Clerk & Comptroller

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

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be sold at pub-lic auction for towing and storage costs. G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. 2005 PONTIAC VIN # 3G2JB12F15S158227 1985 CHEVROLET VIN # 1GCB-S14E5F2179003 2016 JEEP VIN # 1C4NJCBA0GD574028 auction will be held at 9:00 a.m. 5/15/2023

auction will be new as 5/15/2023 G & M Towing Inc, located at 4995 High-way 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL

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RE-NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2021CA000311 NDF1, LLC,

vs. STEVEN L. MATHIS; et al.,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 25, 2023 entered in Civil case No. 2021CA000311 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein NDF1, LLC, is Plaintiff and STEVEN L. MATHIS; et al., are the defendants

County, Florida, wherein NDF1, LLC, is Plaintiff and STEVEN L. MATHIS; et al., are the defendants. I TARA S. GREEN, will sell to the highest bidder online at www.Clay.realforeclose. com at 10:00 a.m. on May 17. 2023 on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 44, SAVANNAH GLEN, UNIT 3, AC-CORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGE(S) 63 through 66, inclusive OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Property address: 551 Bay Hawk Court, Orange Park, Florida 32073 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as pro-vided herein. DATED this 24th day of April, 2023. TARA S. GREEN Clerk-of Circuit Court BY: Gracie Moore Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk

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REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, May 22, 2023, for the following: BID NO. 22/23–54, SHIP DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – CYPRESS AVENUE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "6; 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.

Not by Vand whest received by the bid deadline. Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bid bond shall include bonds or cashier or certified checks payable to the County. The solicitation package is avail-able at: HTTPS://PROCURE-MENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/

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CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL. In order to submit a response to this solici-tation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal. For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Donna Fish in the Purchasing Department at (904) 278-3761 or by email: purchasing@ clavcountyoav.com.

(904) 278-3761 or by email: purchasing@ claycountygov.com. Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, tlephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County employee, in-cluding 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 Bid Period. The Request for Bid Period. The Request for Bid Period Auring which no contact may occur commences from The Request for Bid Period during which no contact may occur commences from the date of publication of the notice of a Request for Bids and ends upon a Bid Decision becoming final, i.e. after the no-tice 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 fol-lowing exceptions exist to the no-contact rule:

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER

F.S. CHAPTER 45 IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.:2022CC001994

HUNISION: HUNTERS TRACE HOMEOWNERS AS-SOCIATION,

NOTICE IS GIVEN that under an Final NOTICE IS GIVEN that under an Final tof Foreclosure dated April 19,

Defendants. NOTICE IS GIVEN that under an Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 19, 2023, in case number 2022-CC-001994 of the County Court of the Fourth Ju-dicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, in which HUNTERS TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., was the Plaintiff and ADELA POWERS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUS-ES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OM OTHER CLAIMANTS were the Defen-dants, Tara S, Green, Clay County, Clerk of Court, shall offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Clay Coun-ty's Public Auction website (www.clay.re-alforeclose.com) Clay County, Florida on May 31, 2023 at 10:00a.m., the following described property: LOT 46, HUNTERS TRACE, AS PEB

described property: LOT 46, HUNTERS TRACE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31 ON PAGES 60-65 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 2022 Hunters Trace Circle, Middleburg, Florida 32068 IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, IF ANY, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK RE-PORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAIN-ING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS. DATED on April 21, 2023 in Green Cove Springs, CLAY COUNTY, Florida. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Robbin Tefft As Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: WALDE-MAR RODRIGUEZ-ELEMENTS HOME SOLUTIONS INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the de-scription of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

follows: Certificate No.: 2452/2020 Legal Description: (SUBJ CONS-VESMT O R 1054 PG 101)NW1/4 OF NE1/4 S33T4R25 AS REC O R 3066 PG 421 Parcel ID No.: 330425-008115-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,459.76 Physical Address: OLD JENNINGS RD ,MIDDLEBURG Classification: CONSERVATION EASE-MENT

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vs. ADELA POWERS; ET AL.;

rule: a. Inquiries may be submitted to the Pur-chasing Department if specifically pro-

vided in the Request for Bids; b. Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof spe-cifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.

designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof spe-cifically contemplated in the Request for Bids. The Board reserves the right and power to reject any and all Bids without cause and to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the Request for Bids or submittal of any Bid, and in its discretion to re-advertise the Request for Bids. The Board reserves the right to award Bids, quotes, or Proposals which would be in the Best Interest of the Coun-ty. Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commis-sioners has a local preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy for both can be viewed at: https://www. claycountygov.com/government/purchas-ing/vendor-information. A PERSON OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWIG A CONVICT TION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CHIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CON-TRACT TO PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY CHIME CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, 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 287017, FLORIDA STATUTES; FOR CATEGORY TWO FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST. Legal 66867 Published 4/27/2023 in Clay Converts Clay Today mewspaper

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I AKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE **ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023**

AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGETS: AND NOTICE OF

REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.

MEETING. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Lakes at Bela Lago Community Development Dis-trict (the "District"), located in Clay County, Fiorida will hold public hearings on May 22, 2023 at 11:30 a.m., at the Holiday In and Suites, 620 Wells Road, Orange Park, Florida 32073 for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the proposed budgets, "Pro-posed Budgets") of the District for the fis-cal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 ("Fiscal Year 2022/2023") and the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2023/2024"). A regular board meeting of the District will abso be held at that time where the Board properly come before it. A copy of the agenda by contacting the offices of the agenda by contacting the offices of the District Manager, Wither 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (877) 276-889 ("District Manager's Of-ce"), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting are provision and meeting and meeting are office, of the agenda will be conducted by the 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (877) 276-889 ("District Manager's Of-ce"), during normal business hours.

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. Any person requiring special accommo-dations at this meeting and/or public hear-ings or requiring assistance connecting to any communications media technology because of a disability or physical impair-ment should contact the District Manag-er's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting and public hearings. 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 con-tacting the District Manager's Office. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that per-son will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the pro-ceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. District Manager

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: WALDE-MAR RODRIGUEZ-ELEMENTS HOME SOLUTIONS INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thareas The certificate

thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the de-scription of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as

in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.: 750/2020 Legal Description: LOT 3 BLK 56 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3148 PG 1187 Parcel ID No.: 210823-003374-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,796.07 Physical Address: 7219 DUKE ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: ELLA III 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 redeemed to the highest bidder online on the 28th

In such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 21st day of April, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk

By: Christina Deputy Clerk

Legal 66502 Published 4/27/2023 5/4/2023 5/11/2023 and 5/18/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper NOTICE OF APPLICATION

FOR TAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: WALDE-MAR RODRIGUEZ-ELEMENTS HOME SOLUTIONS INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate

thereon. The certificate of a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the de-scription of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as

Certificate No.: 736/2020 Legal Description: LOT 9 BLK 47 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3144 PG 487

Parcel ID No.: 210823-003244-000-00 Parcel ID No.: 210823-002244-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,862.80 Physical Address: 7331 VILLANOVA DR, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: WINDER VI LLC

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 28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.

ciay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 21st day of April, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk

Legal 66501 Published 4/27/2023 5/4/2023 5/11/2023 and 5/18/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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said certificate for a fax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the de-scription of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as

In which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.: 690/2020 Legal Description: LOT 9 BLK 35 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 380 PG 661 & 2196 PG 108 Parcel ID No.: 200823-002998-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,802.10 Physical Address: 6503 BAYLOR AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: HELEN C SMITH & GAY L RILEY Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described

Onless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com

Glay, realitaxdeed.com. Dated this 21st day of April, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk

MENT Name in which assessed: ESTATE OF CHARLES N HOLDER 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 ordifierta chall be cold Legal 66500 Published 4/27/2023 5/4/2023 5/11/2023 and 5/18/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 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 28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 21st day of April, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk Legal 66503 Published 4/27/2023

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: WALDE-MAR RODRIGUEZ-ELEMENTS HOME SOLUTIONS INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the de-

scription of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as

Certificate No.: 637/2020 Legal Description: LOT 15 BLK 19 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3144

HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3144 PG 462 Parcel ID No.: 210823-002695-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,862.80 Physical Address: 7168 WESLEYAN DR , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: VERONA V LLC Said property being in the County of Clay

Name in which assessed: MICHELINE DORVAL Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 21st day of April, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk

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 28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay realizadeed.com.

clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 21st day of April, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County, Florida By: Christia Spadea

By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk

Legal 66499 Published 4/27/2023 5/4/2023 5/11/2023 and 5/18/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: WALDE-MAR RODRIGUEZ-ELEMENTS HOME SOLUTIONS INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the de-scription of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: follows: Certificate No.: 625/2020 Legal Description: LOT 2 BLK 15 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 842

HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS NEC OT USE PG 454 Parcel ID No.: 200823-002615-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,857.37 Physical Address: 7217 RADCLIFFE ST ,KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: PRIGMORE NANCY C/O LESLIE E PRIGMORE Said appretty being in the County of Clay, NANCY C/O LESLIE E PRIGMORE 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 28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 21st day of April, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk

Legal 66498 Published 4/27/2023 5/4/2023 5/11/2023 and 5/18/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate No.: 624/2020 Legal Description: LOT 1 BLK 15 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 874 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 874 PG 641 & 2556 PG 615 Parcel ID No.: 200823-002614-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,810.39 Physical Address: 7221 RADCLIFFE ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: LOLA WIEMER

WIEMER 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 28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.

day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M a clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 21st day of April, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk

Legal 66497 Published 4/27/2023, 5/4/2023, 5/11/2023 and 5/18/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

FOR TAX DEED

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Legal Description: LOT 5 BLK 7 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC 0 R

2494 PG 1379 Parcel ID No.: 200823-002442-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,823.12 Physical Address: 6353 ANTIOCH AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Certificate No.: 588/2020

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

v. CYBEL CRISTINA PEREZ A/K/A CYBEL C. PEREZ, et al.,

VBEL CRISTINA PEREZ A/K/A CYBL CYBEL CRISTINA PEREZ A/K/A CYBL C. PEREZ, et al., Defendants. NOTICE is hereby given that Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, will on June 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. ET, via the online auction at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accor-dance 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 21B, CAMBRIDGE AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, according to the Map or Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 47, Pages 11 thru 18, inclusive, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Property Address: 726 Crystal Way, Or-ange Park, FL 32065 pursuant to the Final Judgment of Fore-closure 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 sur-plus 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 shall have no further recourse against the Mortgager, the Mortgagee or the Mortgage's attorney. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in or-der 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 critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 or critintrg@coj.net at (904) 255-1695 o

April, 2023. Tara S. Green Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Jaimie Pippin DEPUTY CLERK

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

Florida 98.075)

Notice is hereby given to the following person(s) with the last known address of: Por la presente se notifica a las siguientes personas con la última dirección conocida de:

BREWER, RAYMOND G 3695 CRESWICK CIR UNIT G ORANGE PARK,32065

BROWN, TIMOTHY L 715 COVE ST GREEN COVE SPRINGS,32043

COFFIN NOAH C 437 CLEVELAND AVE ORANGE PARK,32065

4755 DÉBBIE RD MIDDLEBURG,32068-5503

HARRIS II, JAMES E 1508 NORTH ST GREEN COVE SPRINGS,32043

HODGES JR, JACK C 3581 COUNTY ROAD 218 MIDDLEBURG,32068

KIRK, JUSTIN T 5678 LISA LYNN RD KEYSTONE HEIGHTS,32656

MCMILLAN, KERI A 105 PEPPERMINT AVE MIDDLEBURG,32068

PADGETT, JOSHUA R 5846 COUNTY ROAD 218 BALDWIN,32234

ROWELL, KEITH L 2285 COUNTY ROAD 220 MIDDLEBURG,32068

SCHULTZ, FREDDIE L 1712 GLEN LAUREL DR MIDDLEBURG,32068

SHUMEN, ERIC R 705 MILL ST GREEN COVE SPRINGS,32043

VALLETTE, RICHARD S 3239 RIVER RD GREEN COVE SPRINGS,32043

VOGEL, JASON M

209 LORING CT ORANGE PARK, 32073

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

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

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Clay County School **Board Public Notice**

Board Public Notice The Clay County School Board will hold the Regular monthly meeting on Thurs-day, May 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Feacher Inservice Center located at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island, Florida 32003. The meeting is open to the public attend. Any person requiring special ac-commodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meet-ing by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hear in or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to bonnic on a myoneclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6547 HDD. Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at www. oneclay.net or by contacting the Superin-tendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Code Springs, FL 32043. If a person de-joides to appeal any decision made by the bered at the meeting, he or she will need propose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record includes the testi-mony and evidence upon which the ap-al is to be based.

Legal 66362 Published 4/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL **PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE** PERMIT

PERMIT The Department of Environmental Pro-tection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to BCR Environmental, Inc., Mr. Joshua Scott, President and CEO operate the Spencer's Maxville Ranch BMF, which is an agricultural site with eight fields (zones) totaling 198.82 acres set aside for biosolids land application. Zone 1 (193 acres), Zone 2 (2.52 acres), Zone 3 (80.12 acres), Zone 4 (2754 acres), Zone 5 (15.71 acres), Zone 6 (36.19 acres), Zones 7, (25.43 acres) and Zone 8 (9.92 acres). Zones 1, 2 and 4 will not be used and will be inactive. Zones 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be active for a total available biosol-ids application area of 16737 acres. The facility is located at latitude 30 10' 00' N, longitude 82 01' 00' W, on 6089 Polka Road, Maxville, Florida 32234 in Clay County. The Department has assigned permit file number FLA686361-004-DWB to the proposed projed. The intent to issue and application file are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7577, at phone number (904)256-1700. NOTICE OF RIGHTS

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

1700. **NOTICE OF RIGHTS** The Department will issue the permit un-less a petition for an administrative hear-ing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the admin-istrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hear-ing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application. Petition for Administrative Hearing A person whose substantial interests are

application.
Petition for Administrative Hearing A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, FS. Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:
(a) The name and address of each agen-cy affected and each agency's file or iden-tification number, if known;
(b) The name, address, any e-mail ad-dress, any facsimile number, and tele-phone number of the petitioner, if the pe-titioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;
(c) A statement of when and how the peti-tioner received notice of the Dopartment's

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agency decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition

material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant re-versal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the spe-cific rules or statutes; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

(g)/A statisting precisely the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. The petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency, Clerk@Flori-daDEPgov. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the ad-dress indicated above at the time of filing. Time Period for Filing a Petition Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those en-titled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice or within 14 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determi-nation (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a pro-ceeding initiate dby another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding of-ficer upon the filing of a motion in compli-ance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. Extension of Time Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a per-son whose substantial interests are af-fected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for axtension of time must be field with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency, Clerk@ Flori-daDEP.gov, before the deadline for filing a petition for an axilable in this proceed-ing. Legal_6634_Publiched 4/27/2023 in

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursu-Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursu-ant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in busi-ness under the fictitious name of **Endless Customs** located at 7995 Valley Drive, in the County of Clay, in the City of Keystone Heights, Florida 32656 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corpo-rations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Department of State, Taliahassee, Florida, Florida, this 20th day of April 2023. Tabitha Brown

Legal 66352 Published 4/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Bivd, Middleburg, FL 32068 at date and time listed below. CLAY COUNTY TOWING AUCTION: MAY 21, 2023, AT 10:00 AM 2013 GMC Vin # 1GTNF5222VA225497 Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Legal 66350 Published 4/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JU-

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JU DICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2023-CP-0167 DIVISION: B IN RE: ESTATE OF VINCENT J. SCHUPPERT a/ka VINCENT JOSEPH SCHUPPERT, Deceased

a/k/a VINCENT JOSEPH SCHUPPERT, Deceased. The administration of the estate of VIN-CENT J. SCHUPPERT, deceased, whose date of death was December 29, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Court-house, Post Office Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representatives attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUB-LICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS

AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLOR-IDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERI-ODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is: April 27, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: NAWAL B. McDANIEL, ESQUIRE nmcdaniel@rtlaw.com Florida Bar No.: 27478 ROGERS TOWERS, P.A. 1301 Riverplace Boulevard, Suite 1500 Jacksonyule, EL 32207

101 Riverplace Boulevard, Suite 1500 Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 398-3911 Personal Representative: JUNE M. SCHUPPERT 1010 River Decd

1212 River Road Orange Park, FL 32073

Legal 66349 Published 4/27/2023 and 5/4/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper **FICTITIOUS NAME**

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursu

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursu-ant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in busi-ness under the fictitious name of Orange Park Health and Rehabilitation located at 1215 Kingsley Avenue, 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 De-partment of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 19th day of April 2023. Orange Park Facility Operations LLC

Legal 66347 Published 4/27/2023 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# 23-DR-381

Division Maria De Lourdes Diaz Petitioner

Johnny De Los Santos

Respondent. TO: Johnny De Los Santos 1408 Palmer St, Green Cove Springs, FL

To: Johnny De Los Santos 1408 Palmer St, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 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 Maria De Lourdse Diaz whose address is 1425 Woodland View Dr, Flem-ing Island, FL 32003, on or before June 2, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, be-fore service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the re-lief 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 notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Fam-ily Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Fam-ily Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of docu-ments and information. Failure to com-ply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

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Dated: April 18, 2023. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Jennifer Brosky outy Clerl

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JU-DICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2022-CC-001701 DIVISION: CC-C TWO CREEKS OWNERS ASSOCIA-TION, INC., Plaintiff

Plaintiff.

vs. JENNIFER SATCHELL, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIFER SATCHELL, UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1 and UN-KNOWN TENANT NO. 2, Defendants Defendants. TO: GIL RODRIQUEZ; DONDRICK SATCHELL; AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, AS-SIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTREES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR

GAINEY Deceased. The administration of the estate of Peter O'Neil Gainey, also known as Peter O. Gainey, whose date of death was Febru-ary 19, 2023, and whose Social Security

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Number is ***-**-4810, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Pro-bate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 N Orange Ave-nue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal represen-tative's atorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other per-sons 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 DETHE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or de-mands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FICHICH AND ARRED. AGAINST, JENNIFER SATCHELL, DE-CEASED

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SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PE-RIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. That date of the first publication of this No-tice is April 27, 2023. Personal Representative: Shelly R. Bowen 1722 NE 154th Street Starke, Florida 32091 Attorneys for Personal Representative: TAYLOR ARRUBLA HARDWICK P.A. By /s/Jennifer T. Arrubia James J. Taylor Jr. Florida Bar No. 334057 Jennifer T. Arrubia Florida Bar No. 38040 420 S. Lawrence Blvd. Keystone Heights, Florida 32656 Primary Email: Jennifer@tah-law.com Secondary Email: Jim@tah-law.com Kim@tah-law.com

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC

SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 05/19/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at FIRST COAST TOWING -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. 3N1CB51DX5L543617 2005 NISS MH3RH17Y0KK001322 2019 YAMA

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Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursu-

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursu-ant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the un-dersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Bee Some-body** located at 4080 Cap Lock Ct, in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahas-see, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 17th day of April 2023. Debrand Solutions LLC

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC

SALE:

ELITE TOWING gives notice that on 05/01/2023 at 09:00 AM the following

05/01/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 2865 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. 1GKEC13T71R137317 2001 GMC 1GYEK63N96R157454 2006 CADI

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NOTICE OF

FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-2019-CA-000700 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff, Vs

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to

A Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 04, 2019, and entered in 10-2019-CA-000700 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein NATION-STAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER is the Plaintiff and JOSEPH P. AZATO; LINDA AZATO; AQUA FINANCE,

vs. JOSEPH P. AZATO, et al.

Kim@tah-law.com 352-473-8088 (telephone) 352-473-8161 (facsimile)

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CEASED Last known Residence: Unknown YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above-styled action to foreclose the lien on the following described property in Clay County, Florida: Lot 491, TWO CREEKS, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 52, Pages 62 through 104, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.

In Plat Book 52, Pages 62 through 104, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Property Address: 4251 Sandhill Crane Terrace, Middleburg, FL 32068 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Crabtree Law Group, PA., 8777 San Jose Boulevard, Building A, Suite 200, Jacksonville, Flor-ida 32217, (Phone Number: (904)732-9701; Email: ems@crabtreefirm.com), Plaintiff's attorney within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. DATED on April 19, 2023. TARA S GREEN CLERK OF COUNTY COURT By: Robbin Tefft Deputy Clerk If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in or:

uled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 66341 Published 4/27/2023 and 5/4/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER

F.S. CHAPTER 45

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2023-CC-000186

UNSION: CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION OF THE GROVE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. BEVERLY PROUDFOOT; ET AL.;

Plaintift, vs. BEVERLY PROUDFOOT; ET AL.; Defendants. NOTICE IS GIVEN that under an Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 13, 2023, in case number 2023-CC-000186 of the County Count of the Fourth Ju-dicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, in which CONDOMINUM AS-SOCIATION OF THE GROVE, INC., was the Plaintiff and BEVERLY PROUD-FOOT; THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 1254 THE GROVE ROAD, UNIT 24, ORANGE PARK, FLOR-IDA 32073 NKA SETH PROUDFOOT; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUS-FS, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEFS OR

MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUS-ES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS were the Defendants, Tara

CLAIMANTS were the Defendants, lara S. Green, Clay County Clerk of Court, shall offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Clay County's Public Auction website (www.clay.realfore-close.com) Clay County, Florida on May 24, 2023 at 10:00a.m., the following de-orided report.

24, 2023 at 10:00a.m., the following de-scribed property: THAT CERTAIN CONDOMINIUM PAR-CEL COMPOSED OF DWELLING UNIT NO. 24 IN THE GROVE CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM FILED FOR RECORD IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 315, PAGE 215 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 1254 The Grove Road, Unit 24, Orange Park, Florida 32073. IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A

Floperty Aduress. 1234 The Glove Road, Unit 24, Orange Park, Florida 32073. IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, IF ANY, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK RE-PORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY RE-MAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS. DATED on April 18, 2023. in Green Cove Springs, CLAY COUNTY, Florida. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Robbin Tefft As Deputy Clerk Legal 66339 Published 4/27/2023 and 5/4/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 2023-CP-000184 In re: THE ESTATE OF PETER O'NEIL GAINEY, also known as PETER O. GAINEY

By: Robbin Tefft Deputy Clerk If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in or-der to participate in a court proceed-ing, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 269-6337, at least seven (7) days prior to scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving this no-tification if the time before the sched-uled appearance is less than seven

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INC. 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 31, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judg-ment to wit:

www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judg-ment, to wit: BEING A PART OF SECTION 11, TOWN-SHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DE-SCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWESTER-LY CORNER OF SECTION 10; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST-5080.29 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST-400.81 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF A ROAD CALLED HANDS DRIVE; THENCE WITH THE CENTER OF HANDS DRIVE TWO COURSES: (1) SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 3 SECONDS EAST-25.61 FEET TO A POINT; (2) AROUND A CURVE CON-CAVE TO THE NORTHWEST (CHORD NORTH 67 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST-55.41 FEET TO A POINT; (1) AROUND A CURVE CON-CAVE TO THE NORTHWEST (CHORD NORTH 67 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST-95.47.7 FEET, RADIUS 700.00 FEET, DELTA ANGLE 700.00 FEET) TO THE POINT OF BE-GINNING; THENCE WINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST-54.77 FEET, RADIUS 700.00 FEET, DELTA ANGLE 70 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 09 SEC-ONDS LEFT, ARC LENGTH 94.71 FEET) TO A POINT; (2) NORTH 36 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST-94.77 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE LEAVING HANDS DRIVE SOUTH 54 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST-133.40 FEET (PLUS OR MINUS) TO A POINT INTHE CENTER OF BRADLEY CREEK; THENCE WITH THE CENTER OF BRADLEY CONTINUE SOUTH 54 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST-148.40 FEET (PLUS OR MINUS) TO A POINT; INTHE CENTER OF BRADLEY CREEK; THENCE WITH TH EXENT SECONDS WEST - 75.44 FEET (PLUS OR MINUS) TO A PIONT; THENCE LEAVING HANDS DIVE SOUTH 54 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST - 148.10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE LEAVING HANDS DIVE SOUTH 54 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST - 148.10 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST - 75.44 FEET (PLUS OR MINUS) TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 46 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST - 75.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 46 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST - 75.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGRINING. TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE CONTINUE

ALS06478. Property Address: 2643 HANDS DR, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043 Any person claiming an interest in the sur-plus 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 17th day of April, 2023. Tara S. Green

Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court

By: Jennifer Broskey As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in or-der 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 crtim-trp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court ap-pearance, or immediately upon receiv-ing this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice im-paired, call 711.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-2020-CA-000161 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff

vs. JONATHAN CLARK, et al.

VS. JONATHAN CLARK, et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursu-ant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 10, 2022, and entered in 10-2020-CA-000161 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 JONATHAN CLARK; BETSY CLARK; STATE OF FLORIDA; HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF CLAY COUN-TY FLORIDA; CLERK OF COURT, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TEN-ANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUB-JECT PROPERTY are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bid-der for cash at www.clay.realforeclose. com, at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 1, HERITAGE HILLS UNIT 7, AC-CORDING TO THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: S85 CHARLES PINCKNEY ST, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073

32073 Any person claiming an interest in the sur-plus 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 29 day of March , 2023. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court Bur Gracie Moore 32073

By: Gracie Moore As Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. you are a person with a disability ho needs any accommodation in or-er to participate in this proceeding, ou are entitled at no cost to you, to the Who needs any accommodation in or-der 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 crtin-trp @coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court ap-pearance, or immediately upon receiv-ing this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice im-paired, call 711.

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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION **OF MARRIAGE (NO** CHILD OR FINANCIAL

SUPPORT) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE# 2023-DR-599

By: Jaimie Pippin DEPUTY CLERK

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NOTICE OF

FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2022CA000726

DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCI-ETY, FSB AS TRUSTEE OF WV 2017-1 GRANTOR TRUST,

GRANTOR THUST, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BEN-EFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PER-SONS OR SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JUDITH A. RECTOR *alkia* JUDITH RECTOR *alkia* JUDITH R. YN-CLAN *alkia* JUDITH R. ANDREWS *alkia* JUDITH ANDREWS *alkia* MONA DRIG-GERS ANDREWS *alkia* MONA DRIG-GERS, DECEASED; KENNETH A. YN-CLAN, TROY ASKEW; VICKI LANGFORD; METROPOLITAN MORTGAGE CO.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; 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 INTERESTA S SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANT-EES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursu-

Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursu-ant 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 eale to the bipbet and hest bidder for

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 FOL-IOWS:

SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOL-LOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8; THENCE ON THE WEST LINE THERE-OF RUN SOUTH OI DEGREE 59 MIN-UTES 40 SECONDS EAST 2933.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 452.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 34 DE-GREES 52 MINUTES 08 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 NO. 218 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 218); THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE AND NO. 218 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 218); THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE AND NO. 218 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 218); THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE AND NO. 218 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 218); THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE AND NO. 218 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 218); THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE AND NO. 218 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 218); THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE AND NO. 218 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 218); THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE AND NO. 218 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 218); THENCE ON LAST SAID CHORD BEING SOUTH 37 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST; THENCE NORTH 55 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 488.57 FEET; THENCE NORTH 55 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 488.57 FEET; THENCE NORTH 55 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 488.57 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 17.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTHE NORTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RA-DUS OF 645.52 FEET, THENCE NORTH 40 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 36.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 65 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 36.40 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE

Division F Gary Powell Petitioner and Brittany Bulmer

Respondent. TO: Brittany Bulmer 518 Clermont Ave S. Orange Park, FL 32073

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 re-lief 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 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 Fam-ily Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office. WaRNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Fam-YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for

this lawsuit will be maned or c-memo-to the addresses on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Fam-ily Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of docu-ments and information. Failure to comdismissal 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

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property de-scribed below belonging to those individu-als listed below at the location indicated: 4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003 May 16, 2023 at 10:00am Karen Gonzalez

Karen Gonzalez Appliances, normal house goods Roxanne Van hof house hold The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchas-es 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 re-scind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. property.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2019-CA-00137 PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,

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

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 accor-dance 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 RE-PLAT 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 Fore-closure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style and case number of which is set forth above.

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Any person claiming an interest in the sur-plus 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 or-der to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the porticipate 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 critintp@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: Jaimie Pippin DEPUTY CLERK LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING 1.05 ACRES MORE OR LESS IN AREA. TOGETHER WITH THAT 1982 CAPE MOBILE HOME, VIN # GAM120A-

AREA. TOGETHER WITH THA. MOBILE HOME, VIN # GAM12020 09C3074A, TITLE # 21643371. Property Address: 2275 Maluke Lane, Middleburg, FL 32068 Any person claiming an interest in the sur-plus 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

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Dated: April 14	, 2023.
TARA S. GREI	ÉN
Clerk of the Ci	rcuit Court

By: Leigh Lucroy Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY **DEVELOPMENT**

DISTRICT

DISTRICT A public workshop of one or more mem-bers of the Board of Supervisors of the District will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the Rolling Hills Amenity Center, 3212 Bradley Creek Parkway, Green Cove Springs, Florida 2043. This workshop is being held to discuss the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. No final action will be taken at this Workshop. The Workshop is open to the public and the provisions of Florida Law for Com-munity Development Districts. A copy of botained from the District Manager, 475 Willage, St. Augustine, Florida 2092 (and potabel from the District Manager, 475 Willage, St. Augustine, Florida 2092 (and potabel from the District Manager, 475 Willage, St. Augustine, Florida 2092 (and provisions of Florida Law for Com-munity Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this Workshop may be obtained from the District Manager, 475 Willage, St. Augustine, Florida 2092 (and place to be specified on the record at the one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. Any present the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the Morkshop. I you are hearing of the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the Morkshop. I you are hearing or ato in contacting the District Office. At person will need a record of the pro-reged part and this Workshop is advised part and person will need a record of the pro-reged ing and that accordingly the person of the proceedings imade, including the oreged ing and that accordingly the person of the proceedings imade, including the oreged ing and that accordingly the person of the proceedings imade, including the oreged ing and that accordingly the person of the proceedings imade, including the oreged ing and that accordingly the person of the proceedings imade, including the oreged ing and that accordingly the person of the proceedings imade, including the oreged ing and that accordingly the person of the proceedings imade, including the open and the accordingly the person will be a recor

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NOTICE AND ORDER TO

SHOW CAUSE

SHOW CAUSE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORI-DA, 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

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MENTS HEREIN DESCHIBED, OF IN BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY, Defendants. TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWN-ERS AND CITIZENS OF LAKES AT BELLA LAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOP-MENT 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 DIS-TRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REV-ENUE BONDS, OR TO BE AFFECTED THEREBY:

TRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REV-ENUE 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 con-nection therewith, including the levy and imposition of non-ad valorem special as-sessments ("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, op-erate, and maintain and otherwise under-

take the Capital Improvement Plan, and to issue the Bonds, to levy, impose, and collect the Assessments, and has prop-erly approved the issuance of the Bonds and the levy and imposition of Assess-ments; (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 con-sistent 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 bind-ing 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 Improve-ment Plan; (f) the Capital Improve-ment Plan will serve a valid public pur-pose; and (g) the members of the Districts Board of Supervisors have been duly and validy elected. The aforesaid Complaint having been pre-sented 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, Herefore, Herefore, and ender** take the Capital Improvement Plan, and

fully advised in the premises, this Court hereby issues this Notice and Order to Show Cause: NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that all taxpayers, prop-erty 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, 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 Com-plaint for validation, the Clerk of this Court shall cause a copy of this Notice and Or-der to be published in a newspaper pub-lished 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 publica-tion which shall not be less than twenty (20) days prior to the date set for said hearing.

(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 taxpay-ers, property owners and citizens of the 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 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.

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. sloizos@coi.net Jennifer Kilinski, Esq. Jennifer@cddlawyers.com George Smith, Esq. george@georgesmithlaw. com 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.

CHERYL D. CHURCH AKA CHERYL DAWSON CHURCH, et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursu-ant 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 A/K/A CHERYL DAWSON CHURCH; HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF CLAY COUN-TY 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 Fi-nal Judgment, to wit: LOT 24, MCKAY'S PARCEL 3-A, AC-CORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RE-CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 6003 COUNTY PORD 262 (EVECTORE DELECTE EL

COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 6003 COUNTY ROAD 352, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL

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, Sec-

tion 45.031.

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accordance with Florida Statutes, Sec-tion 45.031. 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 or-der 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 critin-trp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court ap-pearance, or immediately upon receiv-ing this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice im-paired, call 711.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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.

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 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 DECEDENTS DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this NO-TICE TO CREDITORS is April 20, 2023. REBECCA SHUM PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 879 Coventry Circle Wilpitas, CA 95035 By: /s/ VeRonica R. Owens, Esq. Fia. Bar No.: 73568 VERNICa @VeRonic-aROwensorg 189 South Lawrence Boule-vard Keystone Heights, FL 32656 2000 Henley Road, Suite B Middleburg, FL 32068 Telephone: (352) 473-5000 Attorney for PETTIONER

Telephone: (352) 473-5000 Attorney for PETITIONER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-000103 Divideor B

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 representatives attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITH-IN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE ON 3 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 PUB-LICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUB-LICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERI-DDS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM

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

DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is April 20, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative:

Division B IN RE: ESTATE OF BOBBY GLENN WINFIELD,

newspaper

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

THE COUNTY OF KING, JUVENILE DE-PARTMENT NO: 23-7-00146-8 SEA IN RE THE DEPENDENCY OF: BRYLEIGH KOREN SCHOONOVER DOB: 8/19/2010 TO: "Mother, Sophia McCuistion, aka, Sophia Koren Schoonover; Father, Nicholas Jay Reese, and/or anyone claiming parental/paternal rights or inter-est in the child and to All Whom It May Concern:

Concern: On January 17, 2023, a petition for Ter-mination was filed in the above entitled Court, pursuant to RCW 13.34.080 and/ or RCW 26.33.310 regarding the above remod child whose parents are *.

Court, pursuant to HCW 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 Judge Patricia H. Clark Children & Family Justice Center, 1211 E. Alder St., Rm 4-B, Seattle, WA 98122, before a judge of the above en-titled 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 ap-pear 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

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NOTICE OF

FORECLOSURE SALE

FORECLOSURE SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORI-DA 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, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN

VS. MARK MUSEGADES, et al., Defendants. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Fore-closure filed March 15, 2023 entered in Civil Case No. 10-2023-CA-001124 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Cir-cuit 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.Real-Foreclose.com in accordance with Chap-ter 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 Condo-minium, according to Declaration of Con-dominium thereof as recorded in Official Records Book 878, Page 611, as amend-ed, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida, together with an undivided inter-est in the common elements appurtenant thereto. Any person claiming an interest in the sur-

thereto. Any person claiming an interest in the sur-plus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lisp 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; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crtintrp@coj. net.

Any person claiming an interest in the sur-plus from the sale, if any, other than the

BY: HLS, Deputy Clerk

LOANS INC.,

VS. MARK MUSEGADES, et al.,

GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR. Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar Number: 887950 Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M. Attorneys at Law, P.A. 1543 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 5 Orange Park, FL 32073 Telephone: (904) 264-8800 Fax: (904) 264-0155 Primary email address: grady@floridae-Ider.com Secondary email address: renee@flori-daelder.com Personal Representative: ROBERT C. SHETTEL II 231 Bush Court Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

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NOTICE: Disposition of Property / Lost or Abandoned

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursu-ant to Florida State Statute 705.105 Lost or Abandoned Property the following items were found within Clay County be-tween 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 Smith & Wesson Pistol Smith & Wesson Pist Mossberg Shotgun Beretta Pistol Winchester Shotgun Springfield Pistol Ruger Pistol Tablet Cell Phone Bicycle Pellet Rifle Stoper 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

IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS LEWIS ELLIS, J.R., Deceased. The administration of the estate of THOM-AS LEWIS ELLIS, J.R., 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 represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative and the personal represen-tative 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, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUB-LICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORED WITHIN NECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORED WITHIN NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PE-

PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PE-RIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. of first publication of this notice is April 20, 2023. WILLIAM H. DAVIE, II Ela Bar No: 63(1387).

WILLIAM H. DAVIE, II FIa. 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 - Second-ary

ary Attorney for the Personal Representative

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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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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

and Bradley Perkins

Respondent. TO: Bradley Perkins 6880 Crystal Lake Rd, Keystone Heights, 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 ad-dress 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, be-fore service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the re-lief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's of-fice. 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 Fam-ily 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.

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to the addresses on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Fam-ily Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of docu-ments and information. Failure to com-ply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: March 30, 2023. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Leigh Lucrow

By: Leigh Lucroy Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A hybrid meeting, both in-person and via phone, will be held for the Clay County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Co-ordinating Board at 2 p.m., Monday, May 15, 2023, in the BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Build-ing, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043 and by con-ference call at 1-888-585-9008. When prompted, dial the conference room num-ber 511 666 088#. All interested persons are invited to call in. Meeting materials/ will be posted at https://www.nefrc.org/ transportation-disadvantaged. The North-east Florida Regional Council adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Requests should be received at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to allow time to provide the requested service. For more information, contact the Northeast Florida Regional Council at (904) 279-0880 between the hours of 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC

SALE The online bidding and auction for Stor-age Rentals of America, 369 Blanding Bivd. will be held online at lockerfox.com through May 18, 2023, at 11:00AM. The entire contents of the

The entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien and other charges according to FL

Statutes 83.801. PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

ITEMS: Unit # Tenant or Business Name E13 Ron Dasher G30 Tiffany Phillips

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purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub. Not applicable with any previous tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CSLB 1082165 NSCB 0082999 0083445

L03 Chris Pope Total Units: 3 Total Units: 3 Sale being held to satisfy Landlords' lien. The seller reserves the right to re-ject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. CASH ONLY. Con-tents to be removed within 72 hours. Storage Rentals of America 369 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park. FL 32073 369 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32073 904-977-6400

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

FUH IAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: JEFFREY W KOCH, the holder of the following cer-tificate 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 RIK 18

Legal Description: LOT 10 BLK 18 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2710 PG 1032 Parcel ID No.: 210823-002676-000-00

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 AN-THONY & YVONNE B WHITE Soid preserve heins in the Combust of Clau

THONY & 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

By: Christina Deputy Clerk

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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

hich time and place all bids received ill be publicly opened and read aloud for urnishing all labor and materials for the onstruction of:

RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPAIR/RENOVATION BUILD-

ROOF REPAIR/RENOVATION BUILD-ING 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 in-ternal 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: BUAN BOATRICHT ARCHITECT, INC.

All Work Sites Solar Sol 914 Plainfield Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073 email all questions to brianoboatrightaia@

amail.con gmail.com include project number in subject line Plans are on file and available for pur-chase with the following plan room: LDI Reproprinting Center 550 Wells Road, Suite 8, Orange Park,

LDI Reproprinting Center 550 Wells Road, Suite 8, Orange Park, FL 32073 (904) 579-4027 orangepark@ldireproprinting.com Addenda will be posted with the plan room listed above. Partial sets of draw-ings 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 Meet-ing 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 sub-mit a bid. Only contractors having been pre-qual-ified by the Clay County School District

Only contractors having been pre-qual-ified 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

Only pre-qualified Contractors should submit bids for this project (Florida Statutes). DISCRIMINATION: An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discrimina-tory 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 build-ing or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a con-tractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consul-tant 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 al bids. Each bidder must deposit, with his bid, a bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of five per-cent (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 ac-

to the owner. The successful bidder will be required to provide a payment and performance bond in the amount of 100% of the ac-cepted bid amount. No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the open-ing thereof. Any actual or prospective bidder who dis-putes the reasonableness or competitive-ness of the terms and conditions of the invitation to bid, 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 tabula-tions, 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

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, which-ever is greater, for projects valued over \$500,000.00; and II. Five percent (5%) of the lowest ac-cepted 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. Bid Tabulations shall be posted in the Operations Reception area at 925 Cen-ter Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, after the intended recommenda-tion is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid nearing this fail cost and four fees in the relations four fees for the protestor fue field for the field factors for the field factors for the field four field Substances and attorney's fees. Bid Tabulations shall be posted in the Operations Reception area at 925 Cen-ter Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, after the intended recommenda-tion is announced on or about four (4) 32043, after the intended recommenda-tion is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening. The Bid Tabu-lation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours. David Broskie, Superintendent Clay County District Schools

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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

Parcel ID No.: 160823-004491-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,710.22 Physical Address: 7080 SMITH ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: HIGHRIDGE DEV GROUP INC Said property being in the County of Clay

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

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Legal Description: LOT 10 BLK 36 BIG TREE LAKES SEC A AS REC O R 2643 PG 1519

Parcel ID No.: 140823-001437-323-00 Parcel ID No.: 14023-001437-323-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,557.10 Physical Address: 5518 LASSEN ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: CLIFTON G MATTHEWS

warne in which assessed: CLIFTON G MATTHEWS Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 17th day of May, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 20th day of March, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk

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