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Climbing to success Scott Tower Services focuses on tower maintenance, installation

By Kyla Woodard
For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG — Scoping out an area, checking for safety, gearing up and taking the long climb to the top.

With three points of contact at all times, tower climbers slowly but surely make their way to the highest point to keep cell phone signals and mobile networks in the Clay County area going.

“A lot of people...don’t realize that. They just see all the people getting rescued by the police and fire departments. They don’t see us in the background making sure that the network is up and running,” said Drew Frasure, lead tower technician at Scott Tower Services.

The experience of a tower climber is drastic. And one company is using this experience to keep Northeast Florida running smoothly.

In 2005, husband and wife Ian and Stacey Scott left their jobs to take a leap of faith and dive into a communications tower climber’s “heightened” workforce.

Stacey Scott was a branch manager at the AmSouth Bank, now Regions Bank, in Orange Park. Ian Scott was working for another tower company at the time.

“I left the bank, and he left his job. We started with his truck and one other guy,” said company president Stacey Scott,

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GCS RiverFest 2023



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

This year’s Green Cove Springs RiverFest was a resounding success, attracting 8,500 people for a Memorial Day remembrance and to usher in the start of summer at Spring Park.

This year’s event sets records for attendance, fun, remembrance

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The parking lot at Wells Fargo Bank was empty shortly after noon in the early hours of Green Cove Springs’ RiverFest. Two hours later, were 25 cars there on a day when the bank was closed. Two hours after that, it was packed.

Although it was nearly a half-mile away from the park, there weren’t any

open spaces for the rest of the day.

In what many believe was the most successful Memorial Day gathering at Spring Park, food truck operators, vendors and residents not only ushered in the summer season, they delivered a profound remembrance for the holiday — Memorial Day.

“This year’s RiverFest was a resounding success,” said city manager executive

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STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean told guests at the Memorial Day event he's reminded of the cost of freedom every time a flag-draped coffin arrives to the National Morgue at Dover, Delaware.

Orange Park Memorial Day: Freedom isn't free

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean offered a solemn reminder of why the county observes Memorial Day by talking about the thousands of men and women who died establishing and preserving freedom.

Bean, whose district includes Clay County, was the guest speaker at the annual ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Magnolia Cemetery. He joined the Orange Park Navy JROTC and members of the Orange Park Police and Fire departments to pay respect for the nation's fallen soldiers.

He started by telling a story about being one of nine children. He said with so many in the family, and they couldn't afford to go to a restaurant for a meal. As a child, he said he didn't realize a night out comes with a bill.

"I think America can be the same way as a child. Freedom is not free," he said.



Orange Park observes Memorial Day at Magnolia Cemetery

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"You don't realize that there's an actual bill."

Bean then reminded everyone there's a bill due to defending the country.

"We see the bill being paid with those flag-draped coffins at Dover (Delaware) Air Force Base," Bean said. "Not only do we see the bill, we see how incredibly expensive that freedom truly is. So today, we honor all of those who have paid that freedom bill."

The observance also included placing a wreath at the veterans' marker and playing TAPS.

Hurricane season: Advance preparation essential to surviving a potential storm

By Metro Creative Services
For Clay Today

Hurricanes pose significant challenges. Such challenges are considerably less difficult when business owners and families prepare for hurricane season in advance.

A proactive approach to hurricane season can minimize the effects of these powerful storms, which can cause potentially costly property damage. Such preparation also reduces the likelihood that individuals will be involved in accidents and/or suffer injuries.

Hurricane season is here, so now is a great time for business owners and families to prepare for the months ahead.

Evacuation plan

Coastal regions tend to bear the brunt of the damage caused by hurricanes, so anyone working and living in such areas should have a well-developed evacuation plan in place as hurricane season begins. Lifelong residents of coastal regions most often affected by hurricanes, including Florida, no doubt have evacuation plans in place already. To review yours, visit clay-

countygov.com/community/emergency-management/disaster.

However, reviewing such plans with employees and family members at the start of each new hurricane season is a good idea.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration notes that the Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, while the Eastern Pacific season begins roughly two weeks earlier and ends simultaneously.

The opening weeks of May is a great time to develop an evacuation plan and review an existing one. Make a list of accessible hotels and shelters where you can go should you need to evacuate, and ensure everyone has a hard copy of that list. Keeping the list on a smartphone notes app can be helpful, but hard copies are vital, as access to mobile networks or electricity to keep phones charged can be difficult. Detailed information about safe routes and a prearranged place to meet if evacuation is also vital.

Supplies

The Insurance Information Institute



notes that when hurricanes are in the forecast and warnings are issued, it's not uncommon for residents of areas in the eye of the storm to rush to stores to purchase supplies. A proactive approach to hurricane preparation can help people avoid that mad rush. The III recommends people stock up on certain supplies before hurricane season. Such supplies include:

- Extra batteries
- Candles or lamps with fuel
- Matches, which should be kept in a part of the home that's likely to remain accessible and dry
- Materials and tools for emergency home repairs, such as heavy plastic sheeting, plywood, a hammer, and other tools
- Prescription drugs
- A three-day supply of drinking water

- Food that you don't have to refrigerate or cook
- First aid supplies
- A portable NOAA weather radio
- A wrench and other basic tools
- A flashlight

Property
It's also wise for business owners and homeowners in coastal areas to take an annual inventory of their belongings in advance of hurricane season. The III notes that such an inventory, which should include a list of possessions and their respective values, can speed up the claims process, substantiate losses for income tax purposes and prove helpful if business owners or homeowners apply for disaster aid.

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Residents get sneak peek of future Shands Bridge

By Kyla Woodard
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Residents saw the plans for the new St. Johns River bridge last week. The \$595 million construction started in May to replace the existing Shands bridge.

The new bridge is a part of the larger First Coast Expressway project.

Community outreach specialist Sara Pleasants said the expressway project would help alleviate traffic on roads like Blanding Boulevard and provide residents with a new hurricane evacuation route.

“The existing Shands bridge is two-lanes, no shoulders, it’s ... not great in terms of traffic capacity,” Pleasants said.

Pleasants said the layout for the new bridge consists of two travel lanes on each side, emergency shoulders on both sides of the road, and a sheer-reduce path on the bridge’s northern side for pedestrians and cyclists.

According to the Florida Department of Transportation, once the new bridge is completed, most of the Shands bridge will be demolished, with the exception of portions on both ends used for recreational

purposes. The recreational facilities will include barrier walls, parking, lighting, ADA accommodations and sidewalks.

Pleasants said that residents should not expect lane closures or major traffic impacts during construction.

“People will start to see activity taking place in the immediate term. The clearing on either side of the river and then they’re likely installing a trestle for work this fall,” Pleasants said.

The open house allowed residents to scope the project, ask questions and get answers. And with those questions came a division on the outcome the bridge will bring.

Some residents were happy about the bridge. Cindy Triay and Lorna Broughton said they weren’t concerned, believing it would open up the area to new things.

However, some residents were concerned about issues that could occur before the bridge was finished.

Residents James Beyerl and Barbara Beyerl showed concern regarding the First Coast Expressway being completed before the bridge.

Construction for the expressway be-



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Residents got a chance to see the plans and ask Florida Department of Transportation officials about the new Shands Bridge, which will complete the First Coast Expressway by 2030.



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AARP has eye on Florida lawmakers

By Jacob Ogles
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The AARP had its eye on Florida lawmakers this Session.

The senior advocacy group released its annual report on how legislators voted on issues important to the organization.

"AARP is focused on the issues that directly impact the quality of life of older Floridians," said AARP Florida State Director Jeff Johnson. "While older adults had many wins this year, it is important to know how your elected officials voted on key issues. AARP Florida offers its Legislative Voting Record to make it easier for you to track legislators' decisions during each year's session."

Out of more than 1,800 bills filed in the 2023 Legislative Session, 64 earned the notice of the AARP; 28 of those passed. The organization focused this year on bills related to health and human services, consumer protection and creating livable communities.

The organization also released data on which lawmakers represent the most AARP members.

State Sen. Colleen Burton, a Lakeland Republican, holds the record in the Florida Senate with 145,926 AARP-age constituents. Meanwhile, state Rep. Michael Grant, a Port Charlotte Republican, leads in the House with 48,793 AARP constituents, edging out state Rep. Kelly Skidmore, a Boca Raton Democrat representing 47,092.

Bills tracks included the \$117-billion state budget, where the AARP spotlights a number of important wins. The budget still must go to Gov. Ron DeSantis, who holds line-item veto power.

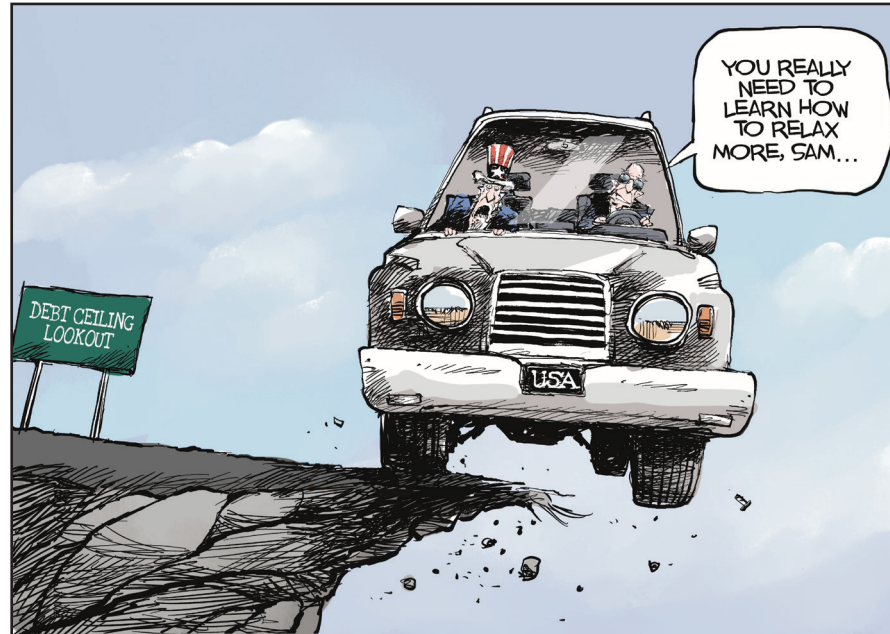
Some of the provisions AARP noted were included in the budget were \$403 million in funding increases for Medicaid-managed long-term care, \$3 million for assistive care service, an extra \$73.4 million for home- and community-based care and a \$2-million increase for community care for the elderly and a \$3-million increase for home care for the elderly. There is also \$12 million in Alzheimer's disease funding.

The budget includes the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly and an increase in personal needs allowances for nursing home patients from \$130 to \$160.

In the community livability category, the AARP makes note of \$711 million in funding this year for the Live Local Act, a priority of Senate President Kathleen Pasidomo. AARP supported and tracked votes on the underlying legislation, which passed

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OPINIONS



Dazed and confused: Trying to make sense of it all

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

I heard something Monday that made me stop and think. Two men talking on the radio told their listeners to "Have a happy Memorial Day." Obviously, they don't have a clue what the holiday represents.

Memorial Day is when a nation pays reverence to the men and women who died in the line of military service while defending this country. There's nothing happy about that.

That's not the only thing. Other things lately have made me decide whether to laugh or be concerned.

Take Sunday's "Greatest Day in Racing." Starting with the Grand Prix of Monaco, then with the Indianapolis 500 and wrapping up under the lights with the Coca-Cola 600 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway, the day was supposed to feature 762 miles of racing.

While many consider the Formula 1 race at Monaco the series' flagship event, it's actually the worst race of the year at any track. Want proof? Here you go: there were more green-flag lead changes in the first 200 miles in Monday's NASCAR race in Charlotte than at Monaco since 1987. Put down the cell-phone calculator. It's 35 years.



Don Coble

Lastly, I am disappointed whenever someone turns the "Star-Spangled Banner" into an extended love song. The song should never be butchered like Jewel's Sunday Indianapolis 500 performance. Unless you're Whitney Houston at the Super Bowl, it's not supposed to be yodeled. It shouldn't take more than 95 seconds. It's about the War of 1812 when British ships bombarded Fort McHenry in the Battle of Baltimore.

Max Verstappen started on the pole and led all 78 laps Sunday. He won by nearly 28 seconds.

Indianapolis turned out great, with Josef Newgarden passing Marcus Ericsson on the final lap, and Mother Nature was the only leader at Charlotte. NASCAR officials called off the race seven hours in advance because of rain. That's nobody's fault, but for someone who was prepared to hunker down with cheese dip, nacho chips and Arnold Palmers for more than 10 hours of racing, it was a bummer of a day.

While we're at it, have you seen the commercials for the Great Wolf Lodge Water Park and the Ark Encounter? Have you also noticed neither provides a location? I did some research and found out there are 19 Wolf Lodges. The Ark is in Williamstown, Kentucky. Now you don't have to look it up.

One of the mythical moments in NASCAR lore was Dale Earnhardt's famous

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Word OF THE WEEK

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

Tourbillon: (TOOR-bil-yun) a noun that means a part of a machine with a spiral movement.

"The central tourbillon movement powers the watch for 50 days."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2018

- R.M. Paterson Elementary students learn entrepreneurial skills by opening Kid Market.
- County history is incorporated into the eighth-grade curriculum at all Clay County District Schools.
- Stephanie Melton, an exceptional student education behavioral health assistant at W.E. Cherry Elementary, is honored as the Florida School-Related Employee of the Year.

10 years ago, 2013

- Volunteers and staff with the Wings of Dreams Museum transported donated artifacts from the Space Shuttle Program to the Keystone Heights Airport.
- Residents express outrage at the county commission meeting to oppose an asphalt plant on Chason Road near County Road 15A.
- The BCC extended a moratorium on transportation and educational impact fees in response to the recession.

20 years ago, 2003

- Orange Park High sophomore Michael Halliburton was caught making two acid bombs inside a gym storage closet on the last day of school.
- Thousands attend the annual Florida Striders 5K and RiverFest in Green Cove Springs.
- More than 2,000 seniors graduate from Clay County high schools.

30 years ago, 1993

- Members of the Clay High football teams were auctioned off to run errands and perform odd jobs to raise \$200 for a classmate, Kirsty Harp, who fell into a

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Opinions ...

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AARP

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unanimously in the Senate but drew 'no' votes from Democratic Reps. Anna Eskamani, Rita Harris, Ashley Gantt, Angie Nixon and Michele Rayner-Goolsby and Republican Rep. Mike Beltran.

There is also \$259 million available for the State Apartment Incentive Loan program, \$100 million for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and \$100 million for the Hometown Hero Housing Program.

Most of the policy bills supported by the AARP enjoyed massive bipartisan support. Votes are tracked in the report on each one. But many, like a telehealth expansion and a new designation for nursing assistants, received no votes against them.

Not all of AARP's priorities cleared the Legislature.

The report makes note of a dentistry bill championed by Sen. Jim Boyd, a Bradenton Republican, that passed in the Senate

but was never taken up on the House floor. 'No' votes in House committees by Republican Rep. Michelle Salzman and Democratic Reps. Darryl Campbell and Bruce Antone are noted.

A similar situation occurred on a Senate bill on step therapy protocols that has been sponsored by Sen. Gayle Harrell, a Stuart Republican, and passed unanimously in the House but never made it to a full House vote. The same fate met a Senate-passed renewable energy bill sponsored by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, an Indian Rocks Beach Republican, but that made it only through one House committee vote. And a Senate-passed PACE financing bill also never reached the House floor.

The report also tracks the death of a telehealth prescription bill that never had a vote against it in committee but also never made it to the floor of either chamber. And it notes some bills, including one allowing nurses to establish autonomous practices and one increasing skin cancer

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Confused

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"pass in the grass" after Bill Elliott hit him from behind during the 1987 all-star racing.

What really happened – and I was there – was Earnhardt was leading. The bump sent his Chevrolet into the infield grass, but he gathered it up and returned on the track with Elliott still running second. There was no pass.

I'm also baffled by television ads on local stations trying to attract visitors to Space Coast and Daytona Beach beaches. Don't they realize we have beaches, sun and sand up here, too?

I also find it amusing that some people in California want reparations for slavery. First, California wasn't in the Civil War. Second, there's no proof they didn't move to the United States before the war. And most important, the people demanding millions

in payments, or their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents or great-great-grandparents were part of our country's most-appalling period of history – slavery.

While we're on the subject of irresponsible spending, the college loan forgiveness plan still puzzles me. If I have it right, the government wants me to pay for a bank foolishly giving an 18-year-old \$70,000 to study art history.

Lastly, I am disappointed whenever someone turns the "Star-Spangled Banner" into an extended love song. The song should never be butchered like Jewel's Sunday Indianapolis 500 performance. Unless you're Whitney Houston at the Super Bowl, it's not supposed to be yodeled. It shouldn't take more than 95 seconds. It's about the War of 1812 when British ships bombarded Fort McHenry in the Battle of Baltimore.

When it comes to our National Anthem, I'll take Paul Wane and his guitar every time.

40 years ago, 1983

- Orange Park High Principal Jim Booth calls on parents and the community to work together in combating alcohol use by teens.
- The planning and zoning staff for the county tells commissioners it doesn't have the staff to enforce tree ordinances.
- Jax Discount Liquors advertises the sale of a case of Dixie beer for only \$4.99.

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coma after suffering a brain aneurysm a month earlier.

- River Arts Fest is staged in Orange Park.
- The Green Cove Springs City Council votes to extend the curfew for children younger than 18 from 10 p.m. to 6 p.m.

screenings that had AARP's support but never found any traction in the Senate. A consumer debt bill backed by AARP never even received a House hearing.

On the consumer end, the AARP had come out in support of property insurance regulation overhauls that cleared the Legislature, but in divided votes. Most Democrats, but not all, voted against HB 799 in both chambers.

The Legislature also passed bills the AARP opposed, including revisions of consumer finance loan regulations. The bill cleared the House on a 96-18 vote and the Senate 22-9. Republican Sens. Ileana Garcia and Blaise Ingoglia joined primarily Democratic opposition in the Senate

on that bill, while only Democrats voted against it in the House.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Excited movements
- Soap opera actress Patsy
- Unknowing
- Dangerous mosquitos
- Exaggerated and sensationalized
- Military policeman
- Touch softly
- Wrap
- A story of one's life
- Midway between east and southeast
- Toward the mouth or oral region
- A list of dishes available at a restaurant
- Changes the meaning of
- Semitic Sun god
- Sneaker parts
- Capital of Zimbabwe
- Breezed through
- Partner to pedi
- Becomes less intense
- Bottoms
- Tested
- Vistas
- Take care of
- Traditional rhythmic pattern

CLUES DOWN

- A type of pool
- Malaise
- Seasoned
- A pair
- Young male
- Make a mistake
- Experienced
- It often accompanies injury
- Old world, new
- Commercial
- Course of lectures
- Promote
- Female horses
- Greek mythological figure
- Small amount
- Orthodox church altar
- Actress Tomei
- Excited

- Looked directly at
- Popular cold desserts
- More reasonable
- Disk above the head of a saint
- Devoted to the extreme
- Make an effort
- It's in the surf
- Member of aboriginal people of Japan
- Discounts
- Cliff in Hawaii
- Extremely wild person
- All persons
- Aromas
- Popular kids' game
- A difficult situation
- Popular Georgia rockers
- It's in all living cells
- Unspoken language
- 'Talk to you' abbreviation
- Influential lawyer

Residents can sharpen their axe-throwing skills at Valhalla

By Lee Wardlaw
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FLEMING ISLAND – There are plenty of great options to host your next gathering, but none may be as unique as Valhalla Indoor Axe Throwing.

That's because the facility offers a unique entertainment experience.

"It's a lot of fun; it's a great environment. It's similar to what you would see in a bowling alley, but also a lot like something you would see at a paintball field," said general manager Wayne Davies.

Customers can choose between seven throwing lanes – each with a circular target with three rings. The outer ring (purple) indicates a one-point score, the middle ring (red) represents a three-point score, and the inner ring (black) denotes a five-point score.

But nothing happens before a safety briefing from Davies or another coach.

Foul play with heavy, dangerous tools could pay a "sharp" penalty.

Davies and his staff want people to be successful at the craft as they try their hand at axe-throwing, the uncommon spectacle, for the first time.

"We complete a safety brief and coach people on how to throw them. We want to give them pointers so they can leave more confident than when they came in. If you can't make the axe stick, you won't want to



STAFF PHOTO BY LEE WARDLAW
Valhalla GM Wayne Davies first puts everyone through a safety class before throwing.

come back, and it's no fun. So, trying to get people better at it than they were an hour before is my main goal. Our number one priority is to make sure that (customers) can stick the axe on the target," he said.

Some become so inspired they end up making it a full-time hobby – or profession. Four groups have already formed at Valhalla – women, co-ed, standard and premier leagues.

Residents could qualify to compete

on the international circuit if they put in enough work into it, Davies said. Valhalla is part of the International Axe Throwing Federation, which feeds into tournament competitions across North America.

"If you throw in enough tournaments, you can actually go to Canada and compete against everybody else across North America. Each year, they have a cup, and the prize money keeps going up, up, and up," Davies, a U.S. Marines veteran, said.

There will always a dedicated group, but Valhalla looks to cater to both serious and casual throwers.

"You can (throw in competitive leagues), or you can just come in for an hour after work. We are here for both groups," Davies said.

The facility is the perfect place to have fun for a family gathering, co-worker's outing, or birthday party, and if no other excuse checks out, blowing off steam works.

"The most fun groups are the families. Family rivalries are what I look forward to, and the entertainment or trash talk that goes on with the team. And (axe-throwing) is a perfect way to unload steam. It's just a good way to de-stress," he said.

The aura of the smell of freshly-cut wood lingers in the establishment, giving the immediate impression of a mountain cabin in North Carolina or Wyoming.

The establishment is Viking-themed, a

mantra Davies and his staff and coaches aren't quick to forget.

"That is one of the greatest assets that we have," he said.

The theme resonates throughout the entire building. A glass display features specialty axes and Viking-themed helmets and headgear. If that's not enough, a Valhalla-themed coat of arms is plastered on the wall. With plenty of locals cycling through the facility to get their taste of the traditional sport, targets are typically replaced once a week. Plenty of wood chips fall on the ground.

They don't go to waste, either.

"Viking kindling" is sold at the front of the store for \$5 a bag.

"We try really hard not to waste anything," Davies said.

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"I think it's one of those things that you won't know you enjoyed until you at least tried it. It's one of those things where you say, 'Hey, I want to see if I can do this. Some people come in here, and it's on their bucket list. This is the right spot to do it,'" he said.

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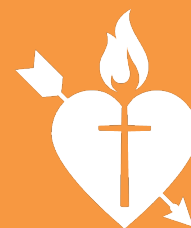
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St. Johns RIVERKEEPER to issue Doctors Lake report this month

By Kylie Cordell
For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – The St. Johns RIVERKEEPER launched a multi-day expedition to investigate the lost grasses of the St. Johns River, raise awareness about the fragile state of the river, and demonstrate the need for urgent action.

The team spent several days on the water monitoring the most threatened habitat of the St. Johns River, patrolling an 80-mile stretch of the river between Doctors Lake and Lake George. They were looking for the Submerged Aquatic Vegetation beds and possible solutions to restore this vital habitat. Although rarely seen from land, submerged aquatic vegetation or SAVs are critical to a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

These vast underwater prairies provide shelter for important fish species, filter pollutants from seawater and trap sediments from resuspending into the water by waves and boat wakes, thus playing a vital role in the overall health of our oceans and rivers.

“The submerged aquatic vegetation, they are biofilters,” said Lisa Rinaman with the St. Johns RIVERKEEPER. “So when pollution comes in that has too much nitrogen or phosphorus, they can filter that out. They are really important from a water quality perspective.”

SAVs provide habitats for fisheries, as well as the foundation of our recreation and tourism industries and our thriving seafood industry.

Yet, scientists have concluded that nearly 99% of SAVs have disappeared from Jacksonville to Lake George in the Lower St. Johns River.

Although SAVs periodically decline due



St. Johns RIVERKEEPER's Lisa Rinaman said her group will issue a report in June about the decline of grasses in the St. Johns River, including Doctors Lake.

to droughts or hurricanes, the grasses typically begin to bounce back within a few years. However, this time is different, Rinaman said.

“After Hurricane Irma came through in 2017, we saw a significant die-off of submerged aquatic vegetation, predominantly eelgrass.”

However, the loss was not directly due to the hurricane, but rather heavy rains and high waters from storm overflow, which made it more difficult for sunlight to penetrate the waters and the aquatic vegetation on the ground floor.

In addition, excess nutrients from septic tanks, sewer treatment plants, and fertilizer runoff promoted the growth of toxic blue-green algae, which blocks sunlight needed for SAVS to thrive.

“We are looking for answers,” Rinaman said. “It’s really important to figure out how

to bring our river back into balance and protect our estuary. We need to do everything we can to protect it, which will help protect our economy.”

The RIVERKEEPER's four-day expedition began at Doctors Lake. Homeowner Betsy Sievert contacted the RIVERKEEPER after noticing the sea level of Doctors Lake wasn't naturally declining during the colder months of the year. She also noticed that the vegetation on the shoreline had significantly reduced.

“I went back to a cabinet where we have old photographs, and when you look at the shoreline on this property, there were reeds all the way across on the other side of the bulkhead,” she said. “I was never one to swim in the river. We didn't have a boat, but everything I saw on the surface has gone.”

Sievert invited the RIVERKEEPER to her property on Holly Point to gather informa-

tion about the health of Doctors Lake and report on their findings.

After collecting samples to test the water's PH, salinity and turbidity, Rinaman and her crew took a small boat to the middle of the lake. She jumped in, sporting waders and thick rubber boots, feeling around with her feet for any evidence of underwater grasses.

“It was a huge commitment for them to do this,” Sievert said. “But we're still early in the process here.”

Water quality parameters will be assessed quarterly for the next five to understand current conditions better and identify possible reasons for the decline in aquatic vegetation.

“Things are forever changing in our river due to natural cycles and man-made impacts.

So what we are looking at now is doing this quarterly for the next five years to collect more data and connect people who live, work, and fish along St. Johns,” Rinaman said. RIVERKEEPER team members and volunteers will visit numerous sampling sites and meet with homeowners, anglers, scientists, and community leaders to collect observational intel and data.

“If you are seeing any pollution impacts or blue-green algae outbreaks, please let us know, and you can reach out to us through Facebook or the RIVERKEEPER website. People sharing what they see on their part of the river helps us know what we can do to work together.”

The first part of data collection will be published in early June on the RIVERKEEPER's website at <https://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org/>.

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Obituaries

Rose "Nan" Nanette Weeks

Rose "Nan" Nanette Weeks, 76, of Green Cove Springs, went home to be with her Lord on May 14, 2023, after a brief stay at Community Hospice McGraw Center in Jacksonville. Her late parents were George "Buck" and Lila Weeks.

She was born March 23, 1947, in Norfolk, Virginia. The family moved to Green Cove Springs when Nan was eight years old. She graduated from Clay High School in 1965 and Florida State University in 1969.

Nan went on to be employed by the State of Florida 30 years as a Case Manager. She served hundreds of disadvantaged and at-risk children and youth in Jacksonville. When asked about her commitment, she simply replied, "They need my help." She was faithful to assist them in making a better life for themselves.

She was devoted to her entire family, looking after her parents in Green Cove and treating her nieces, nephews and great-nieces as her own children. She was creative with arts and crocheting, making many beautiful quilts and throws for family and friends.

Nan not only touched many lives at work, with family, and with friends, but also was an avid animal lover. She volunteered countless hours helping animals and fostered many of them, especially cats. She was always ready to provide a loving home and safe environment.

Nan was very spiritual with a deep faith in God. She was compassionate, tough, stubborn, and kindhearted. She never complained and was always seeking ways to encourage and help others. She had a true servant's heart and will be missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her brother, Dr. George (Patricia) Weeks of Macclenny, FL; nieces, Alicia (Phil) Schell, and Victoria Weeks; nephew, Christopher Weeks; grandnieces, Anna Belle and Capri Schell, all of Jacksonville; and many cousins.



Rose Nanette Weeks

A graveside service will be held at Hickory Grove Cemetery, June 2, 2023, at 3 pm with Pastor Bryan Simpson officiating. Family visitation will be at Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, Green Cove Springs at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to one of Nan's favorite charities: Samaritan's Purse, In Touch Ministry, or the Clay County Humane Society.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com

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



Zachary "Zach" Clarke

Zachary "Zach" Clarke, 28, of Middleburg, FL passed away May 24, 2023

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College Briefs

Isaac Lawrence graduates from Grove City College

GROVE CITY, Pa. – Fleming Island's Isaac Lawrence earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Grove City College.

Grove City is a highly distinctive, nationally ranked comprehensive Christian liberal arts college that equips students to pursue their unique calling through a Christ-centered, academically excellent, affordable learning and living experience.

Stennetts on President's List at Mississippi College

CLINTON, Miss. – The Mississippi College Office of Academic Affairs released its President's List after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year. Included on the list are Rebecca and Cathryn Stennett, both of Fleming Island.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0-grade point average based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average.

Mississippi College, affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is a private, co-educational, Christian university of liberal arts and sciences serving more than 4,100 students from approximately 35 states and more than three dozen countries.

Troy Chancellor's List includes Middleburg's Deaton

TROY, Ala. – Gabrielle Deaton of Middleburg was selected to the Chancellor's List at Troy University for the spring

semester/Term 4 of the 2022-2023 academic year.

The Chancellor's List honors full-time undergraduate students registered for at least 12 semester hours and earning a grade point average of 4.0.

Myers earns spot on Grove City's Dean's List

GROVE CITY, Pa. – Logan Myers, of Middleburg, a Biochemistry major at Grove City College, qualified for the Dean's List for the spring semester.

Students eligible for the Dean's List have a GPA of 3.40 to 3.59; for the Dean's List with Distinction a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84 and for the Dean's List with High Distinction a GPA of 3.85 to 4.0.

Eden, McGregor make Academic Affairs List at LaGrange

LAGRANGE, Ga. – The following Orange Park-area students were recently named to the LaGrange College Spring Semester Vice President of Academic Affairs' List – Matthew Eden and Jared McGregor.

To be eligible for this honor, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.6 while taking a minimum course load of 12 hours.

Georgia's oldest private institution of higher learning, LaGrange College has been ranked as a top-ten school and "best value" among 99 Southern regional colleges by U.S. News & World Report. A four-year liberal arts and sciences college affiliated with the United Methodist Church, LaGrange offers more than 50 areas of study with an emphasis on global engagement and service.

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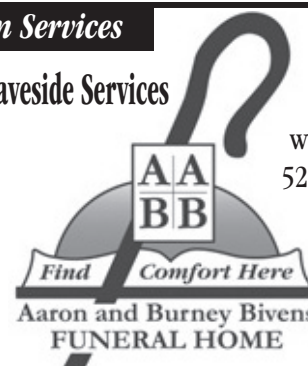


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Cook: Sheriff's office dropping heavy 'hammer' on suspected drug dealers

By Don Coble
don@claytodayonline.com

ORANGE PARK – It's called Hammer and Hope for a reason.

While more than 20 organizations have united to provide the hope portion of the program by helping those fighting opioid addictions, the Clay County Sheriff's Office said the hammer side has resulted in 57 arrest warrants.

Sheriff Michelle Cook said her agency would remain diligent in removing the "plague" of drugs. And with 52 people already charged and booked, she vowed to track down anyone who peddles illegal narcotics.

"The Clay County Sheriff's office recently had the largest drug bust in Clay County history, seizing enough fentanyl to kill four million people," she said. "Since the announcement of that drug bust, our detectives have continued to work the various investigative units, and today (May 24), I want to update the drug seizure totals attributed directly to Operation Lucky 7's.

In total, 3,519 grams of cocaine, 5,400 grams of methamphetamine and 12,480 grams of fentanyl have been removed from our streets. In addition, we are up to \$334,651 of drug dealer money seized, and we've seized 31 illegally owned firearms."

Cook called a press conference two

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days ahead of a community support program to get addicts – and their family members – the help they need. Cook said the two-pronged approach has made a difference.

"Just since January of this year – our narcotics team this does not count totals from our patrol division, which does a phenomenal job of taking drugs off the streets as well – but just our narcotics team have removed from Clay County streets, an additional 450 grams of cocaine 285 grams of methamphetamine and 470 grams of fentanyl."

CCSO also caught 52 of 57 people suspected of selling, possessing or trafficking drugs. She said five – Harley Pearson, Austin Downs, Michael Van Ness, Alphonse Flores and Paul Simmons – remain at large.

SEE HAMMER, 10



Sheriff Michelle Cook is surrounded by officials to announce her agency has arrested 52 suspected drug dealers in Hammer and Hope. The sheriff's office still looking for five suspects.



Officials offer 'hope' to those struggling with drug addictions

By Kyla Woodard
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – The Clay County Sheriff's Department, Fire Rescue, and local community organizations came together with the spirit of hope last Friday to deal with drug addiction in the area.

"I know that drugs and drug addicts many times just need a pathway out. So, using the platform of the sheriff, what I have done has been able to pull community service providers from across the county together," Cook said.

The event was held at the Church of Eleven22. It included many tabling organizations such as Clay County Community Services, The Way Free Medical Clinic, Clay Action Coalition, Recovery Road and Foundations of Freedom.

Cook herself created Hammer and Hope three years ago to combat the striking drug presence in Clay County.

Cook and Fire Rescue. She said Friday's program was one out of a two-prong approach to addressing the problem.

The "hope" approach aimed to give addicts a way out. Stephen Teal, a captain with the Clay County Fire Rescue's Paramedicine Program, said that spreading awareness of the drug crisis and providing help to those affected was the goal of the second approach.

"Our big thing is to be there for the people who want help but don't realize it's there. There's a lot of people looking for help, a lot of people that can't afford it," he said.

It all ties in with Florida's Coordinated Opioid Recovery program, which expanded to Clay in Fall 2022. The initiative allows addicts to receive medically assisted treatment, as patients are transported to a medical facility equipped to deal with addictions after a

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Resident found answers and were connected to programs to help them, or a family member, overcome drug addiction. Twenty agencies attended last week's Hammer and Hope.

Hammer

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“Drug addiction, particularly opioids, is a horrific issue plaguing our nation,” she said. “This crisis has devastated countless lives. One particular opioid, fentanyl, has earned a chilling nickname the silent killer. It’s 50 times stronger than heroin, and it’s being mixed with other dangerous drugs such as cocaine and methamphetamine. What makes fentanyl scary is that it’s tasteless and odorless. Even a small amount, as small as a grain of salt, can cause a fatal overdose. In reality, fentanyl

is now responsible for more deaths among Americans under 50 than other causes, including heart disease, cancer, homicide, suicide and accidents.

As law enforcement, emergency medical responders and community organizations here in Clay County, we continue to work together to fight this plague. We do that first with strategic and deliberate investigations targeting drug dealers and then with purposeful outreach to assist those who are fighting addiction. We must and will continue to raise awareness and take action to save lives.”

Hope

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trip to the hospital so that they can begin a clinical pathway to sobriety.

Cook said the annual event could be attributed to helping about 40 people rehabilitate themselves and get their lives back on track.

“I’ve actually had a couple of people stop me and say, ‘How do I get into that Hammer and Hope help stuff?’ And these are people who need help and want help,” Cook said.

Tables were circled in the large area, some decked with informational pamphlets and others with keepsakes – all to spread awareness and be an asset to the community.

Stephanie Geoghagan, Clay Action Coalition project coordinator, said her organization’s table was filled with resources for young people and even featured Detera pouches.

Geoghagan said Detera is a safe, environmentally friendly way to eliminate old prescriptions or over-the-counter medications.

“We do that so that it can’t be diverted. Because we know that young people often will experiment with medications in their homes before they do anywhere else. So, we’re just trying to create a safe environment for young people and then also visitors who may be coming into your home who may be drug seeking,” Geoghagan said.

Tommy Ferretti, the founder of the sober living program, Foundations of Freedom, said he loves being at events that allow him to be utilized and on the front lines

of solving the issue.

“I get a lot of phone calls where if there was an overdose, the fire department will call me. If somebody is struggling, the police department will call me. And if the person is ready to change their lifestyle, they’ll actually call me directly,” Ferretti said.

Barbara Davenport, owner and operator of Recovery Road, said she wanted to serve as a resource for people who are struggling but also to raise awareness of the stigma associated with addiction.

“There’s still a lot of people that have a negative stigma about addiction. They think it can’t happen to their family, type of family, or wealthy family. That’s not true,” Davenport said.

Since the annual event has made its home in Clay County, Teal said it seems to be working. However, he said its impact on lowering the drug count waxes and wanes. Teal said that just a few weeks before the event, the county saw a large intake of drug overdoses.

“Apparently, another stream of drugs at some point came through the county. What all they were, I’m not sure,” Teal said. “But we can tell when it waxes and wanes.”

Cook said that she hopes to continue the Hammer and Hope initiative to build a healthy and safe community – all by holding people accountable and providing assistance for the ones that want it.

“If you’re dealing drugs in Clay County, we’re going to find you, and we’re going to arrest you. But, if you’re an addict and you want help, there is a pathway out, and we will help you find that path,” she said.

Staff reporter Lee Wardlaw contributed to his story.

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Celebrate Clay County History

Belmore State Forest – then and now

By Archives Specialist Amelia Dixon
A service of Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara S. Green

CLAY COUNTY – For any lover of the great outdoors, Clay County boasts more than a few attractions sure to satiate an adventurous spirit. According to the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, Clay County has 146,630 acres of conservation land, which makes up 38% of the county's total area.

Many of these conservation and wildlife management areas are open to the public. They are ideal spaces for various recreational activities, such as hiking, biking, swimming, hunting, and camping. However, a lesser-known aspect of these natural gems is that the now-protected areas once provided the resources that were critical in producing some of Clay's most profitable exports in centuries past.

One such place was Belmore State Forest. Located in the southern portion of Clay County, Belmore is comprised of 12,262 acres of a variety of habitats and ecosystems, with 8,737 acres of that land dedicated to the Belmore Wildlife Management Area.

The general area was once owned and

managed by the Belmore Florida Land Company, a business based out of Chicago. The company's leaders were determined in the late 1800s to make a name for themselves through the success of this property. They planned to create a new city called Belmore City (after the company, of course), and it would be the new hotbed of activity for the county.

The company painted their planned settlement as an authentic slice of paradise and, among many other things, promised unsuspecting Northerners mild weather, a land ripe with citrus and tropical fruits and flowing with the finest quality honey.

As outlandish and exaggerated as these claims may sound, some held at the time, particularly those claims regarding citrus. Orange groves were present in some areas of the county and did generate a profit, although it is unlikely it was pretty as well-paying as advertised.

A series of harsh freezes in the mid-1890s damaged the groves across the county to the degree that they could not recover, which devastated the citrus industry. Ultimately, this event significantly contributed to the downfall of Belmore City and some of the surrounding communities. Not only did the freeze kill citrus and other crops, but also the company's prospects and dreams.

Contrary to what the Belmore Florida Land Company wanted its potential investors and residents to believe, oranges were not the agricultural crop with the most potential for that area of Clay County. The real wealth of Belmore lay in its abundance of pine forests. Pine trees provided high-quality wood for timber sales and the main ingredients for naval stores, a catch-all term for liquids harvested from pine trees for shipbuilding and maintenance.



It was an extremely profitable industry at the time. Turpentine has often been cited historically as the county's top agricultural crop. Many sources list the long-leaf yellow pine as the tree of choice in these ventures, as it is supposedly superior to similar trees.

Based on some contemporary maps, we know that there was at least one turpentine still in the Belmore area by 1936, and there was a sawmill there no later than 1885. Perhaps the Belmore Florida Land Company should have marketed their land differently. Still, turpentine and sawmills are not nearly as dreamy and idyllic as acres of fruit trees and orange groves.

The modern-day Belmore State Forest was formed under two land acquisitions – one in 2004 and the other in 2007.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Forest Service, both of which offer additional information about Belmore's current conservation and forestry efforts on their respective websites, now manage it.

Explore the Clay County Historical Archives Center to access more historical records that offer a fascinating glimpse into our county's history. Our hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed holidays). You can find our office inside the Old Jail at 21 Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs.

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STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING, DISTRICT 3: will be on June 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Orange Park Library, 2054 Plainfield Ave. Residents are encouraged to make suggestions for the county's 20-year long-range plan.

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS RUMMAGE SALE: will be on June 1-2 at 345 SE Palmetto Ave. June 1 hours will be from 4-5 p.m.; June 2 hours will be from 1 a.m.-noon.

WORKING MAN'S BASS TOURNAMENT: will be on June 1 at 4:30 p.m. at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220 on Fleming Island. Guaranteed \$500 prize to the winning two-person team. Call Daniel Green at (904) 449-9691 for more information.

CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: will meet on June 1 at 6 p.m. in the Teacher Training Center at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY: will be on June 2 from 5-9:30 p.m. at Spring Park in Green Cove Springs. There will be several food trucks and live music by Boogie Freaks. Bring your own chair and cooler to the free event.

WOMEN VETERANS INFORMATION

SESSION: will be on June 2 from 6-8 p.m. in the Administration Building, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs. County women veterans and their spouses are invited to attend the free event to discuss the issues they face and the resources that are available.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS LIBRARY BOOK CLUB: will meet on June 2 from 10-11:30 a.m. at 175 Oriole St.

MARKET AND MUSIC AT THE COVE PLAZA: will be on June 3 from 4-8 p.m. at 1415 S. Orange Ave. in Green Cove Springs. Fresh produce, food trucks, home décor, music, jewelry and hourly giveaway will be offered. For more information, email showcaseevents17@gmail.com.

TAILGATE PARTY FOR THE TROOPS: will be on June 3 from 7-9:30 p.m. at 7999 Blanding Blvd. in Jacksonville. For \$100, fans can meet Jacksonville Jaguars players Myles Jack, Josh Allen, Chris Conley, Marqise Lee, Keelan Cole, Brad Meester, Trevor Lawrence, Chad Muma, Devin Lloyd, Arden Key and Roar of the Jaguars and Jaxson Deville and U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean for food, drink and auctions to benefit St. Michael's Soldiers. Tickets are available at stmichaels-soldiers.org.

ORANGE PARK FARMER'S MARKET: will be on June 4 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING, DISTRICT 2: will be on June 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Athletic Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway. Residents are encouraged to make suggestions for the county's 20-year long-range plan.

CHICK-FIL-A AT THE BEACH: will be on June 5 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Keystone

Beach, 565 S. Lawrence Blvd. at Keystone Heights.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on June 5 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 555 S. Lawrence Blvd.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: will host a workshop on Land Development Code on June 6 from 10 a.m.-noon in the Administration Building, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

CLAY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: will meet on June 6 at 2:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on June 6 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave.

THE BUTTERFLY WAY PROGRAM: will be on June 7 from 10-11 a.m. at Camp Chowenwaw's Big Cabin, 1517 Ball Road in Green Cove Springs. The guest speaker will be Clay County Master Gardener Volunteer Nan Milleson. For more information, visit gcgcs@gardenclubofgreencovesprings.org.

WORKING MAN'S BASS TOURNAMENT: will be on June 8 at 4:30 p.m. at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220 on Fleming Island. Guaranteed \$500 prize to the winning two-person team. Call Daniel Green at (904) 449-9691 for more information.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet on June 8 at 10 a.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room at the Administration Building, third floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS: will be performed from June 8-24 at the

Spotlight Center, 1809 East West Pkwy. on Fleming Island. Doors at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served nightly at 5:30 p.m. Showtime is at 7 p.m. Doors open at 11 a.m. and a boxed lunch will be served for matinees on June 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 24, with a special matinee a 2 p.m. on June 18. The comedy is about two con men who play rich and famous bachelors. Show prices are available at spotlighteventscenter.com.

WASTE NOT WANT NOT YARD SALE: will be on June 9 from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. at Challenge Enterprises Shopping Plaza, 556 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park. New items will be available at yard sale prices. Proceeds will benefit the organization's food recovery and distribution programs.

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH: will host its Food Giveaway on June 10 from 9 a.m.-noon at 1606 Blanding Blvd. in Middleburg. For more information, visit stlukesparish.org or ccbjax.org.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S FILM SUBCOMMITTEE: will meet on June 12 at 9 a.m. in the Administration Building, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE: will meet on June 12 at 10:15 a.m. in the Administration Building, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S SOUTHERN ROCK INITIATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE: will meet on June 12 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, fourth floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on June 13 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

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Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist to celebrate 70-year music history of Ethel Lee Wright

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the 70-year music ministry of its First Lady, Ethel Lee Wright, with a three-day Music Institute from June 21-23.

Dr. Barbara McNeely Bouie, nationally known church music clinician and music consultant to the African Methodist Episcopal Church, will conduct the two-day workshop on June 21-22, teaching the choir her arrangement of God's Trombones. The Institute will culminate Friday, June 23, at 7 p.m. with a public concert featuring the Workshop Choir.



Ethel Lee Wright

Wright presently serves as the Minister of Music at Mt. Pleasant where her husband, Rev. Robert Layton Wright, serves as pastor.

Out of her 70-year career as a church musician, she has served Mt. Pleasant for 40 years. She is a talented singer, pianist, teacher and mentor to other musicians. She has been blessed with the God-given talent to replicate any song she hears on the piano. Her entire family has also inherited her singing talent.



Dr. Barbara McNeely Bouie

The Ethel Lee Wright Music Institute invites all those who love to sing church music and spirituals to participate in the Institute Choir and study with Dr. Bouie. Institute participants are asked to donate \$5 each evening to cover Institute costs. The workshops begin at 6 p.m. on the 21st and 22nd in the Mt. Pleasant sanctuary.

To register for the Institute, send the name of the church, number of persons in the group, contact person's name and phone number to Mtpleasantanniversary-info@gmail.com.



Clay Day at the Capital

The Florida League of Cities recently announced it would honor two Orange Park officials, Town Manager Sarah Campbell and Vice Mayor Susana Thompson. The pair were crowned with the 2023 Home Rule Hero Award in recognition of their hard work and advocacy for Orange Park during the 2023 Legislative Session in Tallahassee. The Home Rule Hero Award recognizes local government officials throughout the state that respond to the FLC's request that they reach out to members of the legislature during the session to help give them a local perspective on issues. Campbell and Thompson will receive their awards during the Northeast Florida League of Cities dinner on June 15. Green Cove Springs City Manager Steve Kennedy, Orange Park's Campbell, Keystone Heights City Manager Lynn Rutkowski and Clay County Manager Howard Wanamaker attended the Legislative Session during Clay Day.

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Gear Up Florida pedals support with visit to Challenge Enterprises

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Challenge Enterprises of North Florida welcomed Gear Up Florida for lunch last week at Camp Chowenwaw.

Every year, a team of cyclists from the fraternity Pi Kappa Phi undertakes a 950-mile journey across the state to spread awareness and understanding for individuals with disabilities. Along their route from Miami to Tallahassee, the team took the opportunity to visit 15 organizations that support people with disabilities.

“It’s not really about the cycling,” Project Manager for Gear Up Florida Jonathon Lewellyn said. “It’s more about the opportunity to get to visit all these organizations and express our love for people with all abilities.”

The cyclists were greeted with cheers from members of Club Challenge and the

Adult Day Training Program when they rode into Camp Chowenwaw. They had an opportunity to meet and greet the cyclists before enjoying a meal provided by the Rolling Stoves Family Grill.

“It’s great interaction. We call it inclusion, where people with disabilities are recognized,” Challenge Enterprises CEO Nancy Keating said.

The group then enjoyed yard games such as cornhole and bocce ball.

The outcome was a success as Challenge Enterprises and Gear Up Florida enjoyed their time together.

“I thought it went great. We had a great time with everybody,” Stephanie Young, Challenge Enterprises Director of Marketing and Communications, said.

Similar interests, such as games and sports, connected the group.

“Thank you to Challenge Enterprises for having us year after year,” Lewellyn said.



PHOTOS BY NATALIE GILSTRAP

Members of the Gear Up Florida wave goodbye to everyone from Challenge Enterprises after they stopped at Camp Chowenwaw during their 950-mile ride to Tallahassee.

“This is an awesome visit every single year. We’re just really glad to be here.”

After they visited with Challenge Enterprises, the cyclists rode to Jacksonville, where they visited Brooks Adaptive Sports

and Recreation Program and participated in wheelchair basketball with the country’s top adaptive athletes. The group completed their final 200 miles and arrived in Tallahassee on Saturday, May 27.



Members of Challenge Enterprises joined Gear Up Florida riders for a day of games, stories and lunch during the organization’s ride from South Florida to Tallahassee. Gear Up Florida makes the 950-mile every year to bring awareness and support for those with disabilities.



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King Tut Experience coming to Jacksonville's NoCo Center

By Kyla Woodard
For Clay Today

JACKSONVILLE – A new immersive King Tut experience will open on June 9 at the NoCo Center.

Beyond King Tut: The Immersive Experience is a one-hour tour through the life and history of Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun. The exhibit will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the tomb's discovery. According to the website, guests will experience nine multi-sensory galleries, aiming to immerse them in the 3,000-year-old story of the ancient pharaoh.

During a video chat, the creative producer, director and designer of the exhibit Mark Lach said the experience is the next generation of immersive experiences.

Lach said the experience pulls from the photo and video archives of National Geographic. With the use of new technology, Lach said the progressive storyline would take guests through the tomb's discovery all those years ago to learn more about the king himself.

"The discovery is important to this day because it still is the only intact tomb ever discovered," Lach said.

According to the website, guests can expect to experience visual galleries, a de-

scendant into the king's tomb, and a look into a recreation of his burial chamber. In the final room, guests can view larger-than-life projections of King Tut's treasures.

Lach said guests will also experience immersive rooms that feature a journey into the afterlife, the cinematic usage of Egyptian artifacts, and a trip to Egypt today.

In addition, Lach said guests can hear original music written just for the experience.

"We wanted to bring Egypt today, whether it's a balloon ride over the pyramids, or a walk down one of the marketplaces, or the pyramids, all that surrounds you," Lach said.

In 2005, Lach said that Egypt approached him and his team about partnering with National Geographic for their artifact exhibit. Lach said from there, the team was able to network and build a relationship, leading to collaboration on the King Tut experience.

The exhibit has made a temporary home all around the country in cities such as Boston, Washington, Los Angeles and San Diego. Lach said he hopes to bring Egypt to Jacksonville.

"When you come off the street in Jack-

sonville, you end up in Egypt for a bit," Lach said.

And Lach said the general reception from around the country has been positive. He attests this to the family aspect that the exhibit brings.

"That's what I most enjoy is watching people go through. A granddaughter is telling a grandmother something about Egypt. That kind of family experience," Lach said.

Lach hopes that guests of all ages remove a sense of discovery from the experience.

"We all have a little bit of fascination with Egypt. So, we know a little bit. But I hope you will learn something, meaning new information. You'll be inspired, you'll be excited and you'll have a journey that

maybe was unexpected," Lach said.

The experience is open until Sept. 3.

The exhibit will operate on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The final tour entry is one hour before closing. The exhibit will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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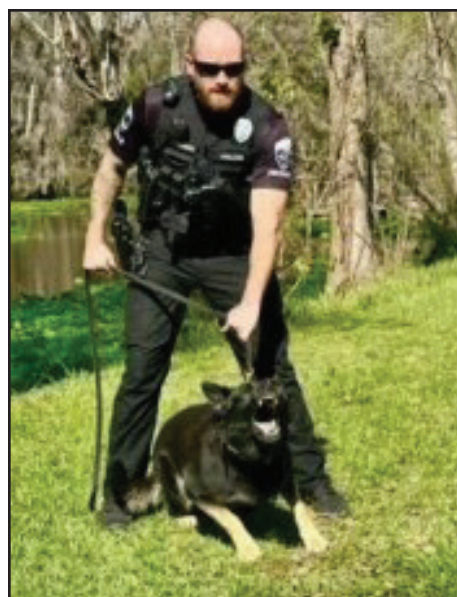
Green Cove Springs, Clay County teams competing for K-9 grants

For Clay Today

ST. AUGUSTINE – K9s United, a St. Augustine-based nonprofit dedicated to advocating and supporting K-9 law enforcement officers, hosted a three-day training seminar to ensure local and regional K-9 units and EMS professionals receive the highest level of customized training, problem-solving techniques and animal care practices necessary to protect and serve their communities. The private workshop, held last week, hosted approximately 40 K-9 teams, including from the Green Cove Springs Police Department and Clay County Sheriff's Office, and EMS professionals at the St. John's County Sheriff's Office Training Center.

"Our mission is rooted in the belief that the contributions of working K-9s is essential to create safer communities," said Debbie Johnson, founder and president of K9s United. "St. Augustine serves as the perfect area for neighboring agencies to participate in this crucial training as we continue to support and empower K-9 units throughout Florida to ensure they have the resources, support and training they need most in the field."

K9s United is offered \$15,000 in grants. Residents can vote three times a day for



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Topics include human detection such as tracking, trailing, area and building searches; criminal apprehension techniques and scenario-based training; odor and narcotics/explosive detection; and basic and advanced obedience training. The first aid training will also feature Diesel,

a sophisticated simulated police K-9 that looks, sounds and bleeds like a real injured working dog. These hands-on scenarios aim to increase a K-9 officer's chance of survival on the front line by educating K-9 handlers and EMS professionals on the dog's anatomy, combat and environmental injuries, and treatment protocols, among other life-saving techniques K-9s may require at a moment's notice.

Many law enforcement agencies do not have the funding needed to provide their

K-9 units with the vital resources they require, including advanced training, kennels and equipment such as vehicle heat alarms and door poppers, canine emergency kits and bulletproof vests. Through community and corporate support, K9s United helps fill that void and aid law enforcement agencies to ensure their K-9 units have the programs and supplies the dogs need most. Additionally, K9s United actively advocates for legislation and has successfully championed two bills into Florida law that help protect and serve these selfless working dogs.

Every dollar donated to K9s United supports its mission to educate, train and provide vital equipment and services to K-9 teams.

Bridge

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in 2019 and will be finished in 2025. According to the Florida Department of Transportation, the expressway includes a new all-electronic toll facility from Blanding Boulevard to State Road 16 in Clay County, a new bridge over Black Creek and a diverging diamond interchange at Henley Road.

Barbara Beyerl said that having the expressway open before the new bridge is not the best idea.

"You need to not make using the First Coast Expressway a really favorable choice until the new bridge is open," Barbara Beyerl said.

James Beyerl said he is appreciative of replacing the Shands bridge. However, he said he fears the time between when the First Coast Expressway is complete, and when the new bridge is finished, will cause

safety issues.

"When the project is complete, that'll be great. But, the interim period when the expressway is built and temporarily dumps down onto the current two-lane bridge will add to a tremendous amount of increased congestion and possibly fatalities," James Beyerl said.

Senior project engineer Tom Woods said cars coming onto SR 16 from the expressway will mostly be the same, leaving not much of a difference between the current traffic being experienced now.

"Really, what we're doing is we're pulling the traffic up onto the expressway, and then they'll go across. It's the same cars, just coming from a different direction. It shouldn't get any worse, but it's not going to mitigate either," Woods said.

Woods also said the Florida Department of Transportation is contractually aware of how they will maintain the traffic.

"Most of the expressway, don't forget, is built outside of the current traffic. We



In addition to getting information about the new Shands Bridge, residents were able to see an artist's rendition of the bridge. Construction is underway with a completion date set for 2030.

don't have to close a lot of lanes to build this," Woods said.

Construction for the bridge will conclude in 2030.

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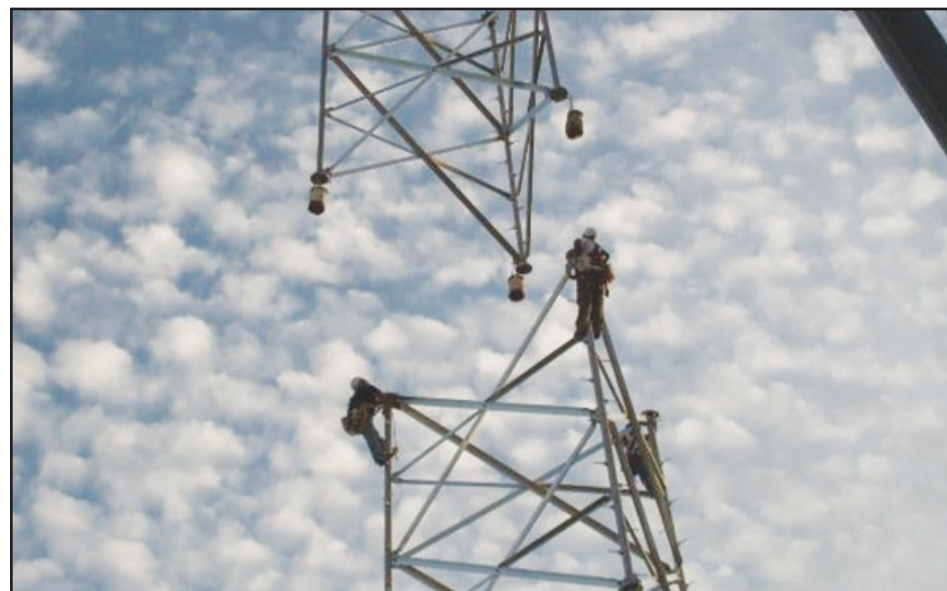
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Workers at Scott Tower Services think safety first by using three connecting straps to avoid a fatal fall. The company has a Comtrain Certified Climbing Safety and Rescue Instructor on staff. Owners Ian and Stacey Scott said they get adrenaline rushes every time they climb more than 200 feet to install or repair a tower.

Tower

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The Scotts took their leap and made it a reality. They are the sole owners of Scott Tower Services. A tower service center located in Middleburg. Together the couple got insured and began their company, which specializes in areas such as tower erection, tower repair and inspections and access road builds.

The service initially began out of the couple's home. However, Stacey Scott said the incoming deliveries of more hardware prompted them to move to a bigger space.

"It got to be too much with the deliveries. Because we were getting steel delivered, by this point, we were building towers," Stacey Scott said.

The company's vice president, Ian Scott, began climbing towers out of high school and already had a great reputation as a climber, so Stacey Scott said starting the business was all word of mouth.

"We didn't really advertise or anything. People just called for him to come and maintain towers. And then it just grew," Stacey Scott said.

With their gear and certifications in hand, Stacey Scott said the crews would travel to their locations and stay in corporate housing spaces.

The company was initially a more significant business. The couple, at one point, grew their company to five states.

However, Stacey Scott said they wanted to give more stability to accommodate the homes and families of their employees. So, now the company operates solely around

Northeast Florida.

Working at a bank, Stacey Scott said her knowledge of helping others create their businesses, as well as her husband's expertise, gave her the experience and the push to start the company.

"I found it fun to help them open their businesses. So, I had a little knowledge of that. So, we talked about it and just took the dive and made Scott Tower Services," Stacey Scott said.

The small atmosphere of the company is something that Stacey cherishes the most about the job.

"We started as a small company, got bigger, and now we're smaller again. I like the more intimate, family setting," Stacey Scott said.

Ian Scott said since he began climbing, he's witnessed the industry's growth.

"When I first started doing it, there were a lot of middle-sized companies, I'd say...300 employees being a middle-sized company. There are no more companies like that," Ian Scott said. "[You're] neither 10,000 strong or 12 strong. There's no in-between anymore."

Stacey Scott said this close atmosphere allows for a strong camaraderie between the employees.

And for Frasure, this camaraderie is key to getting the job done.

"If we're not on the same page, bad things could happen. So...as long as you have good guys with good communication, usually every job goes smoothly," Frasure said.

And with the job running as planned, Frasure said his days consist of staying up on the towers for around eight to 12 hours

a day.

The towers that these climbers fix aren't just any towers. They are the towers that encompass human life in every way. These climbers aid in maintaining and repairing cell phone towers, which keep phones and electronics running.

Life without talking or texting on the phone would be inevitable without the jobs of these brave "first responders."

Stacey Scott said that even with the great responsibility the climbers carry to the community, it doesn't come without risks.

"If you're not 100% percent tied off at all times, then you could fall to your death. It's very dangerous," Stacey Scott said.

Frasure said that even with tower climbing being one of the most dangerous jobs in the world, knowing the risks gives him an adrenaline rush when doing his job.

"I've always been an adrenaline junky. The thought about being up there...if you mess up, you could die. And, I don't know, for some reason, that gave me a rush," Frasure said.

In addition to the physical risks, the environment also plays a huge role in climbing safety. In some cases, climbers, in abidance with Florida law, have to leave or abandon a site altogether due to the sighting of a bird's nest,

"Not only is it a law [that] you can't climb the tower if there's an active nest on it. But, they will also talon you," Stacey Scott said.

Still, with the danger that it could encompass, climbers at Scott Towers Services are eager to do their jobs to help the

community.

The company's crew members have donned the "super crew." Stacey Scott said even though the company is small, they get the hardest jobs because they have so much experience.

Stacey Scott recalled when employees were dispatched to help with the aftermath of Hurricane Michael in South Florida. Employees were given clearance and were there for two months straight to fix communication towers after the impact.

"When they shut down the roads for disaster recovery, you've got to have communications services, so you get a pass to go in there," Ian Scott said.

Stacey Scott said this part of their job remains the most important.

"It's a big deal. They need communications to dispatch for help for people," Stacey Scott said. "I think that's probably the most important thing we do: restore communications during a catastrophe."

Along with the climbers being able to give back to the community in a positive way, they also get something in return— an incredible view. Frasure said he can see for miles when he climbs, and he appreciates all that he sees.

"I think the best views from being on a tower would have to be sunrise and sunset," Frasure said.

With the risks, responsibility, and incredible views that come with the tower climbing business, Stacey Scott said she is grateful for all of it.

"I wouldn't change it for anything. I know it's a dangerous job, but all the precautions are taken," Stacey Scott said.

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Memorial

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assistant Kim Thomas. “We believe we had a record crowd. And there were no problems – no missing children, nobody falling out, nobody acting up.”

Thomas, who made most of the festival arrangements, said many food trucks reported sellouts. So did a lot of the vendors. By the time fireworks lit the sky above the St. Johns River, the city had estimated the crowd to be as many as 8,500.

“It warmed my heart to see so many people having fun,” Thomas said.



Orange Park observes Memorial Day at Magnolia Cemetery

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RiverFest 2023

See more photos on page 24.



The party started at 10 a.m. on Monday, but the first 90 minutes were reserved for a ceremony honoring the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice defending the nation. In addition to a fly-



PHOTO BY GCSPP

Green Cove Springs Mayor Connie Butler invited veterans to introduce themselves at last Monday's RiverFest at Spring Park.

over by Dreamland Squadron, the ringing of the veterans' bell, the laying of a wreath at the veteran's memorial and the playing of TAPS, veterans were encouraged to introduce themselves and describe their service. It's one of the unique aspects of the annual event.

By noon, there were long lines at the more than 100 food trucks and vendor booths. Thomas said one face-painting vendor said she didn't get a break for 10 hours.

The daylong remembrance didn't end until headlining BedRock Band finished playing and the massive fireworks show.

With so many people in such a scenic yet small space, Police Chief E.J. Guzman said his agency didn't respond to any problems. U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean delivered the keynote address during the veteran's portion. Still, he elected to remain in the park for several hours, meeting residents at the Clay County Republican Party booth.

In addition to a full slate of music at the gazebo, RiverFest included a watermelon-eating contest, a rubber duck race, a Kids' Zone and the official opening of the city's swimming pool.

“Everyone had a great time,” Thomas said. “We had a lot more people early in the day when it was hotter, and the crowd only got bigger. The fireworks always are the highlight of the day, but this year probably was the biggest yet.”



U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean spent hours at RiverFest, where he got the opportunity to meet Miss Clay County Fair Danielle Ackerson, while thousands spent the day strolling through Spring Park to honor veterans, feast from food trucks and buy goods from more than 80 local vendors.



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Superintendent Broskie to make administrative changes

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – After hosting numerous interviews with several outstanding leaders, Superintendent David Broskie will recommend the following individuals for new administrative roles for the 2023-2024 school year.

He asked the School Board to approve the following changes at its June 1 meeting:

Jennifer Collins

Jennifer Collins, Supervisor of School Improvement and Leadership Development: Collins has just completed her 13th year as a principal and her 16th year as a school-based administrator. She has served as a principal at three different schools in two counties (Duval and Clay). Collins has served as Principal of Fleming Island Elementary for the past six years. Her work at Fleming Island Elementary includes earning the Purple Star of Distinction, improving staff culture to the top of Clay County, implementing the Cambridge Primary program for all students, creating the first research-based sensory room in the District, and bringing programs such as Anchored 4 Life to support the large military population of students. Collins was selected as Clay County District Schools' Principal of the Year in 2021-2022. Before serving as an administrator, she taught third and fourth grades at two schools in Duval County.



Jennifer Collins

During her years as an administrator, Collins has served on countless district committees and completed course and facilitator certification through the National Institute for School Leadership. She is also a Best and Brightest Principal and mentors new principals, assistant principals, and aspiring leaders. She led Fleming Island to be a "School of Excellence" multiple years in a row.

She earned a B.A. in Elementary Education and a M.Ed. in Education from the University of Florida and an M.Ed. degree in Educational Leadership from the University of North Florida. Collins is proud that both of her daughters attend Clay County schools, including Taylor, a rising senior at Fleming Island High and Kate, a rising seventh grader at Lakeside Junior High.

Collins is passionate about working with aspiring and current leaders in order to promote student achievement. She is excited to bring her passion and experience to the district level to support all students, staff and schools.

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Kyle Seymour

Kyle Seymour, Supervisor of Budget: Seymour was born, reared and educated in Clay County before attending the University of Florida, where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, a Master's in International Business and a Master's of Science in Information Systems and Operations Management. While studying for his Bachelor's, he began work as Business Coordinator at the Florida School of Traditional Midwifery. His support of the nursing school would quickly earn him the title of Business Director. As he took on more responsibility, businesses in the community reached out for his support. Throughout his studies, he provided tax, payroll and bookkeeping services part-time, including his time abroad. After obtaining his Bachelor's, Kyle pursued a Master's in International Business. He studied business administration in France and extended his international network while living abroad for nearly six months. He returned to the University of Florida for two more semesters to complete his business education and obtain his Master's of Science.



Kyle Seymour

Completing projects with Walt Disney World and the Association for Information Systems, he would add technical skills to his pool of administrative knowledge. He is ready to bring new ideas to an experienced and well-oiled workplace. He looks forward to working with Dr. Susan Legutko and the Business Affairs office and living closer to friends and family.

Lydia Creel

Lydia Creel, Principal at Lake Asbury Junior High: Creel is a dedicated educator with 18 years of experience in Clay County District Schools. She's served in various teaching, coaching, and leadership roles. Her work as a classroom teacher, math coach, K-12 instructional coach, 6-12 mathematics curriculum specialist, and assistant Principal at both the junior high and high school level has provided her the opportunity to broaden her understanding of culture-building and data-driven action plans that lead to positive student outcomes.



Lydia Creel

Creel earned her Bachelor's degree at University of Florida and her Educational Leadership degree from the University of West Florida. She and her husband have

deep roots in our local community and all four of their children are proud graduates of Clay County Schools. Creating a safe and nurturing environment where all students and teachers thrive and work together toward high expectations is fundamental to a positive school experience. Creel has worked diligently to foster and develop relationships and build a culture of collective responsibility at each school she's served in.

Creel is excited to join the Lake Asbury Junior High team as Principal and looks forward to working with this community's faculty, staff, and families to continue the tradition of excellence.

Jim Herrholtz

Jim Herrholtz, Principal at Discovery Oaks Elementary: Herrholtz has been an educator for 30 years. He is a graduate of Youngstown State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He has two Master's degrees: one from Youngstown State University in Curriculum and Instruction and a second from Ashland University in Educational Administration. Herrholtz has been the keynote speaker at several National Conferences when serving in his role as the Ohio Department of Education Associate Superintendent for the Division of Learning. Additionally, he was an Adjunct Professor in the Graduate School at Bowling Green State University, teaching all the requisite coursework to become a School Principal in Ohio.



Jim Herrholtz

Herrholtz has served at all levels of education. He has been a teacher, Principal, superintendent, county superintendent and served in senior leadership at the Ohio Department of Education. After moving to Florida, Jim taught Civics and U.S. History at Green Cove Junior High, and served as Clay High School Dean and Keystone Heights Elementary Assistant Principal.

Jim lives in St Augustine with his wife, Samantha, and has two married daughters who have given him seven grandchildren to enjoy. Herrholtz is a passionate educa-

tor with boundless energy – always willing to go the extra mile for others. He strives for excellence for himself and anyone he comes in contact with. He is looking forward to positively impacting the students and families at Discovery Oaks Elementary.

Justin Jones

Justin Jones, Principal at Grove Park Elementary: Jones has served as an educator in Clay County for 19 years. He began his career teaching Economics at Middleburg High, where he spent eight years, followed by three years at Wilkinson Junior High teaching Physical Education.



Justin Jones

Jones became an Assistant Principal in 2015, beginning at Tynes Elementary and Green Cove Springs Junior High. He then spent six years working alongside the faculty and staff of Lake Asbury Junior High School as Vice Principal. For the last year, Jones has supported the District as the Coordinator of Student Engagement, providing behavioral support to students across Clay County.

Jones is a graduate of Harding University, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in History and Economics, and The University of North Florida, where he earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership.

Jones is passionate about leveraging any available resource to accelerate learning and close achievement gaps for students at risk. As a teacher and administrator, he has been a proponent of the power of proactive behavior management to support student success. He believes that the strength and excellence of each school are grounded in developing strong relationships between staff, students and the community.

Justin and his wife Jeanette, both graduates of Middleburg High, will celebrate 20 years of marriage this August. He is excited to be a member of the Grove Park family.

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Most of us always look forward to summer. Warm weather, vacations, and time off from work. Especially here in Northeast Florida where we are close to beaches, lakes, and rivers. What's not to love about that?

While all those things are wonderful, we must ensure that we're using our time wisely. While a little R&R is important and great for everyone, make sure we stay focused on our purpose of spreading the gospel and living godly lives. This is particularly important with the freedom summer brings.

The Scriptures speaks very clearly about "idleness". For instance, Proverbs 18:9 teaches that "A lazy person is as bad as someone who destroys things." When we aren't diligent in our spiritual lives and our callings, things can start to fade. A lack of growth doesn't just cause us to be stagnant, but it can propel us backward if it goes on long enough.

Billy Graham once said, "Satan doesn't need for us to fall into gross sin in order to defeat us. A large dose of laziness will do the trick just as well."

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus reminds us of the impact we can have, but also the dangers of falling into idleness: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet." We need to remain salty, so to speak, so that we can continue to be the salt of the earth as Jesus has called us to be. We can make this community a better place, and it starts with us.

To be clear, we should absolutely take time to relax this summer, enjoy ourselves and our families. There is nothing wrong with that and in fact it is very healthy. However, God commands us to take the Sabbath for a reason.

Along with all the fun and activities the summer may bring, remember to stay focused on the purpose Jesus set before us. Continue to live out the callings He has placed upon our lives, which is the work of building His Kingdom here on earth. Make this summer count for something that matters!

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School

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Mallory McConnell

Mallory McConnell, Principal of Fleming Island Elementary: McConnell is an accomplished educator who has worked for more than 15 years as a teacher and school administrator.

She is a graduate of Stetson University, earning her Bachelor of Music, and her Master's in Educational Leadership and Specialist of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of West Florida.

McConnell's classroom experience includes teaching sixth-12th grades, where she was recognized as an exemplary teacher. She started her leadership career as an Assistant Principal before being promoted to Principal of the same middle school. In this role, she worked hard to increase instructional opportunities that challenged learners and supported teachers.

She transitioned to Clay County District Schools as the Principal of Lakeside Junior High School in 2017, where McConnell worked directly alongside teachers to enhance quality instruction. During her tenure, the Florida Department of Education recognized Lakeside Junior High School as a School of Excellence. McConnell has been the proud Principal of Lake Asbury Junior High for the past four years, where you will find evidence of professional learning communities focused on analyzing data to make informed instructional decisions. Under her leadership, Lake Asbury Junior High developed strategic plans to address school-wide student behaviors, supporting both the students and the teachers in the learning environment.

McConnell lives on Fleming Island with her family, including her husband and a son who attends Fleming Island Elementary. She enjoys being an adjunct profes-



Mallory McConnell

sor for Saint Leo University, visiting new places with her family in their camper, and is excited to cheer on the Jacksonville Jaguars this season! McConnell is thrilled to join the Stingray Family and is looking forward to continuing the excellent work at Fleming Island Elementary.

Amanda Strickland

Amanda Strickland, Principal at Charles E. Bennett Elementary" Strickland graduated from Keystone Heights Junior/Senior highs, and has served Clay County Schools for 13 years as a classroom teacher, instructional coach, curriculum specialist, and Assistant Principal. She graduated with her Bachelor's from Harding University and her Master's in Educational Leadership from the American College of Education.

Strickland has taught at several elementary schools, including RideOut, Charles E. Bennett, and Plantation Oaks, before becoming a district instructional coach at Middleburg Elementary.

Strickland's time as an instructional coach, curriculum specialist, and Assistant Principal has given her a wide range of experiences that enable her to fully immerse herself in the work alongside teachers. She has also worked with the FLDOE for the FL Department of Education Item Content Review Committee for the Grade 5 SSA and as a liaison between FLDOE and CCDS teachers.

Strickland's belief that all students should have equal access to learning experiences that are rigorous and meaningful led to an improvement in inclusionary practices. Mrs. Strickland worked with the PBIS committee to change the school-wide expectations and improve student recognition and attendance, which moved the school grade from a B to an A for the second time during her service at MBE. She was recognized as Clay County's 2023 As-



Amanda Strickland

sistant Principal of the Year.

Strickland's husband Tyson and three boys are all a proud part of the Clay County Schools. Strickland is excited to return to her roots at Charles E. Bennett to serve the scholars, staff and community of Green Cove Springs.

Toni Phillips

Toni Phillips, Coordinator of Health Benefits: Phillips joined the District with 26-plus years of experience in the health-care and employee benefits industry. She brings a deep business acumen in health benefit plan design, pharmacy programs, alternative funding arrangements, enrollment, billing, claims processing, customer service, wellness and health care programs, client reporting and clinical analytics.

Before joining the District, Toni was employed at Mercer Consulting for 2-plus years as a Health and Benefits Consultant. She was a consistent top producer in designing and delivering outstanding strategic and support solutions for major accounts and large employer clients.

Before joining Mercer, Toni worked at Florida Blue for 24 years, where she held various roles within the service, sales, and strategy organizations. In her most recent role, Toni managed prospective and in-force Private Exchange models to ensure alignment to strategy and advancement of objectives.

She established and maintained critical broker/consultant relationships, facilitated issue resolution, led cross-functional business collaboration, and supported critical partners in decision-making and action planning.

Toni brings a wealth of knowledge to the District and the Business Affairs Division. This experience, coupled with innovative techniques and efficient practices, will benefit the District as we continue to improve our benefit offering each plan year.



Toni Phillips

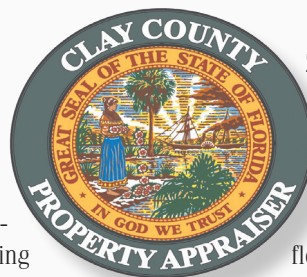
Property Appraiser:

Property value increased by \$1.9 billion

For Clay Today

CLAY TODAY – Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Clay County Property Appraiser Tracy Scott Drake submitted the working taxable value estimates to the Clay County taxing authorities for budget planning purposes on Thursday, May 25.

The taxable value of county properties was estimated at approximately \$16.5 billion – an annual increase of more than \$1.9 billion, or 13% from the



2022 assessment roll.

The statutory date for the 2023 assessment roll was Jan. 1. Therefore, the overall increase in value reflects the upward direction the real estate market has taken during 2022. Although market values have increased to record levels, the assessed values of properties with an existing homestead exemption will be limited to a 3% increase (excluding

any additions or improvements) and non-homestead residential and commercial properties will be limited to a 10% increase due to constitutional amendments passed by voters in 1992 and 2008, respectively.

The taxable value is used to calculate ad valorem property taxes and is based on the assessed value minus exemptions.

A Certification of Taxable Value will be submitted to the Florida Department of Revenue and the local taxing authorities on or before July 1.



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Police Briefs

Keystone Heights man sentenced for child pornography

JACKSONVILLE – Chief U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Corrigan sentenced Dennis William Sheffield, Jr., 52, of Keystone Heights, to 16 years and three months in federal prison for receipt of child sex abuse materials. Sheffield was also ordered to serve a life term of supervised release and to register as a sex offender. In addition, he was ordered to pay \$15,000 in restitution to victims of his offenses.



Dennis Sheffield

Sheffield pleaded guilty on Dec. 16.

According to the plea agreement, in February 2022, Homeland Security Investigations began investigating Sheffield in response to a CyberTip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The CyberTip indicated that child sex abuse material had been uploaded to a search engine. An IP address for the individual who had uploaded the materials was traced to Sheffield and law enforcement learned that Sheffield was listed as a predator on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Sexual Offenders and Predators registry because of two convictions in 1996 of attempted sexual battery on a child younger than 12.

On March 3, 2022, based on the CyberTip and identification of Sheffield as the subject, law enforcement obtained a federal search warrant for Sheffield's residence. The following day, authorities executed the search warrant and encountered Sheffield, who was holding a phone in his hand. A preliminary examination of the cellphone revealed multiple files of child sex abuse materials on the phone. Sheffield admitted to having a problem and liked looking at child sex abuse images, which he admitted to having viewed as recently as a couple of days earlier. Sheffield also admitted to saving some of the images on his phone.

"This sexual predator has already served prison time for sexually exploiting children; he clearly did not learn his lesson," said Homeland Security Investigations Jacksonville Assistant Special Agent in Charge K. Jim Phillips. "Thanks to the Northeast Florida INTERCEPT Task Force, Clay County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, this predator will spend significant time behind bars again."

The Clay County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and the Northeast Florida INTERCEPT Task Force investigated the case. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ashley Washington.

It is another case brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys'

Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc.

Man late on mortgage charged with setting houses on fire

CLAY HILL – According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office and Fire Rescue, man who was behind \$39,345 on two mortgage payments was arrested after both structures were set ablaze on March 13 after claiming they were the results of hate crimes.

George Carneiro, 44, of St. Johns, was charged with two counts of arson after Fire Rescue responded to fires at 74 Conifer Circle and 1556 Sharon Lane. Records showed Carneiro owned both properties. He bought the property on Sharon Lane for \$68,000 on June 1, 2022, and the property on Conifer Circle for \$42,000 on May 12, 2022. Since then, CCSO said he added modular homes worth as much as \$800,000 on both properties.

The investigation led to Carneiro fol-

lowing the discovery of a video from March 12, which captured one of Carneiro's employees purchasing fuel tanks with cash at a Walmart. The video evidence was key in establishing a connection between Carneiro and the arson. Carneiro owned the homes that were burned and bank records revealed that he was significantly behind on his payments, CCSO said.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for Carneiro's phone records, enabling them to geographically track the location of his iPhone during the times when the fires occurred. The video, bank records, interview with the employee who purchased the fuel tanks and electronic records all led to Carneiro's arrest.

He is currently facing charges of burning to defraud the insurer and false and fraudulent insurance claims related to arson. In addition, the fires were originally staged with false evidence of a hate crime to conceal the true motive behind these crimes.

"I want to thank the patrol deputies who originally responded to these calls and the detectives who worked tirelessly to solve these crimes. Without their efforts, we would not have been able to make this arrest," Sheriff Michelle Cook said. "I have zero tolerance for anyone who comes into our community and uses hate as a cover for their own schemes. We are fortunate that incidents like this are extremely rare in Clay County, and I appreciate the community members who came forward with information on the case."

Carneiro was released after posting a \$50,006 bond.



George Carneiro

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, May 30

Nicole E. Echelberger, 39, Middleburg, trespassing

Cynthia A. Stratton, 35, Middleburg, domestic battery

Donald J. Bressette, 51, Green Cove Springs, VOP-DUI with BAL of .15 or greater, VOP-DWLSR

Jennifer R. Worrell, 40, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery, VOP-trespassing

Domonique B. Barber, 47, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DUI, DWLSR

Nicole L. Kreitzer, 35, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove methamphetamine into jail, introduce/remove alprazolam into jail, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia, loitering/prowling

Luis A. Nevarez, 54, Middleburg, selling-cocaine

Kathleen M. Bland, 41, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Nichole L. McKellep, 41, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, abusing elderly/disabled person, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Monday, May 29

Andrew E. Herrera, 19, Middleburg, possession-marijuana with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, possession-drug paraphernalia

Tajmar C. Williams, 36, Green Cove Springs, petit theft

Joseph M. Smothers, 42, Orange Park, domestic battery

Devontae J.R. Gibson, 27, Fleming Island, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DWLSR

Virginia M. Bennett, 52, Keystone Heights, domestic battery, resisting law enforcement

Nicole A. Masey, 42, Fleming Island, FTA Yarieliz Williams, 33, Middleburg, shoplifting

Roxie B. Nazworth, 36, Middleburg, DWLSR

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Pasco Sheriff's Office: Middleburg man arrested for orchestrating human trafficking

For Clay Today

Pasco Sheriff's Office announced the arrests of four individuals in a human trafficking case that extended beyond Pasco County. Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco and Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody and members of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Clay County Sheriff's Office disclosed the case last week. A 16-year-old survivor, who was speaking with a Victim Advocate for another program, began to share her experiences with that Victim Advocate, and this initiated an investigation. The survivor met several men on dating websites starting in December 2022. That included Randy Coffelt Jr., 44, to whom the survivor was introduced while chatting on Chat Avenue. The survivor believed she was in a dating relationship with Coffelt and talked with him frequently, first through Chat Avenue's private messaging feature, then through text messages. The survivor informed Coffelt of her age, to which Coffelt stated that he "liked young girls." At the time of this conversation, the survivor was 15 years old. The two continued to talk, and Coffelt expressed that he wanted the survivor to have sex with other men and that he wanted them to record it.



Randy Coffelt Jr.

"I am grateful to FDLE's agents and analysts, the investigators at Pasco Sheriff's Office, and the prosecutors at Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution for their work on this case to ensure that his days of preying on our youth are over."

– Mark Glass, FDLE Commissioner

Coffelt further explained that he wanted the recorded encounters sent to him. The survivor agreed to do this as she felt it would please Coffelt.

During March 2023, Coffelt made an account on the website Adult Friend Finder and made arrangements with three men through the site to meet with the survivor to engage in sexual conduct. All three encounters were similar. Coffelt provided the men with the survivor's contact information. Each man then picked up the survivor from her home, engaged in sexual conduct with the survivor while filming or attempting to film the acts, and transmitted the videos back to Coffelt.

PSO said the men also provided drugs and vapes to the survivor during their encounters. Coffelt was charged with three counts of human trafficking, three counts of use of a child in a sexual performance, two counts of transmission of child pornography, the transmission of harmful material to a minor via an electronic device, three counts of using of two-way communication device to facilitate a felony, forcing another to become a prostitute. His bond was set at \$375,000.

Branden Robert Sarno, 33, of Port

Richey, was booked with having unlawful sex with a minor. His bond is \$50,000.

Sidney Raymond Smith, 68, of Holiday, was charged with human trafficking, using a child in a sexual performance, producing child porn, unlawful sex with a minor, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. His bond is \$150,000. John Ayotunde Kehinde, 29, of New Port Richey, was booked for human trafficking, using a child in a sexual performance, production of child pornography, unlawful sex with a minor, distribution of child pornography and the unlawful use of two-way communication device to facilitate a felony. His bond is \$75,000. Through investigative means, Pasco investigators determined Coffelt resided in Middleburg. Therefore, Clay County Sheriff's Office assisted with his arrest. The Pasco Sheriff's Office said it was deeply grateful for their care and commitment to this case. The FDLE also assisted and continues to assist with this investigation. Nocco urged parents and guardians to be aware of what children are doing online and with whom they speak. Speaking of human trafficking, Sheriff Nocco said, "its happening online." He also urged addi-

tional victims to have the courage to come forward and report it.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This is an incredibly devastating case."

She described the level of control Coffelt had over the survivor, as well as the bravery of the survivor in coming forward.

"This young victim who bravely came forward to work with law enforcement officers has no doubt saved young girls from going through this same hell," Moody said.

"This suspect was a master groomer in the most reprehensible sense of the term, manipulating and exploiting a vulnerable minor for his own twisted gains," FDLE Commissioner Mark Glass said. "I am grateful to FDLE's agents and analysts, the investigators at Pasco Sheriff's Office, and the prosecutors at Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution for their work on this case to ensure that his days of preying on our youth are over." Although all suspects were arrested, there is the potential for additional victims and survivors. This remains an active and ongoing investigation. Anyone that may be a victim in this or any human trafficking case should notify law enforcement immediately. To make a report with CCSO, call (904) 264-6512 or leave a tip on Safer-Watch.

In this case, anyone with information is urged to call the Pasco Sheriff's Crime Tips Line at (800) 706-2488, or report tips online at PascoSheriff.com/tips. Human trafficking can be reported through FDLE's Human Trafficking Hotline at (855) FLA-SAFE.

Arrests

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Christopher S. Fitch, 39, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement with lights/siren active, DWSLR

Jason W. Dibble, 45, Green Cove Springs, possession-crack cocaine

Sunday, May 28

Gumercinda M. Garcia, 34, Orange Park, FTA

Noah J. Davis, 41, Keystone Heights, domestic battery

Kenitra A. Bright, 34, Orange Park, child neglect, shoplifting

Maria D.A.S. Gonzalez, 25, Orange Park, shoplifting

Charles W. Pease, 44, Keystone Heights, DUI with BAL .15 or higher

Brittaney K. Biggs, 32, Orange Park, shoplifting

Talayzdsia M. Whitley, 19, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DUI, alcohol consumption by minor, DWSLR

Saturday, May 27

Matthew L. Cantwell, 40, Fleming Island, boating under influence

Brandon A. Adams, 30, Orange Park, shoplifting, possession-cocaine, possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana

Tonya Y. Newman, 51, Orange Park, battery

Edwin O.G. Tercero, 38, Keystone Heights, driving without valid license

John M. Morris, 22, Middleburg, trespassing

Javoen N. Thomas, 30, Middleburg, DUI

Friday, May 26

Amanda M. Forbes-Erickson, 32, Keystone Heights, petit theft

Christopher P. Soto, 41, Orange Park, armed trespassing

Patrick D. Brown, 25, Orange Park, petit theft

George Carneiro, 44, Middleburg, two counts arson

Starr O. Porter, 47, Green Cove Springs, trespassing

Sean A. Fama, 53, Green Cove Springs, writ of attachment

Michael R. Williams, 35, Keystone Heights, trespassing

Thursday, May 25

James B. Perry, 53, Orange Park, possession-drug paraphernalia, DWSLR

Donna D. Daniels, 60, Middleburg, shoplifting

David W.D. Hall, 27, Green Cove Springs, VOP-burglary

Juan B. De La Cruz, 31, Orange Park, burglary, grand theft

Benjamin D.A. Parsley, 38, Orange Park, invalid mobile home license sticker, DWSLR

Rahmaan K.T. Muhammad, 22, Green Cove Springs, burglary

Augusto M. Velaquez, 36, Fleming Island, driving without valid license

Tyrone Dowthard, 22, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-armed burglary

Kristie A. McCann, 42, Green Cove Springs, non-support

Bonnie L. Scobie, 38, Green Cove Springs, sudden snatching

Tiffany D. Willis, 30, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-fentanyl, VOP-petit theft

Jeremy A. Warner, 45, Green Cove Springs, VOP-DUI, VOP-DWLSR

Jordan E. Toney, 34, Orange Park, DWSLR

Michéil B. Bateh, 33, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia

Audrey N. Hughes, 44, Orange Park, aggravated battery with deadly weapon, possession-cocaine

Wednesday, May 24

Raymond R. Lakes, 18, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Christopher P. Bushey, 31, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, trespassing

Jean S. Charles, 40, Oakleaf, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, child abuse, leaving scene of accident with property damage

Eric E. Lindsey, 43, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Brandon V. Baker, 26, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, DWSLR, FTA-DWLSR

Kristina M. Stephen, 26, Green Cove Springs, violation of pre-trial release conditions against domestic violence

Marconni Villatora, 23, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license

Trey N. Perry, 25, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance, DWSLR

Kehaulani B.S. Williams, 36, Oakleaf, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Shaun D. Rhodes, 38, Keystone Heights, aggravated battery

RiverFest

GREEN COVE SPRINGS



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Green Cove Springs RiverFest attracted a record crowd at Spring Park. They came to remember fallen soldiers, shop for crafts, eat from Food Trucks, pet an alligator, participate in three rubber duck races on the springs, play in a busy Kids' Zone and celebrate the opening of the city's swimming pool. The daylong event ended with a fireworks show over the St. Johns River.



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Murphy was killed in a firefight on an Afghanistan mountaintop and his story was made into a movie, "The Lone Survivor."

On Memorial Day, crossfit gyms across America replicate Murphy's daily exercise routine in honor of the fallen patriot.

BlackFin Crossfit Gym in Orange Park has staged "The Murph" for nearly a decade.

See full coverage, page 31.

Knights flex defensive muscle; passing game just misses

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PORT ORANGE - Traveling down to Port Orange on a Friday night the day after most schools are allowing their sun-chasing student populations only added to the drama of Oakleaf High Schools' football spring game scrimmage with two of the best programs from the area; Spruce Creek, a Class 8A power the past five years, and Rockledge high schools.

"We got there about 45 minutes before game start because of the traffic and accidents on the interstate," said Oakleaf coach Chris Foy. "I'm proud of the team for focusing in on the game despite the

SEE KNIGHTS, 30



Oakleaf High quarterback Brandon Wallace, Jr., led the Knights in half spring scrimmages against Spruce Creek and Rockledge high schools on Friday.

CLAY TODAY Female Top Performers of the Year

Clay's Harbison's return to elite level highlight of year

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Athletes travel through an ebb and flow of emotions and physical challenges in their normal window of athleticism; injuries, family situations, coach changes, etc., that can affect

the direct performances on the field.

Annalee Harbison, a senior multisport athlete at Clay High; flag football, weightlifting and track, showed the mental tenacity to not let a serious knee injury in her junior season deter her from a magnificent senior season of sports.

"A total reconstruct of my ACL at the end of flag football and just a week before track districts," said Harbison, who was 13th in discus as a sophomore in Class

SEE PERFORMERS, 29

Clay High senior athletes Annalee Harbison overcame a knee injury to complete a superb senior season of weightlifting and track.



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NEW ARRIVALS
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Former Fleming Island High All American lacrosse player Eric Dobson, No. 8, was part of Notre Dame national championship run with win over Duke and overtime semifinal win over Virginia. Dobson scored four times in 13-12 win over Virginia who had beaten the 16-2 Fighting Irish

FIHS alumni Dobson, Notre Dame wins NCAA lacrosse title

Courtesy of theACC.com

PHILADELPHIA,— Notre Dame won the 2023 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship Monday afternoon, downing Duke, 13-9, in an all-ACC title game in front of 30,462 fans at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. The Fighting Irish (14-2) captured their first national championship in program history.

The Fighting Irish advanced with an overtime semifinal win, 13-12 over Virginia to advance to the championship game. Virginia owned the only two losses for Notre Dame in regular season play.

For Notre Dame, junior Eric Dobson, a Fleming Island High graduate, scored four goals and had one assist against Virginia.

After the championship game, Dobson, a team captain, and three teammates; Chris Fake, Chris Kavanagh and Brian Tevlin, were named to the All-Tournament team with Notre Dame goalie Liam Entenmann the tournament Most Valuable Player.

For the season, Dobson, selected as an All-American Honorable Mention, scored 32 goals and had 11 assists.

Notre Dame claimed the Atlantic Coast Conference's ninth team national championship of the 2022-23 academic year, the most in league history. The ACC has now won 16 team national championships in the last two academic years, also a conference record.

ACC men's lacrosse programs (at the time of the event) have now won 18 NCAA championships. Current ACC membership collectively owns 26 NCAA championships, including 10 of the last 15 as well as 15 titles since 2000.

This marked the fourth national championship game pitting ACC teams (1986 UNC 10, UVa 9 (OT); 2011 UVa 9, Maryland 7; 2014 Duke 11, Notre Dame 9).

Notre Dame goalie Liam Entenmann was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player after recording 18 saves



in the championship game and totaling 29 saves during Championship Weekend. He was joined on the All-Tournament Team by teammates Eric Dobson, Chris Fake, Chris Kavanagh and Brian Tevlin. Duke's Brennan O'Neill, Jake Naso and Garrett Leadmon earned spots on the team, as did Virginia's Connor Shellenberger.

Kavanagh and Jake Taylor each led the Irish with two goals and an assist. Leadmon scored two goals and dished out an assist for the Blue Devils (16-3), while goalie William Helm made 10 saves.

The Notre Dame faceoff unit had a big day, winning 14-of-24 faceoffs, highlighted by Will Lynch, who was 12-for-19.

With Virginia, who owned by regular season losses by Notre Dame, also among the semifinalists, the ACC had three teams competing in the NCAA's Championship Weekend for the fifth time in league history (2005, 2011, 2014, 2021). At least one current ACC member advanced to the national semifinals for the 41st time in the last 43 seasons, and the league had at least one representative in the national championship game for the 19th time in the last 22 tournaments.

Long throws strong season for JU Dolphins



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Former Clay High pitching standout Richard Long threw strong in Jacksonville University's final regular season win over North Florida as Dolphins entered the ASUN championship tournament. Jacksonville eventually lost 4-3 to top seed Lipscomb on Friday in DeLand.

JACKSONVILLE — Jacksonville University baseball used a complete game effort from Richard Long to win 2-1 over North Florida on Fri., May 19 night at John Sessions Stadium.

Long, played three years at Ridgeview High, then graduated and played his senior campaign at Clay High.

The Dolphins (32-22, 16-13) captured the series win over the Ospreys and officially clinched a spot in the ASUN Baseball Championship next week in DeLand, Fla.

The ASUN Baseball Championship started on Tues., May 23 at Melching Field in DeLand, Florida. Jacksonville University baseball is the 4-seed and is in Pool A. JU is in Pool A, and plays Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, with an off-day built in on Thursday.

"This performance tonight out of Richie Long is one that is going to stick with me for a long time," said Head Coach Chris Hayes. "Really special, great effort, great execution. He battled through a little bit of a mess early, and defensively we came up clutch."

Long's success started thanks to his ability to work through traffic in the early innings without ever allowing much damage. In the first, the Ospreys loaded the bases on a pair of singles and a walk, but a 4-6-3 double play ended the inning without a run crossing. The leadoff man was hit by a pitch to start the second, but again, the Dolphins turned two, this time 6-4-3, and it was scoreless through two. The Ospreys pressured Long and the JU defense again in the third, and finally broke through, using a hit batsman, followed by a double and a sacrifice fly to get on the board. A flyout to center stranded a man at third and kept it at just 1-0.

The Dolphins took the lead for good in the fourth by stringing together three consecutive hits. Josh Steidl flared a single to left center, and Tommy Joseph ripped a triple into the right field corner to tie the game at one. Hogan McIntosh immediately followed with a single

to left to plate Joseph and give Long just enough to work with.

Long faced just one more than the minimum as he cruised through the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. A leadoff single started the seventh for UNF, but Long induced another groundball to short that turned into JU's third double-play turned of the night, and the Ospreys were vanquished again before the stretch.

After a quick 1-2-3 eighth, Long came out again to finish what he started, still under 100 pitches on the night at that point. Things were not easy, but the Dolphins made the plays again when they needed them. The first batter reached on an error, the lone miscue of the night for JU defensively. Long then engaged in a battle in which the UNF batter fouled off multiple two-strike pitches before striking out on a 3-2 slider. Then, the game ended in the most fitting way possible, with the fourth and final double play of the night turned by JU, on a liner to first baseman Colin Wetterau that he caught and stepped on the bag to secure the final.

"I was feeling great and wanted to finish this thing," said Long. "I knew I had to compete and we had to win this game to get into the [ASUN] tournament and to get in like that is the best feeling."

Note: Jacksonville lost 7-0 to No. 2-Florida Gulf Coast in their playoff opener on Tues., May 23, then beat No. 3-Liberty 8-0 on Wed., May 24. On Fri., May 26, the Dolphins lost a tough 4-3 game to No. 1-Lipscomb to end their season at 34-24. The Dolphins' 34 wins was the most wins since a 40 wins season in 2018.

Long took the loss against Lipscomb after Jacksonville took a 3-0 lead. Long got hit with a homer in the fourth, a double and an RBI single to relinquish the Dolphins lead 4-3. Rain halted the close contest for nearly three hours.

Long did not finish the game, but had four strikeouts for his four innings.

Also on Jacksonville roster is Fleming Island High grad Divine Valle, a freshman outfielder and relief pitcher with 20 innings of play in 14 games with 14 strikeouts.

Raiders' Jackson near-miss caps solid spring effort

By Lee Wardlaw
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK - In an exciting, thrilling, action-packed, and sometimes sloppy contest, Orange High School battled Ocoee High School (Orlando) to a 12-12 tie in a Spring Jamboree game under the lights at Hoyt B. Contey Stadium on Tuesday night.

If sophomore running back Damar Jackson, who took off on a barreling, physical run from the Raiders own 27-yard line on the game's final snap all the way to the Knights' the 40-yard line with 0:22 remaining, could have fully separated himself from Ocoee defenders, stayed inbounds, and ran to the end zone for the score, the young and talented Raiders could have upended Ocoee in the game's final moment.

Nevertheless, the Raiders battled first-year head coach Sheddric "Buck" Gurley, a former Florida Gators and Tampa Bay Buccaneers 2002 Super Bowl champion defensive end, and the Knights to the bitter end, providing plenty of promise for Orange Park fans heading into the season.

"They (learned) that work ethic and accountability goes a long way during spring practice, and they're starting to turn the



corner," said second-year head coach Marcus Wimberly.

The Raiders (2-8, 3A-S, 2022) jumped out of the gate early with a 6-0 lead with 1:56 remaining in the first quarter on a long bomb from sophomore quarterback Gabriel Taylor to junior wide receiver Ryder Fulmer, but missed the two-point conversion.

However, the Knights (9-5, 4A-M, 2022), who nearly upended Columbus (Miami) to qualify for the state championship last season, were not to be deterred when they received the ball on the next drive, as



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Left: Raider wide receiver Ryder Fulmer broke away for first half touchdown while, above, linebacker and offensive lineman Justin Davis was a menace on both sides of the ball. Below: Defensive back Jermel Brown takes a swipe at Ocoee running back.

quarterback Jackson Keillor led Ocoee all the way to the end zone to knot the contest at 6-6 in a drive that lasted over three minutes.

A big grab from Dylan Hoskins and yards after the catch allowed the Knights to set up shop inside of the 46-yard line of Orange Park with 1:20 remaining in the first quarter, which was sealed by Keillor, who ran to the end zone after being flushed out of the pocket with 10:21 remaining in the second.

The Knights finally took the lead with 8:11 remaining in the third, Ocoee taking advantage of an Orange Park ball carrier fumble, which was recovered by Devin Andrews and sealing the deal with a 15-yard reception from wide receiver Jaydon Wright.

But the conversion didn't prevail.

Damar Jackson's last dance that nearly sent the Raiders to victory wasn't the only time that Orange Park marched inside Knights territory in the fourth quarter, with sophomore Dylon Ruiz earning a nine-yard run to advance to the Ocoee 43-yard line with 8:57 remaining, which was followed by another gain to the 34-yard line.

A holding call sent the Raiders back to their own 47, but they then advanced to the 38-yard line. However, a Taylor bomb attempt to Daniel Richardson was intercepted by the Knights Hoskins, who also plays defensive back.

The Raiders held Ocoee scoreless for the rest of the contest, but couldn't quite come away with the scrimmage victory. Here were Wimberly's thoughts following the game:

"It's all about culture building this year. And we've been preaching to the guys all spring, just keep fighting, just keep giving effort, and everything will take care of itself. They see what they're supposed to do, and they'll always be in the fight with a chance to win," the coach said of Orange Park's effort.

"(Senior linebacker) Tyler Jackson played awesome on defense, (Taylor) played pretty well at quarterback, he made a couple of mistakes but led the team pretty well, and (senior wide receiver and defensive back) Jermel Brown played offense and defense the whole game, and he stepped up," Wimberly said.

Devils off to rocky start

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

WILLISTON - The Clay Blue Devils got off to a rocky start Thursday night as the team traveled across the state through cow country to Williston, taking on the Red Devils who last season won 10 games in a row with four shut outs, five games with 50 or more points, and only lost four seniors.

"Right now, no I'm not happy," said Kennard as he reflected on the lows of the event. "We did some things we didn't do all spring. Our first seven snaps we snapped the ball over the quarterback's head five times. I haven't seen that once this spring. We are very young, and have a lot of young kids playing, but then we rallied back and got back into it. Typical Spring game. They (the Red Devils) are really good at what they do, but we can't shoot ourselves in the

foot like that."

Clay would suffer several snaps from center that skied over Landon Chadwick and Merrick Rapoza's heads. Once the jitters were gone, Clay went on to show some muscle out of the backfield as well as some great grabs from Payton Dykas, one for a touchdown. It didn't all go to plan for Head Coach Kyle Kennard, but the team showed flashes of brilliance as well as some stout inside defending over and over from Omar Goosby.

"We've got some players and a great group of really good kids, I just wish they could get a little more angry," said Kennard. "We have potential, we have the kids, we just have to get tougher and more physical. Stronger and faster."

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CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Clay defensive end Omar Goosby sits atop Williston quarterback after sack in Blue Devils' spring game.

Florida Striders Memorial Day 5K



Near tie highlights Memorial Day 5K

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - A split second let up in his finishing surge was costly to Matthew Taddeo who was leading the Florida Striders Memorial Day 5K as he and Jordon Garman were sprinting to the finish line.

As Taddeo seemed unaware of Garman's last 10 yard blitz, Garman was able to get his torso across the finish line just head of Taddeo to take the overall title in 15 minutes, 34 seconds. Taddeo, 28, was clocked just a second off Garman's mark.

Nearly 700 runners competed in the annual event staged by 1st Place Sports of Jacksonville.

In third place for the males was former area golf instructor Tim Cooper in 16:20.

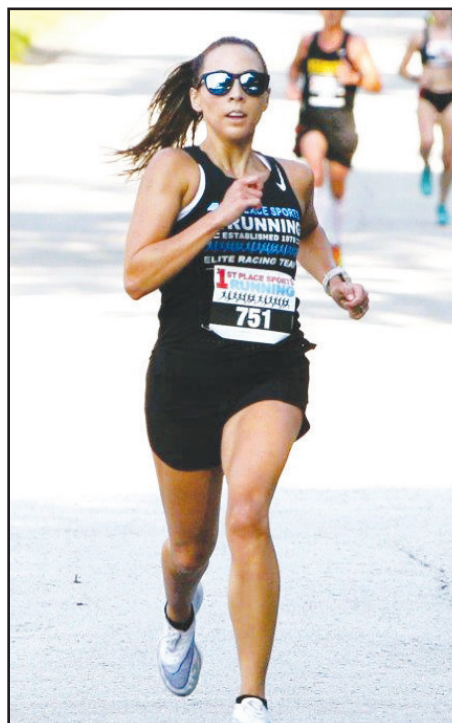
In the women's race, 31 year old Kelsey

Pontius won decisively in 17:00 with a sixth place overall finish over a local field that including area runner Crystal Davis, 29, who high-kneed her way in at 18:08. Haley Hasty, 26, was third in 18:26.

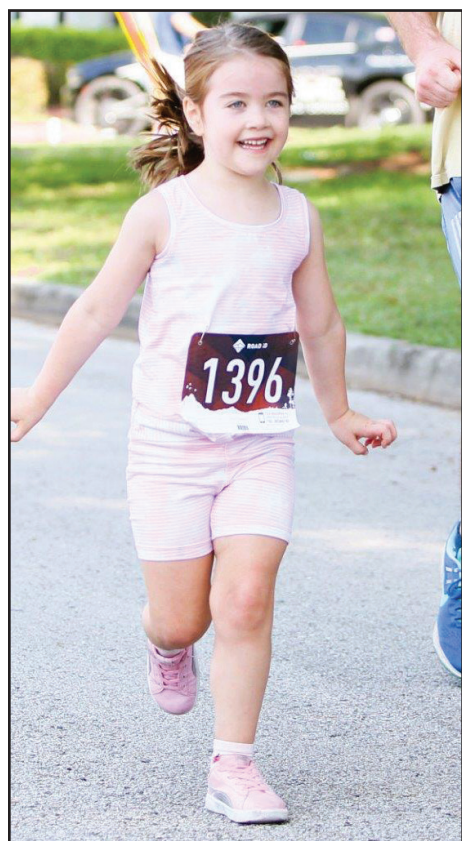
For the master's, former area stalward Michelle Krueger, 47, and a former coach at Episcopal High School, won for the females in 20:14 with Lester Stevenson, Jr., winning top master's male in 16:52.

In another battle of high school stalwarts, in the females 14-19, Fleming Island senior Katelyn Thompson edged Clay High's Kaygen Williamson by a second in 22:10 to Williamson's 22:11.

Upcoming races include the Pink Ribbon Symposium 8th annual Butterfly 5K in Orange Park on Sat., June 3 and the always competitive Run for the Pies 5K on Sat., June 10 in downtown Jacksonville.



Left: Second place female finisher Crystal Davis flies into finish line in Florida Striders Memorial Day 5K. Right: Orange Park Firefighter Jeremy LaTraverse finished the Memorial Day 5K in impressive fashion with 52 minutes, 36 minutes.



Left: Little Harper Libal, 4, smiles as she crosses finish line in Florida Striders Memorial Day one mile fun run held at Orange Park Town Hall. Right: Former golf teaching pro turned marathoner Tim Cooper cruised in at third place overall.



Runners throughout the nearly 700 athletes at the Florida Striders Memorial Day 5K carried flags or dressed in Red, White and Blue.

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2A. "I just had it in my head to work hard through the therapy, but I never expected to do what I did in weightlifting and track in my senior season."

Not only did Harbison overcome her injury with dedicated work in therapy, Harbison created her own legacy by coming back from the injury to, one, lead her Clay High girls weightlifting team to a third state championship, and, two, take the entire state by surprise in the discus with a fourth place finish at the state championships just last week.

"At the weightlifting, coach Keller just told me to trust myself," said Harbison. "I did not know the team title was on the line. In track, I had some great technique work to better my discus and it all clicked at the right time."

At the weightlifting state championship, Class 2A, Harbison, among a bevy of state medal powerhouses on her Clay Ladies of Iron, stepped up in her final lift of the competition, the bench press, and executed a best lift that secured the state team title for the Blue Devils via a 25-24 thriller battle with New Smyrna Beach. Harbison eventually finished second individually in her 183 weight division in both Traditional and Olympic scoring in 2023.

In track, Harbison honed her discus throwing skills to a near-perfect crescendo of tosses at the right time to garner a district title and a region title, both surprises. Ranked third in Class 3A going in, Harbison finished fourth.

"The knee was not affected by the discus throw, but more in the shot put," said Harbison. "I'm totally pumped to go further in college."

For her non-ending tenacity and dedication to her sports, Harbison is named as the Clay Today Top Female Performer in 2022-23.

Among the top 10 selections by the Clay Today sports staff are:



2 Taliah Scott

St. Johns Country Day School senior point guard Taliah Scott, a McDonald's All American selection who was chosen to play in that prestigious East vs. West All Star game. Scott, a Dairy Farmer Player of Year and a Gatorade Player of Year, also scored a ton of points for the Lady Spartans who finished as a Final Four in Class 2A.



3 Cheyenne Cruce

Middleburg High sophomore 199 pound wrestler Cheyenne Cruce ran the table of an unbeaten season; 39-0, en route to a first-ever girls wrestling state title for the Lady Broncos program. Cruce took on all challengers including wrestlers who beat her in 2022 and was relentless even in matches where she was the smaller of the two combatants.



4 Angela Agurkis

Ridgeview High softball coach Angela Agurkis took over the reigns of a Final Four athletic program with little softball coaching experience, but a wealth of softball playing success and turned her Panther team into a region finals finisher in her initial season. Agurkis was able to orchestrate wins over some of the power programs from the area with just three senior players.



5 Ava Brinkman

Fleming Island junior diver Ava Brinkman had a horrific diving accident after her top-score-state district title last year and was done with her season without a chance to show off her athletic prowess in her craft. With workmanlike dedication, much like Harbison at performer of the year, Brinkman overcame the emotional challenge of continuing her diving with the same risk of tragedy to storm the diving scene and win her elusive first state title.



6 Emma Heck

Clay High super weightlifter Emma Heck had the unusual challenge of answering an encore challenge after setting a ton of state records as a freshman and the arguably best pound for pound weightlifter in Florida, if not the USA, did not disappoint with overwhelming victories from district level to a repeat of her state titles. Heck's flawless attention to detail in her specialty, the very acute clean and jerk and Olympic Snatch lifts, was years above her youth and can only put her in a universe that not many athletes can touch.

7 Mykayla Maddox

Fleming Island High flag football quarterback Mykayla Maddox was the Aaron Rodgers of Florida in her sport with an athletic combination of immense physical talent to avoid pocket disaster, incredible vision downfield while on the chase and football acumen that created numerous critical decisions that kept the Golden



Eagles unbeaten, unscored upon (she was also safety on defense) and, eventually, a state runnerup and a fourth place ranking in the USA.



8 Kaylah Turner

Oakleaf High point guard Kaylah Turner was first known as the wicked fast defensive thief for the Lady Knights fast-paced attack that created massive steals to layups, but Turner upped her game to become a prolific scorer beyond the steals and layups and put her Knights in the Final Four for a second time in three seasons.



9 Connor Rahn

Middleburg High junior middle hitter Connor Rahn, with an incredible 371 scoring kills for the season, continually made her best games the toughest games for the Lady Broncos during iconic coach Carrie Prewitt's final foray including a 28 kill output against region finalist Ridgeview, whom Rahn led to a final district title for Prewitt.



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Left: Oakleaf High's defense got some crash worthy tackles in matchups with Spruce Creek and Rockledge while newly hired athletic director Rodney Dubose, right, offers his keen football to his new team. Dubose has been head coach at St. Johns Country Day School, assistant coach at Orange Park High and head coach at Westside High in the past decade.



Left: Oakleaf defensive tackle Quory Ambrose had big sack on Spruce Creek in Knights 7-0 score at final whistle with first year coach Chris Foy showing off some tough defense; big swallow up front on Spruce Creek running back. Below: Senior quarterback Brandon Wallace Jr., No. 7, looked comfortable leading normally high-powered Knights offense with combination of quick passes, strong running from Chris Foy II and a few deep vertical passes.

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challenges of getting here, a short warmup and about 25 miles per hour wind gusts on the field."

Oakleaf opened with Spruce Creek and came away with a challenging 7-0 halftime score off a short drag pass play from quarterback Brandon Wallace, Jr., to wide out Denereo Jacobs, just a freshman.

"We worked the field for 95 yards of good solid play at the line of scrimmage with quick passes on the edges," said Foy, who had his son Chris Foy II in the backfield lugging the rock with Russell employing rollouts in a pass option read play on the edges. "Brandon is smart and he's got good legs out there. That's make him a double threat out of the pocket."

On defense, defensive end J.J. Marsh-Mensie was a menace to Spruce Creek's pocket although the Hawks were able to move the ball downfield through the air. Marsh-Mensie had one pass knock down against Spruce Creek that set up a fourth and long. On the fourth down, Foy's de-



fense sent Quory Ambrose who crashed and got a sack. "We prepared for Spruce Creek to be a tight end, wing type offense, but they changed it to a spread," said Foy. "We made some good adjustments and the kids responded. I like that the kids never showed an let up on the big plays and even came up with big plays to finish drives."

Against Rockledge, 9-3 last year, with deep playoff runs dating back to 2107, both teams came out slinging the passes as both teams were able to score a 14-14 halftime score to end the session.

"Rockledge has eight or nine NCAA division I players out there," said Foy. "Denereo is going to a big time player for us even as a freshman."

Foy liked the conditioning on the field. "We will see how our conditioning does against Rockledge's speed," said Foy.

Rockledge hit for two big plays for their scores that concerned Foy.

"With that many good guys on their passing game, it's our discipline on reads that keeps them in front of us," said Foy. "I like our run game defense."

For Wallace, who takes over one of the more potent offensive game plans from last year, the key will be to get his reps with his skill players.

"I learned a lot of things out there today and some things I can work on," said Wallace. "The coaches trust me to control the game with the ball in my hands. I look to Quory Ambrose on the line to give me some information as to what the defense is doing." Per the summer, Wallace wants to develop his chemistry with his young receivers.

Lots of 'Murphs' at BlackFin Crossfit

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Memorial Day cross fitters gathered at Orange Park's BlackFin Cross Fit gym to take on one of the more daunting tasks in endurance sports with the annual Lt. Michael Murphy "Murph" Challenge bringing nearly 60 athletes to pay the price in sweat equity.

"I think the crossfit community has embraced the 'Murph' which is a tough day in the gym, but has become a symbol of the bravery of our armed forces overseas," said Black Fin gym owner Marc Hoffman, who has run the BlackFin Crossfit Gym for 13 years. "The Murph is so taxing that I did it in 2008 and I told myself i would never do that again. It's tough, but the people here love it."

For the challenges, athletes must run a mile, reenter the gym and complete a set of 100 pullups, 200 pushups and 300 squats, and then, with legs burning and arms swoll to uselessness, run a final mile.

"It's a question of mental toughness to, A., just walk into the gym to say I want to do this," said Brian Kirk, a local distance runner and frequent cross fit guy at BlackFin. "B., what it stands for means a lot and, because of it, you don't want to let yourself quit because of what created the Murph."

The Murph comes from the daily work-out by U.S. Navy Seal Lt. Michael Murphy who was on a patrol in Afghanistan that got ambushed killing Murphy. Murphy, though, was responsible for reaching a high ridge to radio in for air support despite numerous broken bones and bullets in his body, before being killed by Taliban forces. The scenario is the basis of the book and movie The Lone Survivor. The book is written by Murphy's SEAL team partner Marcus Littrell who was the one survivor of the ordeal.

In the gym were ages from high schoolers including Fleming Island High weightlifting state champion Autumn Leviston, former St. Johns Country Day School track and weightlifter Evelyn Hanson and Middleburg High boys state weightlifting medalist Gabe Harp.

"I don't know what keeps bringing me back," said Hanson. "It's tough, but it's a good tough. That last mile killed me, my arms felt like they were up by my ears."

In the final run, Taylor Blanco, 26, a south Florida engineer, was the unofficial first finisher in about 44 minutes.

"Man, that last run was brutal," said Blanco. "In the past few years, I've been doing okay in here, in the gym, so I've been working on getting through that six minutes of work for the mile. I trained by taking a five second break between sets so I could have some gas in the final run. I passed a guy after the turnaround and just ran the last 400 as hard as I could."

Blanco said the Murph is a means to suffer a little.

"We all know why this event was created," said Blanco.



Nearly 75 athletes took The Murph challenge at the BlackFin Crossfit Gym in Orange Park.



Oldest Murph-er was 61 year old Darry Townsend cranks out his 100 pullups.



Rico Billups is a skull of sweat in middle of his pushups.



Left: Middleburg High state weightlift medalist Gabe Harp gives thumb up during break in 200 pushups. Right: Daniel Tyer throws down some pullups.



Left: Kayla Tyer, noted River Run 15K runner, strides in from first mile of The Murph while, center, Lindseh Coker holds on for official checkoff on pullup. Right: Eventual first finisher Taylor Blanco, 26, split a time of 44 minutes for the entire The Murph event.

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After giving up a quick two points on a Safety following two sky high snaps over Chadwick's head into the endzone, it was the Clay defense taking the field to see what they could do. Williston had a quick inside option that stumped Clay early. It took three sets of Red Devil offense for the Clay Blue Devil defense to key on where the ball was going and how to attack. Goosby was the first to figure out the inside attack followed quickly by Dominic Swilley, Javarius Roberts, Jason Goffin, and Aaron Stacey all jamming up the inside. Goosby seemed to be in on nearly every tackle and will be one to keep an eye on.

Clay's defensive backs had some great highlights with an outstanding noteworthy stop in the second quarter on a deep endzone pass broken up by Floyd Reed with an arm inside and helped with a sandwich tackle by Xavier Branch. It wasn't all highlight reels for the defense backfield as the Red Devils broke several runs around the corner that the safety needed to find a way to prevent a touchdown. The tools are there, it all just needs refining.

The offensive bright spot of the night was wide receiver Payton Dykas. When he wasn't stealing a ball away from a defender to score on a deep 30 plus yard pass, he was coming out of the backfield for a quick out or taking a pitch or shovel pass. Dykas will be another one to keep an eye on for some productive play.

Freshman Landon Chadwick started out at quarterback for Clay, suffering through the high snaps and taking one heck of a hit in the endzone, covering the ball for the safety. His actions kept it to only a two point score for Williston. Once Chadwick could get the ball in his hands, he showed good composure in the backfield allowing plays to develop and not afraid to tuck the ball and run.

"Now I kind of know where we are at



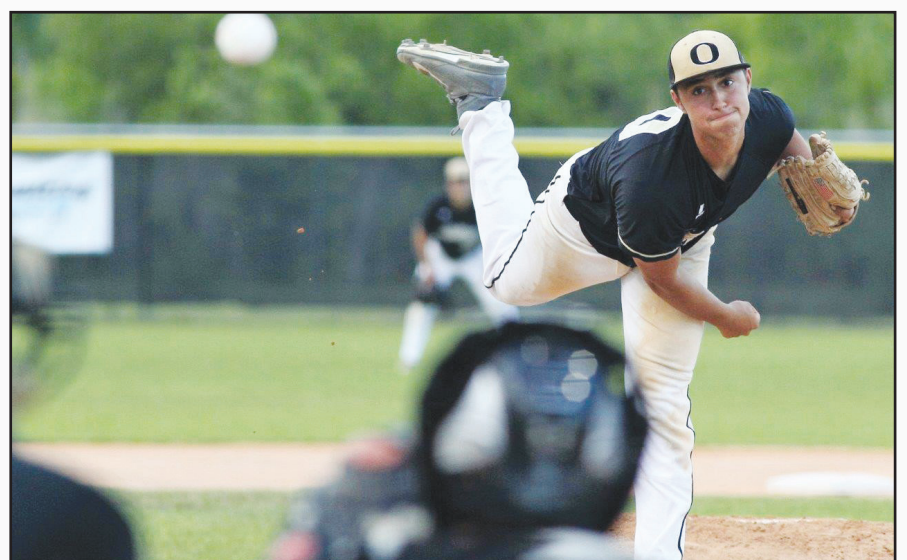
Clay wide receiver Antonio Thomas struggles to get grasp of loose ball in pass attempt against Williston.

and where we need to go," said Kennard. "That team (the Red Devils) is going to go three or four rounds deep. I knew what we were getting in to because I like playing good competitive teams who are really well coached so we can measure and see where we are at. It's obvious I see where we are at right now."

After several sets, Merrick Rapoza, who just gave up pitching and playing first base for Clay baseball 10 days prior, jumped into the driver's seat at quarterback, and had his first snap go to the sky. Rapoza showed he didn't lose any ability to scramble to either take off for the sidelines or to allow Dykas time to get open. Rapoza did suffer a strip fumble and will need to find a way to prevent costly turnovers.

Special teams seemed ready with no issues while not dealing with the rush. Kicks all had no contact. Punting had one notable with the snaps going high and taking time to get back to the kicker. All easily correctable and not bad for such a short period of practice for one game.

As of June 1st, Clay only has 85 days until they travel to Fleming Island for the class of 2024 season opener against the Golden Eagles on August 25.



OHS Mauloni in Lakeland

Former Oakleaf High pitcher Chris Mauloni, 25, also a former top pitcher at Jacksonville University and drafted by the Boston Red Sox in 2019, is currently pitching for the Detroit Tigers minor league team in Lakeland, FL., the Lakeland Flying Tigers (Single A-Affiliate) in the West Division of the Florida State League. Lakeland is currently 19-26.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Thursday the 22nd day of June, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Kozloski, Kelli 170 Plastic Storage Drawers, Wooden Side Table, Flat Screen TV, Totes of Misc Items, Boxes of Misc Items, Wooden Cradle, Foldable Chairs, Pyrex Dishes, Fishing Lures, Bag of Clothes. Kevin Pippin 422 Boxes of Misc Items, Books, Mattress, Wheelchairs, Misc Wooden Furniture, Pictures, Shoes, Antique Sewing Machine, Tote, Islang, arlington 153 Bedroom Set w Mattress Box Spring, Power XL Air Fryer, Clothes, Cooler, Shoes, Inflatable Boat in Box, Tote w Misc Items. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The St. Johns River State College District Board of Trustees will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, **June 19, 2023, at 2 p.m.** in the Board Room of the Administration Building at the Palatka Campus, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida. The agenda may include but is not limited to business affairs, personnel matters, facilities items, academic and student affairs. If any person wishes to appeal any decision made by the Board of Trustees of SJR State College with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the noticed meeting should

contact the College at the following address at least five days before the date of the scheduled meeting: Charles Romer, director of Human Resources, 386-312-4074 or CharlesRomer@sjrstate.edu. Persons with speech or hearing impairments should contact the College using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (voice).
Legal 70136 Published 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068 at date and time listed below.
CLAY COUNTY TOWING AUCTION: June 26, 2023, AT 10:00 AM 2014 Dodge VIN #. 2C3CDXB-65EH130352 Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 10-2021-CP-000432
DIVISION: A

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BARBARA GAIL FILLMAN, Deceased. The administration of the estate of BARBARA GAIL FILLMAN, deceased, File Number 10-2021-CP-000432 is pending in the Circuit Court for CLAY County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this Notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: June 1, 2023. J. GARFIELD HURT, ESQUIRE Attorney for Petitioner 722 North Orange Avenue Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 (904) 781-8371/Fax: (904) 781-2520 Patricia Bar No.: 699454 PATRICIA A. FILLMAN, Petitioner 1868 Hereford Road Middleburg, Florida 32068
Legal 70134 Published 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: GREG MAITERRA MAI HOLDINGS, 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.: 898/2020
Legal Description: LOT 6 BLK 95 HIGHBRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3928 PG 1206
Parcel ID No.: 210823-004200-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,932.19
Physical Address: 7165 WHEATON ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT COM PLAN Name in which assessed: NOISUFNOC LLC (TRUSTEE)

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 19th day of July, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 24th day of May, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 70133 Published 6/1/2023, 6/8/2023, 6/15/2023 and 6/22/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2023-CA-000049 Groundfloor Jacksonville, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. BIC Home Solutions, LLC, Ira Evans, Jr., Saundria Evans, Defendants. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a final Judgment of Foreclosure

entered on May 17, 2023 in Case No. 2023-CA-000049 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, Groundfloor Jacksonville, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. BIC Home Solutions, LLC, Ira Evans, Jr., Saundria Evans, Defendants, the Clerk of Court will on June 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. EST, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com the following described property situated in Clay County, Florida: Lot 14, Block 2, according to Plat of TURKEY OAK as recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 1, in the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Property Address: 4650 Discovery Dr, Middleburg, FL 32068 Together with that certain mobile home situated thereon with VIN#s 11413462A and 11413462B 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. Date: May 23, 2023 Tara S. Green Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Jaime Pippin Deputy Clerk
Legal 70129 Published 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on June 15, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.
2004 Ford ID# 1FTPX12554NA87749
2008 Infinity ID# JNKBV61E68M206501
2005 Mercury ID# 1MEFM50J25A631668
2003 Chevy ID# 2G1WH52K739405032
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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.: 2022CA000568
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF, VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID LEE PATCHELL ET AL., DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 10th day of May, 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022CA000568, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and JASON PATCHELL; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID LEE PATCHELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID LEE PATCHELL; BRANDY PATCHELL are defendants. Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at <https://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com> at 10:00AM on the 12th day of July 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 6, BLOCK 1 OF HIDDEN WATERS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 58-60, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

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

Dated this 25th day of May 2023.
Tara S. Green
Clerk of The Circuit Court
By: Leigh Lucroy
Legal 70123 Published 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-000246
Division A
IN RE: ESTATE OF PHYLLIS ANNE MOLLENHOUR Deceased. The administration of the estate of Phyl-

lis Anne Mollenhour, deceased, whose date of death was March 25, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave. / PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is June 1, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative: L. J. Arnold III Attorney Florida Bar Number: 154474 ARNOLD LAW 718 N. Orange Ave. PO Box 1570 GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043 Telephone: (904) 284-5618 Fax: (904) 284-5937 E-Mail: arnold3service@gmail.com Secondary E-Mail: marie.arnoldlaw@gmail.com Christy Marie Mills 3521 Old Village Drive Orange park, Florida 32065
Legal 70109 Published 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC DVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR INTERNAL CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT SERVICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District (LAMSBD), a dependent special district in Clay County, Florida, created by Chpt. 86-392, Laws of Florida, is seeking proposals for qualifications from qualified certified public accounting firms to provide internal certified public accounting services to LAMSBD. The internal CPA services sought by LAMSBD include, but are not limited to, the following: entering invoices on the books and processing payments; processing payroll; recording deposits from Clay County Tax Assessor; preparing monthly Treasurer's Report; attending monthly LAMSBD meetings as requested; preparing payroll tax returns; assisting the Board with preparing the annual budget; assisting external auditor with the annual audit; and processing the annual report for the State of Florida Local Government Reporting.

A full copy of the Request for Qualifications document with the scope of services can be obtained at the LAMSBD website: <https://www.lamsbd.com>, and/or by contacting Mr. Alton Davis, LAMSBD Chairman, by email: alton.davis@lamsbd.com. LAMSBD is requesting that interested certified public accountants and firms provide qualification proposals that include a summary of services offered, experiences with government entities, rates, and fees. Proposals for qualifications must be submitted as nine separate hard copies and also an electronic copy on one USB drive, all in one package and delivered by no later than 4:00 P.M., Friday, July 28th, 2023, to the Law Offices of Cobb & Gonzalez, P.A., Attn.: Hans Wahl, Esq., 4655 Salisbury Rd., Suite 200, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

The submitting firm's name and address must be shown on the outside of the sealed package envelope and clearly marked "Submission for Internal CPA Services". This is a Qualification Based Selection procedure for internal certified public accounting services for LAMSBD, and there will be no public opening of the proposals submitted. Proposals for qualifications will not be accepted or considered unless received by the proposal deadline. The Post Office or courier date stamp shall be conclusive as to the timeliness of filing. LAMSBD is not responsible for the U.S. Mail or private couriers regarding mail being delivered by a specified time so that a proposal can be considered. All communications with LAMSBD regarding this Request for Qualifications should be directed to Mr. Alton Davis, LAMSBD Chairman, by email: alton.davis@lamsbd.com.
Legal 70108 Published 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-000240
Division A
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT GEORGE HAGAN, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Robert George Hagan, deceased, whose date of death was January 29, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave. / PO Box 625, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is June 1, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative: L. J. Arnold III Attorney Florida Bar Number: 154474 ARNOLD LAW 718 N. Orange Ave. PO Box 1570 GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043 Telephone: (904) 284-5618 Fax: (904) 284-5937 E-Mail: arnold3service@gmail.com Secondary E-Mail: marie.arnoldlaw@gmail.com Katie Beyer 805 North Cypress Ave. Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
Legal 70107 Published 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Coldwell Banker Vanguard Edge Realty** located at 1401 Kingsley Avenue, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 8th day of May 2023. Vanguard Edge, LLC
Legal 70103 Published 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **COMPLETE CAT PRODUCTS** located at 890 Fern Ave, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32065 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 1st day of June, 2023. MIKELL L. McCARTY
Legal 70099 Published 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE# 2022-DR-1647
Division

William Walker Petitioner and Breanna Knowles Respondent. TO: Breanna Knowles 10385 SW 113th Ave, Brookier, FL 32622 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 William Walker whose address is 7167 Purdue St, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before July 3, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you

fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Trailer painted white in riverbend, white dodge van and blue chevy truck outside Brookier, Florida.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: May 19, 2023
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Gracie Moore
Deputy Clerk
Legal 70081 Published 5/25/2023, 6/1/2023, 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: JOCELYN MOLINA, 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.: 4152/2016
Legal Description: LOT 24 BLK 33 LAKE GENEVA AS REC O R 2607 PG 1966
Parcel ID No.: 280823-021925-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,228.30
Physical Address: THIRD ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: SUNBELT LAND GROUP 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 19th day of July, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 22nd day of May, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 70079 Published 5/25/2023, 6/1/2023, 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: DAVID GITTENS, 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.: 8177/2017
Legal Description: LOT 12 BLK 72 HIGHBRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2410 PG 652
Parcel ID No.: 220823-003673-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,839.99
Physical Address: 7183 COE DR , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: GOLLAPUDI S SHANKER

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 19th day of July, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 22nd day of May, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 70078 Published 5/25/2023, 6/1/2023, 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: JOCELYN MOLINA, 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.: 3643/2017
Legal Description: PT OF LOT 44 SEC 1 O P O R 1449 PG 955
Parcel ID No.: 410426-018783-001-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,376.77
Physical Address: OFF MOUND ST , ORANGE PARK
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: BEVERLY T WOOD

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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to the highest bidder online on the 19th day of July, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 22nd day of May, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk Legal 70077 Published 5/25/2023, 6/1/2023, 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000020 DIVISION: A U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff,

v. MAHALA L. WAUGH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MAHALA L. WAUGH; PARK WEST CIVIL ASSOCIATION, INC.; TENANT I/UNKNOWN TENANT; TENANT II/UNKNOWN TENANT; TENANT III/UNKNOWN TENANT; TENANT IV/UNKNOWN TENANT, et. al.; Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Amended In Rem Final Judgment in Foreclosure entered on March 1, 2023 and entered in Case No. 2017-CA-000020 in the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein MAHALA L. WAUGH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MAHALA L. WAUGH; PARK WEST CIVIL ASSOCIATION, INC.; TENANT I/UNKNOWN TENANT; TENANT II/UNKNOWN TENANT; TENANT III/UNKNOWN TENANT; TENANT IV/UNKNOWN TENANT, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at <https://clay.realtaxdeed.com> on June 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM, following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 22, BLOCK 8, PARK WEST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE(S) 14, AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as 2093 Derby Court, Orange park, FL 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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on May 22, 2023.

TARA S. GREEN As Clerk of the Circuit Court Clay County, Florida.

Leigh Lucroy Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
"IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR AT (904) 255-1695 OR CRTINTRP@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."

Legal 70071 Published 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-000243 Division B IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGUERITE J. KYSER Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Marguerite J. Kysler, deceased, whose date of death was January 29, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave. / PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER

BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is May 25, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: L. J. Arnold III Attorney Florida Bar Number: 154474 ARNOLD LAW 718 N. Orange Ave. PO Box 1570 GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043 Telephone: (904) 284-5618 Fax: (904) 284-5937 E-Mail: arnold3service@gmail.com Secondary E-Mail: marie.arnoldlaw@gmail.com Personal Representative: Michael Scott Kyser 2644 Ravine Hill Drive Middleburg, Florida 3206

Legal 70068 Published 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-000260 Division B

IN RE: ESTATE OF LEONARD MAURICE SHAFFER Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Leonard Maurice Shaffer, deceased, whose date of death was April 14, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave. / PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is May 25, 2023.

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

718 N. Orange Ave. PO Box 1570 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Telephone: (904) 284-5618 Fax: (904) 284-5937 E-Mail: arnold3service@gmail.com Secondary E-Mail: marie.arnoldlaw@gmail.com Personal Representative: Glen Shaffer 823 Ashwood Court Orange Park, Florida 32065

Legal 70067 Published 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 10-2021-DP-17 DIVISION: E

IN THE INTEREST OF: J.F. MINOR CHILD THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Jaimickel D Florence, FATHER Last Known Address: 2632 Kingstree Drive, South Jacksonville, Florida 32211

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child, J.F. who was born on October 20, 2016. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Court-house, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour 02:00 p.m. o'clock on June 27, 2023 A.O. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PETITION FILED IN YOUR DEPENDENCY CASE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order

to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance.

Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crtrinrp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 19th day of May, 2023. Tara S. Green as Clerk of Said Court By: Denise Haselwood As Deputy Clerk Legal 70066 Published 5/25/2023, 6/1/2023, 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2022CA000378 FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF,

vs. CASEY GLYNN GANAS, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S) LOT 8, BLOCK 3, HERITAGE FARMS, UNIT ONE ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE(S) 49, 50, 51, 52, AND 53, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST YOU AND YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR WRITTEN DEFENSES, IF ANY, TO IT, ON MILLER, GEORGE & SUGGS, PLLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 210 N. University Drive, Suite 900, Coral Springs, FL 33071, within on or before a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the The Clay Today, 3513 U.S. Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003 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.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 12th day of May 2023.

TARA S. GREEN As Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Leigh Lucroy As Deputy Clerk

Legal 69880 Published 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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File No.: 2023-CP-000254 Division: Probate IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL DAVID WRIGHT Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Michael David Wright, deceased, whose date of death was December 20, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043-0698. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is May 25, 2023.

Personal Representative: Morris Wright 15105 Birchaven Ln., Apt 206 Findlay, Ohio 45840

Attorney for Personal Representative: Aliana M. Payret Florida Bar No. 104377

Robinson, Pecaro & Mier, P.A. 201 N. Kentucky Avenue, #2 Lakeland, FL 33801

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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.

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

Marilee Giles
District Manager
Legal 69750 Published 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to consider the adoption of an ordinance bearing the following title: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CLAY COUNTY ORDINANCE 2017-9, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE WILFORD PRESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ORDER TO AMEND AND EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WILFORD PRESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES (2022); PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

All interested persons and affected units of general-purpose government are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to this ordinance. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person or affected unit of general-purpose government deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting of the Board at which the public hearing is held or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person or affected unit of general-purpose government will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The Wilford Preserve Community Development District is comprised of 256 acres, more or less, generally located north of Kindelwood Drive, west of Little Black Creek, east of Cheswick Avenue, and south of Spencer Plantation Boulevard, entirely within unincorporated Clay County, Florida. Petitioner has submitted a petition to amend the boundary of the Wilford Preserve Community Development District by adding 86.55 acres, for a total of approximately 342.55 acres. A copy of the petition and the proposed ordinance may be inspected by members of the public in the office of the Clay County County Attorney, Second Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of legal holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to participate in this matter should contact Clay County Risk Management by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 278-4718, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Deaf and hard of hearing persons can access the telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Board of County Commissioners
Clay County, Florida
Legal 69748 Published 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Penney Farms will hold the following public hearings:

- 1) First Public Hearing – Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7:00pm followed by the Regular Monthly meeting of the Town Council.
- 2) 2nd & Final Public Hearing – Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7:00pm followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Council.

ORDINANCE 2023-01
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PENNEY FARMS, FLORIDA, ESTAB-

LISHING MONTHLY FEES FOR SOLID WASTE CURBSIDE PICK-UP SERVICE AND SPECIAL PICK-UP SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL TOWN OF PENNEY FARMS RESIDENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The full text for adoption is available for review in the office of the Town Clerk located at 4100 Clark Avenue, Penney Farms, FL 32079, during normal office hours. You may also contact the Town Clerk at (904) 529-9078 for further information. All interested persons wishing to speak on behalf of or in opposition to this request will be heard at the above stated place and times. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate should contact Mrs. Anita Cooper, Town Clerk at (904) 529-9078 at least 24 hours in advance to request such accommodations. If a person desires to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at the above listed meetings, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made.

Town of Penney Farms
Anita E. Cooper
Town Clerk
Legal 69624 Published 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2022-CA-000179
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

vs.
Plaintiff,
STEVEN L. MATHIS; et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 21, 2023 in the above-captioned action, the following property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:

LOT 44, SAVANNAH GLEN UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGES 63, 64, 65 AND 66 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 551 Bayhawk Court, Orange Park, FL 32073
Shall be sold by the Clerk of Court, **TARA S. GREEN, on the 7th day of August, 2023 at 10:00**

a.m. ON-LINE at www.clay.realforeclose.com, to the highest bidder, for cash, after giving notice as required by section 45.031, Florida Statutes. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at clrtntp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this court on May 16, 2023.
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk
Legal 69621 Published 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003 June 13, 2023, at 10:00am
Nikki Lewis
Furniture

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 69468 Published 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: LANE VANCE-LAVA ASSETS INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 860/2018
Legal Description: LOT 8 BLK 95 HIGHLRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3148 PG 1055
Parcel ID No.: 210823-004202-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,875.52
Physical Address: 7157 WHEATON ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: WINDER VI 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 **19th day of July, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 16th day of May, 2023**
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 69465 Published 5/25/2023, 6/1/2023, 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-234
Division: B
IN RE: ESTATE OF
LANDRESS LEON ROWELL,
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of LANDRESS LEON ROWELL, deceased, whose date of death was August 18, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court, PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is May 25, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Dale S. Wilson
Dale S. Wilson

E-Mail Addresses:
wilsdale@bellsouth.net
Florida Bar No. 176945
Dale S. Wilson PA
PO Box 1808

Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Telephone: (904)284-5618
Personal Representative:
/s/ Paul Glenn Rowell
611 Cove Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Legal 69456 Published 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2023CA000207
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.
MICHAEL ROGER SMITH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL ROGER SMITH; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; TWO CREEKS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE PRESERVE AT TWO CREEKS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; AMERICAN EXPRESS CENTURION BANK CORPORATION; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; STACEY A. RICHMAN; CLERK OF COURT AND COMPTROLLER, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2,
Defendant(s).

To the following Defendant(s):
MICHAEL ROGER SMITH
1220 Orchard Oriole Place
Middleburg, FL 32068
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL ROGER SMITH
92 Wild Rose Drive
St. Johns, FL 32259
STACEY A. RICHMAN
(RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 434 OF TWO CREEKS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 52, PAGE(S) 62 THROUGH 104, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
a/k/a 1220 Orchard Oriole Pl, Middleburg, Florida 32068
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, upon Kelley Kronenberg, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 10360 West State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33324 on or before a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in The Clay Today and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR AT (904) 255-1695 OR [CLRTNTP@COJ.NET](mailto:clrtntp@coj.net) AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 16th day of May, 2023.
As Clerk of the Court
By Gracie Moore
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 69452 Published 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

dale, FL 33324 on or before a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in The Clay Today and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR AT (904) 255-1695 OR [CLRTNTP@COJ.NET](mailto:clrtntp@coj.net) AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 16th day of May, 2023.
As Clerk of the Court
By Gracie Moore
As Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023 CA 00124
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONALTRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF1, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PHIDPRAKAY DEARY; CORNELIUS M. DEARY A/K/A CORNELIUS DEARY; et al.,
Defendant(s).

TO: CORNELIUS M. DEARY A/K/A CORNELIUS DEARY
Last Known Residence: 670 Scarlet View Ct, Orange Park FL 32073
TO: PHIDPRAKAY DEARY
Last Known Residence: 670 Scarlet View Ct, Orange Park FL 32073

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida: **LOT 161, SAVANNAH GLEN UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 35, PAGES 5, 6, AND 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, Plaintiff's attorney, at 5300 West Atlantic Avenue Suite 303 Delray Beach, FL 33484, on or before 30 days from first day of publication, 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 or petition. Dated on May 15, 2023.
As Clerk of the Court
By: Jennifer Brosky
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 69449 Published 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: JEFFREY W KOCH-BB8 FINANCIAL, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 763/2020
Legal Description: LOT 18 BLK 60 HIGHLRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 649 PG 218
Parcel ID No.: 210823-003473-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,824.69
Physical Address: 7210 CAMBRIDGE ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: ROBERT G SINKO (HEIRS) C/O JULIE SINKO

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 15th day of May, 2023**
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 69323 Published 5/18/2023, 5/25/2023, 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No.: 3810/2020
Legal Description: LOTS 4,5,6,9,11,13,24 BLK 27 LAKE GENEVA O R 76 PG 273,413 PG 482,844 PG 317,1497 PG 1912
Parcel ID No.: 280823-021900-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,649.75
Physical Address: 0 CYPRESS ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: KEITH VAN ASTEN E ET AL, KYLE J VAN ASTEN
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 8th day of May, 2023**
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 68300 Published 5/11/2023 5/18/2023 5/25/2023 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 917/2016
Legal Description: LOT 6 BLK 106 HIGHLRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3152 PG 999
Parcel ID No.: 160823-004444-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,912.53
Physical Address: 6350 LITTLE LAKE GENEVA, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: DENTON II 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 8th day of May, 2023**
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 68299 Published 5/11/2023 5/18/2023 5/25/2023 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 888/2017
Legal Description: LOT 10 BLK 91 HIGHLRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3144 PG 562
Parcel ID No.: 210823-004153-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,893.16
Physical Address: 6248 AUBURN, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: VERONA V LLC

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 8th day of May, 2023**
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 68292 Published 5/11/2023, 5/18/2023, 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 820/2020
Legal Description: LOT 9 BLK 74 HIGHLRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3148 PG 1011
Parcel ID No.: 220823-003701-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,872.06
Physical Address: 6007 FURMAN AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: CRYSTAL I 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 8th day of May, 2023**
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 68291 Published 5/11/2023, 5/18/2023, 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN C CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Dated this 8th day of May, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 68296 Published 5/11/2023 5/18/2023 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: RAJENDRA INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 2239/2019
Legal Description: PT OF E1/2 S19T8R24 A/K/A LOT 4 LONG LAKE ACS AS REC O R 3809 PG 1329
Parcel ID No.: 190824-007802-006-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,402.90
Physical Address: RENEGADE CT, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: VINCENT GENDUSA & EDWARD GENDUSA

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 8th day of May, 2023**
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 68293 Published 5/11/2023, 5/18/2023, 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: RAJENDRA INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 2157/2018
Legal Description: PT NE 1/4 A/K/A LOT 10 & N 10' LOT 11 BLK 1 UNREC AS REC O R 1712 PG 1275 & 1971 PG 1831
Parcel ID No.: 310824-007851-011-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,782.38
Physical Address: 7890 HONEYDEW CIR, MELROSE
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
W/SPECIAL FEATURES OR YARD ITEM
Name in which assessed: RONALD C TUCKER (HEIRS)

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 8th day of May, 2023**
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 68292 Published 5/11/2023, 5/18/2023, 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: RAJENDRA INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 2157/2018
Legal Description: PT NE 1/4 A/K/A LOT 10 & N 10' LOT 11 BLK 1 UNREC AS REC O R 1712 PG 1275 & 1971 PG 1831
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Opening Bid Amount: \$2,782.38
Physical Address: 7890 HONEYDEW CIR, MELROSE
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
W/SPECIAL FEATURES OR YARD ITEM
Name in which assessed: RONALD C TUCKER (HEIRS)

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **28th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 8th day of May, 2023**
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 68292 Published 5/11/2023, 5/18/2023, 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: RAJENDRA INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 2130/2019
Legal Description: LOT 9D OAK LAKE ESTATES AS REC O R 3142 PG 520
Parcel ID No.: 150824-007026-080-40
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,274.96
Physical Address: 7178 SPANISH TRL, 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 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 8th day of May, 2023**

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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.: 439/2018
Legal Description: LOT 28 BLK 9 BIG TREE LAKES SEC C AS REC O R 2498 PG 1044
Parcel ID No.: 130823-001437-862-85
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,324.59
Physical Address: 5792 BRYCE ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: JAMES E GARDNER
 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 8th day of May, 2023
 TARA S. GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
 Clay County, Florida
 By: Christina Spadea
 Deputy Clerk
Legal 68290 Published 5/11/2023, 5/18/2023, 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DETERMINE PATERNITY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE# 10-2022-DR-2282
 Division F
 Kimberly Santiago-Russell
 Petitioner
 and
 Jose Luis Lopez Jr.
 Respondent.
 TO: Jose Luis Lopez Jr.
 7018 Almendra Street, Orlando, FL 32818
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Determine Paternity has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Kimberly Santiago-Russell whose address is 2658 Sunnyside Dr. Orange Park, FL 32073, on or before May 25, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**
 Orange County
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
 Dated: April 10, 2023.
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: Tamiaka Hampshire
 Deputy Clerk
Legal 67800 Published 5/11/2023, 5/18/2023, 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: RISHI SANWAL-JDM ANNUAL FIRE & SAFETY, 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: 3503/2019
Legal Description: PT OF LOT 2 SEC 8 O P OR 258 PG 589
Parcel ID No.: 410426-019899-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$5,146.73
Physical Address: MILLER ST , ORANGE PARK

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: DORIS BAKER ET AL
 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 2nd day of May, 2023
 TARA S. GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
 Clay County, Florida
 By: Christina Spadea
 Deputy Clerk
Legal 67651 Published 5/11/2023, 5/18/2023, 5/25/2023 and 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2023-397-DR
 Division:
 IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
 CHARLES JAMMES,
 Petitioner, and
 VICKI JAMMES,
 Respondent.
TO: Vicki Jammes
 410 Washington Ave., Apt 3
 Charleroi, PA 15022
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Petition 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 this action on Charles Jammes c/o The Douglas Law Firm, whose address is 117 N. 2nd Street, Palatka, Florida 32177, on or before June 19, 2023, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at the Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter.
 If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
 Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
 Dated: May 9, 2023.
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: Rebecca Crews
 Deputy Clerk
Legal 66921 Published 5/18/2023, 5/25/2023, 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Medical Records Disposition

Health Advantages, P.A. dba Spring Chiropractic records may be disposed of or destroyed in such a manner as to preserve the confidentiality of the information contained therein on July 28, 2023.
Legal 56163 Published 5/25/2023, 6/1/2023, 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Healthy Snacks Vending** located at 4310 Eagle Landing Parkway, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
 Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 30th day of May 2023.
 Jema Freedom LLC
Legal 70156 Published 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Rick Cloonan Construction, LLC** located at 2285 Marsh Hawk Lane #9205, in the County of Clay, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
 Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 30th day of May 2023.
 Richard Cloonan
Legal 70154 Published 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

On 06/16/2023 at 09:00 AM an auction will take place at 1046 airpark rd green cove springs fl 32043. The vehicles which will be auctioned include:
 1FTRF14W67NA65023
 2007
 FORD
Legal 70153 Published 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 0-18-2023
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA INCREASING RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND TRASH COLLECTION RATE FROM \$19.00 TO \$19.95 MONTHLY; AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 66-7 (1) RESIDENTIAL (COLLECTION RATES AND CHARGES); INCREASING NONCONTAINERIZED COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL, GOVERNMENTAL AND THE LIKE FROM \$25.75 TO 27.04 MONTHLY; AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 66-7(2); PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance:
 City Council: First Reading on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
 City Council: Second & Final Reading on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
 Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through (904) 284-4849 (TDD).
 Said Ordinance is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.
 All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.
 City of Green Cove Springs Erin West, City Clerk
 321 Walnut Street
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
 L. Steve Kennedy, City Manager
Legal 70152 Published 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 0-19-2023
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA INCREASING THE BASE CHARGE RATE FOR THE STORMWATER UTILITY FROM \$3.50 TO \$6.00 MONTHLY PER PARCEL AND THE USAGE CHARGE FROM \$10.42 TO \$12.50 MONTHLY PER ESU; AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 70-7 (C) AND SECTION 70- 8(C); PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City

Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance:
 City Council: First Reading on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
 City Council: Second & Final Reading on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
 Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through (904) 284-4849 (TDD).
 Said Ordinance is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.
 All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.
 City of Green Cove Springs Erin West, City Clerk
 321 Walnut Street
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
 L. Steve Kennedy, City Manager
Legal 70151 Published 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, June 26, 2023, for the following:
RFQ NO. 22/23-58, Sponsor/Developer For Building Affordable Housing Under The SHIP Program
 Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.
 The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY/STATUS-ALL](https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/claycounty/status-all)
 In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal.
 For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Donna Fish in the Purchasing Department at (904) 278-3761 or by email: purchasing@claycounty.gov.
 Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for Bids in any respect during the Request for Bid Period.
 The Request for Bid Period during which no contact may occur commences from the date of publication of the notice of a Request for Bids and ends upon a Bid Decision becoming final, i.e. after the notice of bid protest period of 72 hours has expired. However, in the event of a notice of protest, the no contact rule continues in place during the Protest Period and does not end until a resolution of the protest has occurred and become final. The following exceptions exist to the no-contact rule:
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 c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.
 The Board reserves the right and power to reject any and all Bids without cause and to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the Request for Bids or submittal of any Bid, and in its discretion to re-advertise the Request for Bids. The Board reserves the right to award Bids, quotes, or Proposals which would be in the Best Interest of the Coun-

ty. Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy for both can be viewed at: <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/vendor-information>.
A PERSON OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY. MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, MAY NOT SUBMIT BIDS ON LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT BE AWARDED OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT UNDER A CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AND MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST.
Legal 70148 Published 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Friday the 23rd day of June, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL, 32003 Clay County Emerson, Paul B011 bed frame, mattress, basketball hoop, jeep kids riding toy, bikes, ladders, xmas tree, fans, metal file cabinets, furniture, hand tools, boxes and misc . All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
Legal 70147 Published 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Shop Intuitive** located at 1817 Creekview Dr, in the County of Clay, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
 Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 26th day of May 2023.
 Paola Ortiz
Legal 70146 Published 6/1/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Early Notice for Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

Date of Publication: June 1, 2023
 Town of Penney Farms, FL
 P.O. Box 1041
 Penney Farms, FL 32079-1041
 Phone: 904-529-9078
 To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals
 This is to give notice that the Town of Penney Farms has determined that the following proposed action under the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program (Federal Fiscal

Year (FFY) 2021-2022) is in the 100-year floodplain. The Town of Penney Farms will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.
 The funds will be used to replace deteriorated lead jointed water lines with newer, safer, and more durable water lines. The project will also involve connecting the Town's water system with the water system that serves the PRC Retirement Community. The CDBG funded replacement water lines will be located along Town streets in the following segments: Segment 1 extends from the WATER TOWER which is on the south side of Caroline Blvd. to the north side of Caroline Blvd.; Segment 2 extends along HOFFMAN ST. between Clark Ave. and Lewis Ave.; Segment 3 extends along HOFFMAN ST. from Lewis Avenue for less than 50 LF to the Penney Farms Retirement Community (PRC) interconnect meter site; Segment 4 extends along CLARK AVE. between Hoffman St. and Caroline Blvd.; Segment 5 extends along CAROLINE BLVD. between the water tower and Clark Ave.; Segment 6 extends along CAROLINE BLVD. between Clark Ave. and Lewis Ave.; Segment 7 extends along LEWIS AVE. between Hoffman Street and Caroline Blvd. The replacement of these water mains and the interconnection of the Town of Penney Farms and PRC water systems will help to improve water quality, reliability, and safety for all Town residents. After the water line segments described above are addressed, and if funds are available, the water line replacement activities will be extended to the next block. Street segments for these additional water line replacement activities include CLARK AVE. between Hoffman St. and Morton Dr.; MORTON DR. between Clark Ave. and Wilbanks Ave.; and LEWIS AVE. between Morton Dr. and Hoffman St.
 Initial review of available public source mapping indicates that the Project's intent to replace approximately 2,630 LF of water lines, plus up to an additional 2000 LF, based on available funding, will impact approximately .5 acres of flood prone area. The improvements will be located in the public right of way next to existing streets that are already in the floodplain. The proposed project is located within the incorporated area of the Town of Penney Farms, which is in Clay County, Florida.
 There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.
 Written comments must be received by Thomas E. DeVille, Mayor, C/O Anita E. Cooper, Town Clerk, at P.O. Box 1041 Penney Farms, FL 32079-1041 on or before June 19, 2023. A full description of the project may also be reviewed at the Town of Penney Farms Town Hall at 4100 Clark Ave, Penney Farms, FL 32079-0607 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or by appointment. Additional information may be obtained (and/or comments provided) by contacting: Anita E. Cooper, Town Clerk at 904/529-9078, or by email at acooperpenneyfarms@bell-south.net.
 Thomas E. DeVille, Mayor
 Environmental Certifying Official
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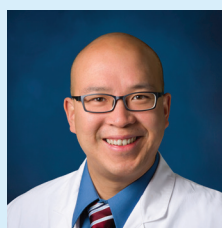
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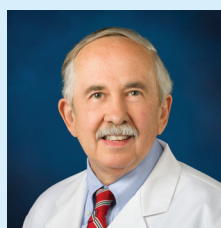
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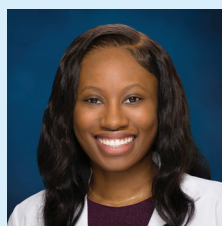
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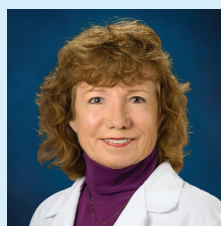
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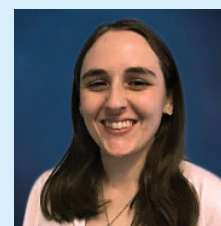
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