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## School board sets rules for restrooms, locker rooms use

Students required to use facilities according to their birth-assigned gender

By Lee Wardlaw  
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FLEMING ISLAND – The school board approved a policy requiring students to use restrooms, locker rooms and changing rooms according to their birth-assigned gender.

The measure passed unanimously, but not without much discussion and one final moment of controversy.

Mary Bolla attempted to abstain from her “yes” decision after casting her vote. Board attorney J. Bruce Bickner suggested she shouldn’t change her vote. He wasn’t trying to influence her opinion but warned Bolla that changing the vote would require her to complete ethics paperwork.



Mary Bolla

The school board member still has her doubts moving forward.

“My concern with this particular policy with an attachment of a punishment is that we are punishing some of our most vulnerable students. These vulnerable students have gone through a lot in their lives. They have not had the support that some of our sons and daughters have. It concerns me that we’re going to push the vulnerable



Longtime school board attorney J. Bruce Bickner provided plenty of legal advice to board members, including a recommendation to Mary Bolla to not retract a “yes” vote on the school board’s newly-approved restroom, locker room, and changing room policy.

students even deeper into vulnerability,” she said.

Violating the policy could result in school detention or potential law enforcement consultation.

“I think regarding the bathroom policy, we can all say a lot, but to me, it’s simple common sense, and it’s sad that we have to even write a policy,” board member Beth Clark said.

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**2023  
HURRICANES**

## Emergency Management to keep an eye on hurricane season

Storm plans change as development reshapes the county

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The routine rarely changes for Mike Ladd, especially when the calendar turns to June.

The acting emergency management director for Clay County is never far from his two cellphones, where he jockeys between emails and the weather service. He knows Florida has little time to react when the tropics are unsettled.

As the landscape changes with development and prog-

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# Hurricane prep lasts all year in Green Cove Springs

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Although hurricane season has officially started, the city said it never stopped preparing for the next storm.

Work crews work year-round, ensuring tree branches are being cut back to avoid power lines. They also constantly monitor drains and ditches so they won't face significant challenges when the storm clouds brew.

"We are in a constant state of readiness," said Public Works Director Mike Null. "We always try to stay ready."

Null said Green Cove Springs learned lessons following Hurricane Irma in 2017, but he said the city experienced as much damage from last year's Hurricanes Nicole and Ian.

"The water level was three feet higher than normal for Hurricane Irma, but Nicole and Ian did a lot of erosion at the end of some of our right of ways," Null said. "We lost 40 feet of roadway going toward the river. We have grants in design to fix that.



We have an understanding of our storm areas."

Crews will cut trees back for the next three weeks to create a wider swath for



Hurricane Irma led to some flooding and erosion in Green Cove Springs in 2017, especially here at Spring Park. Hurricane season runs through the end of November.

power lines. The city has also tweaked its hazard mitigation plan to raise lift stations and control panels. It's part of our normal prep."

Waterways make up so much of the city's character, especially the St. Johns River and Governors Creek. The challenge is to prepare for the unpredictability of ris-

ing water.

"At the beginning of hurricane season, we schedule all of our updates," Null said. "We make sure we have enough supplies, especially for our electric department."

Null said the city also has a stormwater capital plan for the future.

# Green Cove Springs forced to delay West Street Project

By Kyla Woodward  
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The City Council delayed construction for the long-awaited West Street Project on Tuesday.

Council members voted to reject the award originally given to EltonAlan Inc. and reject all bids.

Assistant City Manager and Public Works Director Mike Null said issues with the contractor are at fault. Null said the subcontractor group, originally set to begin the pipework, backed out, leaving Elton Alan Inc. unable to perform the job for the original price they bid.



Mike Null

bid. It was about half a million dollars more. So, we've rejected all bids. We're going to tweak the plans a little bit [and] do some clarification over the next four to six weeks," Null said.

The project aims to replace half a mile of stormwater pipe through West Street, from Walnut Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

After the plans are reworked, Null said the city plans to put the project up for bid again to get more bidders and a better price.

EltonAlan Inc. had previously been awarded a bid of approximately \$2.2 million at the previous council meeting and was set to begin working shortly after.

With the prospective project delayed, Null added that the best-case scenario for its start date would be three to three and a half months.

The next city council meeting will be June 20.



Orange Park's Town Council met Tuesday to appoint members, chairs, and vice chairs to Town Committees.

## Orange Park fills committee positions

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – The Town Council appointed chair and vice chair positions to Town Committees during its Tuesday night meeting.

For Culture and Recreation, Councilman Doug Benefield will serve as Chairman, and Mayor Randy Anderson will be Vice-Chair. For the Economic and Community Development Committee, Councilwoman Winnette Sandlin was appointed as Chair and Council-

man Daniel Cobreiro will be Vice-Chair.

Vice Mayor Susana Thompson will lead the charge as Chair of the Community Development Committee, while

Cobreiro will follow up as Vice-Chair.

Anderson will serve as Chair for Finance and Budget, with Thompson taking the post of Vice Chair.

Each official will serve a term until May 21, 2024.

New members were also designated for the Planning and Zoning Board, Environmental Quality Board and Historic Preservation Board via votes from the council that appointed residents to the seats. Each resident brings qualifications and experience to the table, and the Town Council unanimously approved the new role of each individual, 5-0.

The Town welcomed Benjamin Couch to Seat 3 and Alex Hawkins to Seat 5. Then, for the Environmental Quality Board, George Niles was appointed to serve as a Seat 3 Board Member for the Planning and Zoning Board.

Kenny Radwanski was appointed as a Board Member of the Historic Preservation Board.

Each appointed official will also serve until May 21, 2024, except for Hawkins, who will serve until May 20, 2025.

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## Clay County farmers closely monitoring California law

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – At issue is the closely divided Supreme Court ruling on California's Proposition 12, which has the potential to affect producers across the nation.

The Clay County Farm Bureau and its members are looking at the possibility of farmers and ranchers in one state being forced to adhere to another state's regulatory standards. That would be problematic for farmers and ranchers nationwide and could cause shortages of certain agricultural products in states with excessively restrictive regulations.

Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau's Director of Government & Community Affairs, shared the following information to give a clearer picture of the issues causing a very unclear future for agriculture producers.

A California ballot initiative passed in 2018, written by the Humane Society of the United States, required pork, veal, eggs, and other items be raised in a certain way to prevent perceived cruelty from being sold in California. That applies even if the livestock is not grown in California.

American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Pork Producers sued California and lost. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to take the case, and it was argued on Oct. 11, 2022. The 5-4 opinion came on May 11, 2023, in favor of the State of California. The opinion was fractured in reasoning on both sides.

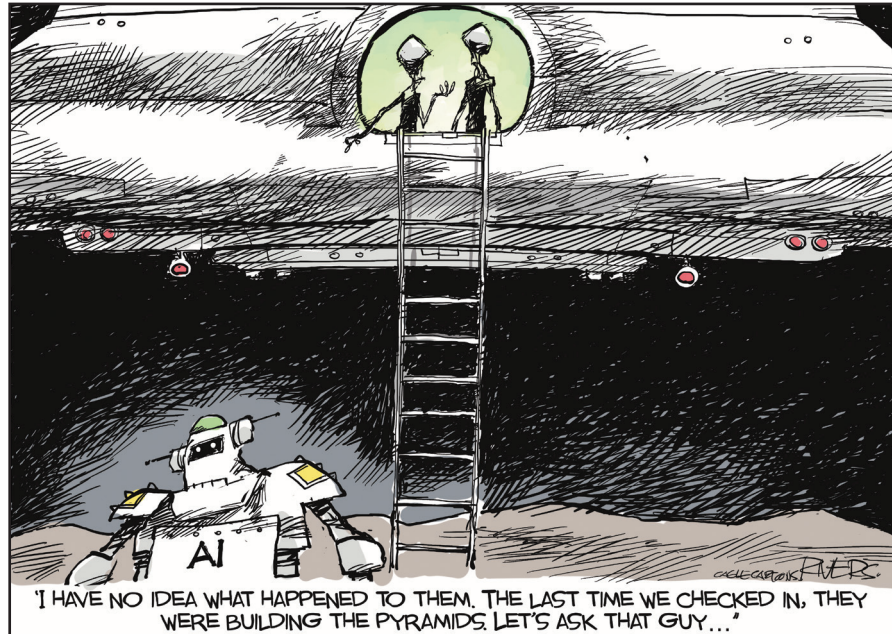
The NPP and AFBF argument was based on the Constitution's Commerce Clause. States should not be able to regulate commerce between states since Congress holds that power.

The SCOTUS majority found the text of the Constitution does not explicitly say states can't regulate commerce, so strict interpretation means that a state can regulate interstate commerce.

This has significant implications for state-regulated standards applying in other states where products may be coming from.

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## OPINIONS



## I have to admit today's athletes are bigger, faster, stronger

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

It's always refreshing when students want to spend their summer months working as interns, especially in the newspaper business.

Our newest addition to the Clay Today staff – albeit until he returns to Ridgeview High on Aug. 10 – is Kayden Zamor. But in his case, these next few months will be very demanding.



Don Coble

In addition to spending a few hours tracking down and writing stories, the senior-to-be also will be going through rehabilitation following surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. You can learn more about his spring football injury in his article on page 5.

Kayden gingerly walked into the office for the first time on Monday. He was wearing a bulky brace. But unlike when I played football, this one had adjustable straps and cam gear to provide greater stability.

I can only imagine how my grandfather felt when he played football at Boiling Springs (North Carolina) College in the early 1930s. He wore a leather helmet. I had one with a heavy strap and no padding. Now they have a miniature Select Comfort mattress protecting their



Caesar "Buck" Coble, I, and his brother-in-law T.B. DePriest in 1934.

skulls. Things change. In this case, for the good. My grandfather, Caesar "Buck" Coble, was a good player, but I was bigger, faster and stronger. Players now are far superior to my generation. Call it evolution.

As a senior, I was 5-foot-10, 235 pounds, and easily was our team's biggest player. That might explain why we only won three games in my last two years.

The Miami Dolphins were the class of the NFL at the same time in the mid-1970s. In 1972 they became the first – and only – team to finish undefeated. The team's offensive line was loaded with guards Larry Little and Bob Kuechenberg, center Jim Langer and tackle Norm Evans. All four are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Little still is regarded as one of the

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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.

**Knurl:** (nurl) a noun that means a small projecting knob or edge.

"My tools are designed with strategically placed knurls to make them easier to hold."

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2018

- The county's Planning Board votes to deny a request to re-zone the land where the former kiln plant, Solite, operated.
- County Judge Kristina K. Mobley filed a suit to kick her challenger, Lucy Ann Hoover, off the ballot after she claimed Hoover did not meet filing deadlines.
- The First District Court of Appeals denied a request to overturn the conviction of Evven Wilhelm, of Ponte Vedra Beach, for the murder of Orange Park's Ashley Cowie.

### 10 years ago, 2013

- The County County Planning Commission votes to deny a request to re-zone an area in Green Cove Springs to build an asphalt plant.
- Officers in Orange Park learn they have two days before their police accreditations will expire.
- All Clay County libraries announce they will offer summer reading classes for students.

### 20 years ago, 2003

- Gov. Jeb Bush appoints Clay County developer Jerry Agresti to the board of directors for Florida Workforce.
- Roadhouse clerk William Lutz was recovering after being shot three times during an armed robbery of the Orange Park steakhouse.
- Lowe's Home Improvement is considering a site in Orange Park for a new 147,000-square-foot warehouse.

### 30 years ago, 1993

- Green Cove Springs Police Chier Gail Russell approaches the city council on whether to extend the city's curfew for juveniles.

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### Opinions ...

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'Why me?'

# Working through the pain, doubt and future recovery of knee surgery



By Kayden Zamor  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – May 9 was a regular day at football practice at Ridgeview High.

My third rep of the day, I was asked to run a slant. Without hesitation, I got in my stance, and took three hard vertical steps, and on my fourth step to cut to the left, my right leg collapsed. Not knowing what just happened, I knew something was wrong. Having a rushing pain throughout my leg felt like it was on fire.

"Why me? Is football over for me?"

That's the first thought I had at this moment. The first day after the injury, I had an X-ray on my leg. Hoping nothing came up on the results, the doctor came back to the room with news.

"After reviewing your X-rays, I can't see anything, but after doing my hands-on exam, it definitely has something to do with your ACL," he said.

My heart dropped. I prayed it was the smallest tear that could be fixed and I could be back in at least three weeks.

The next day I needed an MRI to pinpoint the real problem. On May 12., the doctor walked into the room, and I can tell from the expression on his face it wasn't good.

"You have torn your ACL and you are projected to be out six-to-12 months," he said.

It felt like my life was over. I burst into tears crying on my mother's shoulder, not wanting to accept the reality of the situation. About 15 minutes passed, and the doctor wanted me to start pre-hab immediately. Having no hope, I reluctantly made my way there. The order was to regain my range of motion, trying to put pressure on it.

After my first session and walking again, I didn't need my crutches as much. I felt that maybe I did have a chance to

have a speedy recovery. For the next three weeks, I've had three sessions of pre-hab a week. The one thing I've heard the most during the process is everything happens for a reason, whether it be from family members, friends, teachers or even coaches.

Now I'm waiting for my surgery on June 13. I am excited to start my re-hab process and nervous at the same time because I know I can recover fast. I'm too hard of a worker to let this stop me from playing at the college level, but nervous because what if I can't get back to the level I was once at?

Ultimately, no matter what happens, I know that I have a strong support system that will support whatever decision I make after my surgery.

## History

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- The school board contemplates two potential sites for elementary schools to ease overcrowding at Paterson and Keystone Heights.
- A Clay County jury convicts William Davis Wright, of Interlachen, of killing Joseph Hodges Strickland of Keystone Heights.

## 40 years ago, 1983

- The Department of Environmental Regulations places a three-to-six month moratorium on new hookups to the city's sewage treatment plant.
- With the national unemployment rate at 10.1%, Eckerd Drugs offers a 32-ounce jar of Bama grape jelly for 99 cents, a 49-ounce box of Tide for \$1.99 and 100 packets of Sweet 'N Low for 79 cents.
- William D. Moore is hired as the new attorney for Clay County, replacing Tom McAnnally.

## Insurance

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There is some Congressional action underway to protect the Constitution's Commerce Clause, but it is not likely to pass.

As a result of the decision, California is already moving to ban some food ingredients overriding FDA decisions on safety. The "Skittles ban" is an example where red food dye is the target ingredient that the state has decided to ban.

We could see states using this case law to limit the ability of competitive states' ability to enter local markets.

Processors and buyers will likely tell farmers what they can and cannot do, based on where they want to sell products.

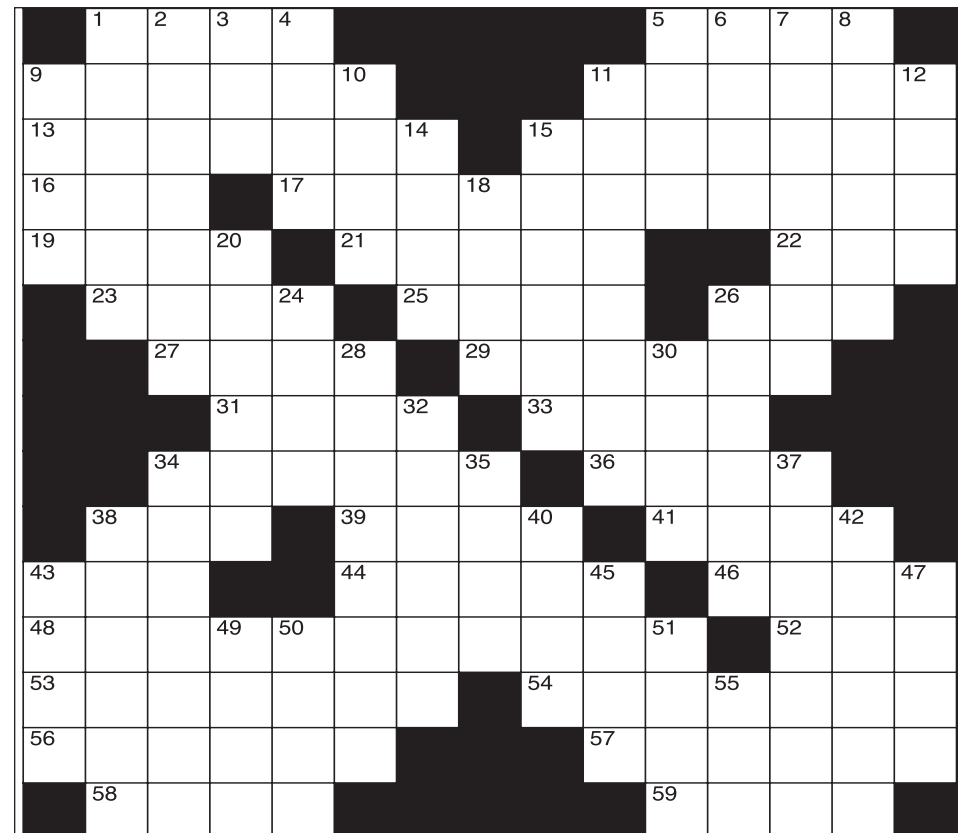
California's State Veterinarian doesn't know how to handle this situation; even FFA and 4-H students have to certify prescribed humane animal-raising methods.

How can/will California enforce this nationwide? There are already inspections on California farms, but it is still unclear

in other states or countries. Additionally, there is an interesting exception to processed products that are brought into California. Sellers are the liable party for violations and will be immediately in violation when Proposition 12 becomes law on June 30.

Clay County Farm Bureau's President, Gayward Hendry, said, "I am concerned that this will lead to reducing competition among producers and result in higher prices or lack of availability of some agricultural goods to families in states where excessive restrictions deter inter-state commerce. With the cost of food already putting a strain on most people's food budget, we are concerned how the effects of California's Proposition 12 will further affect the ability of our American families to feed themselves."

Clay County Farm Bureau is an agriculture non-profit is in Middleburg. It strives to educate and advocate for good agricultural practices and policies. If you want to learn more about the organization, please visit [WWW.FFBF.org](http://WWW.FFBF.org).



### CLUES ACROSS

- Understand intuitively
- Two of something
- Not involving computer tech
- Acclaimed
- Undermine
- The condition of being concealed or hidden
- Irritate
- The process of developing a theory
- Ceramic jar
- Not fresh
- Dad's fashion accessory
- Popular review site
- New Mexico county
- '\_\_ death do us part
- Fees
- Takes with force
- One-time Yankees rookie sensation
- Gordon and Snider are two
- Body parts
- Arranges
- Fiddler crabs
- Mimics
- Witnesses
- They \_\_
- Lasso

### CLUES DOWN

- Mangled
- Ruffled some feathers
- Not young
- Lakers legend
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Direction (Scottish)
- Intestinal inflammation
- Spring back in fear
- Owl genus
- Girls
- Unbeliefs
- Force unit
- Expired trade agreement
- Went alone
- Animal noises
- Woman who graduated from a specific school
- The very top

- Organs in males
- Earnings
- Z Z Z
- Reddish browns
- A salt or ester of acetic acid
- A place to get off your feet
- More disreputable
- Kidney condition
- Cease moving
- Quick
- Extra seed covering
- 'Survivor: Panama' winner
- Six
- One who inspects lamps
- Small parrot
- Primordial matter of the universe
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Families, friends and the community welcomed graduates as they walked into the chapel for the ceremony.

**'I'm proud for us reaching this milestone'**

## Pace Center for Girls-Clay celebrates graduation, life-skills

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – After a long road with plenty of twists and turns throughout their four-year experience, Pace Center for Girls-Clay Class of 2023 finally celebrate on Friday.

Seniors were honored at a Highpoint Community Church graduation ceremony, with students recognized for their hard work and dedication to the finish line.

Sarah Waldin, the class Salutatorian, thanked all involved – but most of all, her classmates.

"Finally, to my friends, you guys helped me the most, gave me laughs when I was sad, helped me when I was down, celebrated me during the good times, and congratulated me for accomplishing my goals. I'm proud of all of us for reaching this milestone. Once again, congratulations to our Class of 2023. We made it," she said.

Waldin spent her first one and a half years in a traditional public school, and things didn't go well.

"You can ask anyone: when I came in, I was just terrible. I wasn't waking up in the morning, and I wasn't eating. I was miserable," Waldin said.

Now, Waldin graduated one year early with plans of becoming a pilot.

It wouldn't have been possible without Pace, whose special attention helped flip the script.

"It helped so much because public school just wasn't getting it done. (Pace) provided the kind of attention I needed. I struggled with staying on track, but the personal relationship with my teachers helped me stay on track," she said.

Each graduate received a personalized video recorded by staff members for their accomplishments and the unique personality traits that make them so special.

When administrators asked if any students would like to speak at the end of the ceremony, Shaylah Atwell was one of the first to volunteer.

Atwell's message to graduates: "Don't give up and never look back. Keep going. Don't let this be your end, because it's not your end," she said.

The senior wants to become a labor and delivery nurse and will enroll at the University of North Florida.



Shaylah Atwell shared her experiences during the graduation ceremonies about what she learned at the Pace Center for Girls.

The journey of the goal-oriented senior was smooth at Pace, only lasting three months.

Atwell never knew what would be in store for her when she first joined the all-girls academy.

She made lifelong friends and lasting memories and learned plenty of life lessons.

"(At first) I just wanted to get my diploma and head out," she said.

She quickly realized her classmates were struggling, too, so she immediately stepped in to help.

"I realized that there were other people with different problems, so I slowed down and tried to help everyone else," she said.

Atwell doesn't regret a single moment. She said the experience taught her kindest, compassion, patience and humility.

According to Pace, it provides a year-round education, counseling and life skills training for a comprehensive and individualized experience for middle and high school-age girls.

Katelyn Stocks, Academic Coordinator, led the ceremonies.

Stocks taught each graduate. She tried to hold back tears at the ceremony.

"I was thinking, 'Don't cry, don't cry,'" she said.

She's immensely proud of the students

# Middleburg's Hatchet in NASCAR protocol after being injured

Crewman hit by tire, knocked out on pit road during Sunday's race

By Don Coble  
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Thomas Hatcher remembers a tire hitting him in the chest and chin during a pit stop on Lap 180 Sunday at the World Wide Technology Raceway. After that, everything still is a blur.

The front tire changer for Eric Jones' No. 43 Chevrolet was hit on pit road by a tire. Medical technicians were so concerned he was taken to the trauma center at St. Louis University Hospital for further treatment.

After clearing a CT scan, the Middleburg High graduate flew to his North Carolina home nine hours after his Legacy Motor Club teams arrived.

A day later, he spoke with Clay Today about the accident during Sunday's Enjoy Illinois 300 for the NASCAR Cup Series.

"We had the 3 (Austin Dillon) pitting in front of us and we (Jones) followed him in," Hatcher said. "The 3 didn't give us any breaks by giving us room to the wall. You try to split the cars (running out to do the pit stop) when they follow each other. The front (tire carrier) didn't get enough room. Everything recoiled into me and I got blasted."

One of the tires hit Hatcher so hard his feet went straight up, and he dropped to the pavement head-first. His helmet and foam



Middleburg High graduate Thomas Hatcher is in NASCAR's concussion protocol after being knocked out by a tire during last Sunday's race. Hatcher was part of the world record pit crew for driver Kyle Busch (right) last year.



cushion were cracked.

"I got knocked out," Hatcher said. "I mean, I was out cold for about 30 seconds. I don't remember anything. I tried watching some of the videos, but it's all still crazy to me. I just laid there. I started to get up, and I guess I fell over. They told me I needed to stay down."

While Hatcher pits for Legacy, he's employed by Joe Gibbs Racing. Many of the second-tier teams hire crews from larger organizations. A year ago, he was the front tire-changer for Kyle Busch, and the team

won the NASCAR World Pit Crew Championship.

Busch now drives for Richard Childress Racing and he won Sunday's race.

Tyler Reddick drives for Michael Jordan's and Denny Hamlin's 23XI, and they also get crews from Gibbs. After Reddick crashed, Houston Stamper finished the race for Legacy. Jones finished 18th.

Hatcher is now in NASCAR's concussion protocol. He said he feels good enough "to pit a car right now," he won't be allowed over the wall until he's cleared.

"The doctor had me do a couple of little things and I definitely was knocked out," he said. "I honestly feel great. Now I'm sore. My neck muscle feels like when I had a football neck – you know, when you first start the first few days of football practice and your neck gets sore."

Now in his 17th season as a tire changer, Hatcher is also in the final year of his contract. "What happened was the best of the worst," he said. "I've been in it a long time. I guess it was my time. I just can't remember it."





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# Obituaries

## Brenda Sue Gideons Raby

Brenda Sue Gideons Raby, 68, of Orange Park, FL, passed away May 18, 2023

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

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## James Samuel Treese

James Samuel Treese 1931-2023

It is with great sadness that the family of James Samuel Treese announces that he passed away on May 24, 2023 at the age of 91.



Jim was born in Ansted, West Virginia, and proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He continued to honor and protect as a Deputy with the Marion County Sheriff's Office for many years. Jim was a great leader and a brilliant businessman. He helped construct Jacksonville General Hospital and became the Executive Director. He retired from the Union Correctional Institute as the Director of Purchasing later in his career. He then moved to Fleming Island where he enjoyed his retirement with Jakie. He frequented the dog track with friends and enjoyed all the FSU football games. Jim is survived by his wife of 47 years, Helen (Jakie) Treese; his only son, James Brian Treese (Linda); and 3 daughters, Nancy Chapman (David), Mariana Jones, and



James Samuel Treese

Dixie Clendening (Bill). Also left behind are his 4 grandchildren, Stephanie, Emily, Sam, and Jake, and 3 great grandchildren, Avi, Michelle, and Holly. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

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## Evelyn Miller

Evelyn Miller, 75, passed away on April 28, 2023. There will be a memorial held in her honor on June, 17, 2023 at First Black Creek Baptist church at 1:00 pm.

## John W. Oliverio

John W. Oliverio, 83, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away June 3, 2023

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## William Davis Dixon, Jr.

William Davis Dixon, Jr., 66, of Orange Park, FL, passed away June 3, 2023

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# Athletes

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greatest pulling guards to lead a sweep in football history. He was 6-1 and tipped the scales at 265 pounds. There have been bigger, faster, stronger quarterbacks to play since.

The new era of athletes is different. That's why I've always resisted comparing generations.

They used to play the balata golf balls, wooden clubs and steal shafts in golf. Now they play with synthetic components found on the International Space Station.



Despite my pain and scars, I miss being back on the field like in 1974.

They also understand diet and fitness far better than my generation, just like I was better informed about being in shape than my grandfather. Power bars, tire-flipping and cardio exercises have replaced ankle weights, blocking sleds and pizza.

High school football left me with a left knee replacement and needing to schedule shoulder and hip replacements. My hip often buckles without a clue, which can sometimes be embarrassing in public. My right shoulder cracks and snaps every time I move my arm.

But given the opportunity to do it all over again, I would. I still consider it one of the greatest times of my life.

When I was in high school, a torn cartilage meant major surgery with a long, ugly scar. Now it's an in-and-out procedure with three tiny cuts. It's changed so much. They don't even call it cartilage anymore. Now it's called meniscus.

When I played, a torn ACL was career-ending. His surgery will be next week, and he hopes to be on the field with the Panthers.

The newest brand of athletes, along with modern medicine, makes everything more possible.

When Kayden goes on the field, I will be there to watch. I'll be the easy one to find – the person limping along the sideline.

## Micki C. Maurer

Micki C. Maurer, 78, passed away Saturday, May 27, 2023 in Orange Park, FL. She was the daughter of the late William J. and Mabel Cowart, born on June 2, 1944 in Elloree, SC.

Micki graduated from Herschel V. Jenkins High School in 1962. She and her family moved to Orange Park in 1976 and she worked in real estate and served as EVP of the Clay County Board of Realtors for a number of years. Micki loved life, loved people, loved her family, loved God and southern gospel music, and enjoyed cooking.



Micki C. Maurer

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Willie Thomas Jones, Jr. and sister, Janet Bauer.

Micki is survived by her husband of 60 years, Larry Maurer; daughter, Donna Miller and son, Don-L Maurer, both of Orange Park; grandson, Joshua Gorsuch, St. Petersburg, and granddaughters, Miranda and Brianna Maurer and Ashley Miller, all of Orange Park; and sister, Elizabeth Carpenter of Islamorada, FL.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



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# Orange Park Hospital opens state-of-the-art patient unit

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital celebrated the opening of the third floor in its new Patient Tower. There are 24 private rooms and will focus on caring for Medical-Surgical Patients. The five-story tower is part of a \$126 million expansion project that offers patients innovative care in a home-like setting.

The fourth and fifth floors have already opened and contain 24 private patient rooms, a unit for medical and surgical patients. The first floor has opened, including the hospital's outpatient testing and imaging services and the patient registration area. The second floor will be designated for medical surgical patients and will open later this month, completing this new 96 Bed Tower expansion project.

More than 100 new jobs were created to care for the increased number of patients. "Like many in our area, we're feeling the effects of the growth happening in Clay County," says Lisa Valentine, Chief Executive Officer at Orange Park Hospital. "With this growth comes the need to expand our team, our facility, and our services to continue to rise to the needs of our community."

Built for today's patient care, the new rooms have the latest in digital medical



charting. MyCare boards will sync treatments, lab results, and surgery details for the patient all in one place. An advanced nurse call system will connect the patient directly with a nurse via the nurse's handheld iPhone, and the Centrak system identifies and logs each caregiver entering the room, monitors all patient activity, and tracks medical equipment.

The hospital experience will be more comfortable with home-like furnishings and Apple TVs integrated into the rooms

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speeds for connectivity and entertainment.

"Using the Apple TV, the physician can review with the patient their lab results or the images from a recent diagnostic test, for example, keeping the patient informed of their health status which lets them play an active role and we hope, gets them back on their feet, faster," said Mary Tabor, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Chief Nursing Officer.

"We are already the preferred health-care provider for thousands of families in our community. We want to continue earning their trust by providing more resources to keep them close to home when seeking medical care, all with the added peace of mind that comes from today's technology," Valentine said.

Charles Perry Partners, Inc. served as the general contractor and TMPartners, PLLC was the project's architect.

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## Community Briefs



### Garden Club celebrates National Garden Week

ORANGE PARK – The Garden Club of Orange Park has prepared a display at the Orange Park Library to celebrate National Garden Week.

Two glass cases in the lobby highlight some of the projects the club has been involved with this year, including Plant America, Clay County Fair and the Smokey Bear-Woodsy Owl poster contest for elementary school students.

While you are there, be sure to pick up a free copy of “20 Easy to Grow Wildflowers,” compliments of the Garden

Club. We hope you’ll consider becoming a member when our meetings resume in September.

The club’s exhibit will be on display through June 10.

### Waste Not Want Not hosting yard sale to feed those in need

ORANGE PARK – Waste Not Want Not is sponsoring a yard sale on June 9, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Challenger Enterprises Shopping Plaza at 556 Kingsley Ave.

Thousands of new items will be available at yard sale prices, including Halloween and Christmas decorations, cleaning supplies, automotive supplies, pet supplies, household goods, health and beauty aids, toys, books, toiletries, supplements, paint, tools and more.

Every dollar raised will provide 15 pounds of food to someone in need.

In America, stores and restaurants throw away lots of perfectly good food: one-quarter of all food produced in the United States.

One in six children, adults and seniors do not always have enough to eat: 1 in 6 of all Americans.

In North Florida, Waste Not Want

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## Second chances lead to first-class fun at Batton Ranch

By Natalie Gilstrap  
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Batton Family Ranch is a family-owned business that rescues unwanted horses and rehabilitates them.

The ranch opened in January but has given unwanted horses a second chance in life since 2021. In addition, the ranch focuses on encouraging kids to be more engaged with nature and less on their phones.

“I created the ranch as a place where people and horses can come together,” said owner Charles Batton. “I’ve taken horses that no one wants and have given them a second chance at life and a new job.”

Over the years, the ranch has rescued and rehabilitated 20 horses.

“Every horse is different,” Batton said. “A lot of times, we get sick, starving or lame horses that have medical issues.”

Rehabilitation depends on the animal’s condition, but it usually requires nutrients, love, and re-training. After rehabilitation, the animals either remain on the ranch as riding horses or go to new homes.

“I would love people to be more aware of all the horses out there that are languishing away and how these animals are willing to work and partner with people more than any other animal,” he said.

The ranch offers equestrian riding services as a way to encourage children to be



outside with nature and animals. Families can learn the basics of horseback riding through interactive lessons. Activities such as flag hunting, horse trails, and timed races are available for individuals to sharpen their riding skills further. In addition, lessons allow children to learn skill sets and values such as communication, problem-solving, kindness and self-confidence. The ranch also offers individual trail rides and special occasions such as birthday parties, social gatherings and events at summer camps. “I think what we can bring to Keystone Heights and the neighboring Clay County community is an opportunity for people to reconnect with animals, the past and really recalibrate their lives back to mankind’s best which is being with animals and being outdoors,” Batton said.

For more information about Batton Family Ranch at 4519 Marilyn Court, call (904) 955-7324 or email battonfamilyranch@gmail.com.



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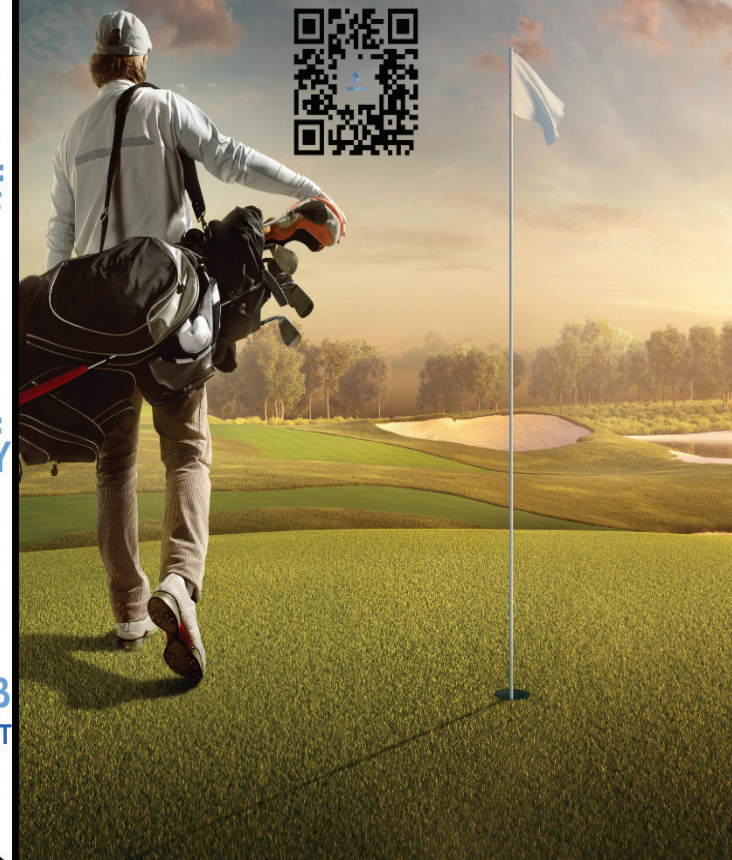


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# Keeping Fido, Fluffy safe during hurricane season

Animals require advanced preparation to survive storm

By Lee Wardlaw  
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CLAY COUNTY – While no storms are on the radar, residents should begin preparing for themselves, their families and their pets.

There's plenty that county residents can do now to get a head start.

For pet owners, food, water, medications and shelter are the most important things to have on hand. Special considerations should also be made in advance to provide shelter and relief areas.

Dogs, cats, rodents, birds and rabbits are the only animals accepted at selected animal-friendly shelters in Clay County. Visit claycounty.gov to find out which locations will accept pets.

"A lot of dogs will not go outside to use the restroom, so a lot of people recommend getting a big kids' pool and putting some sod in it and putting that in the garage. That way, a dog has a place to go potty and they're not out in the rain," said Sandy Summerton, Executive Director of

Safe Animal Shelter.

Keeping pets safe and comfortable during a storm is also crucial.

"It's really important to make sure you're keeping your animals contained because they are stressed out during that time."

Summerton said owners should have a stock of food, water and medications for at least two weeks.

"If we lose power and we're out for two weeks, do we have enough for that time period. It's the same kind of thing for when we prepare for ourselves. We need to make sure that we're also looking out for our animals and pets," Summerton said.

She had one last word of advice:

"Do not leave your animals on leashes when outside and in a storm. We should not be keeping animals outside in a storm. Make sure any of those animals are brought inside," she said.

Another important tip to keep pets safe is to create an emergency kit tailored specifically to them.



Sandy Summerton said it's important to plan ahead to keep pets safe during a storm.



CJ Acres Farms founder Lee Sackett said evacuating livestock isn't an option.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends individuals gather a three-day food supply in an airtight, wa-

terproof container and three days of wa-

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# Animals

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ter, along with medications and medical records. Registration documents, adoption papers and vaccinations should be gathered. It would be best to talk to a veterinarian about microchipping and enrolling your pet in a recovery database is also recommended.

A first aid kit is also never a bad thing to have. Cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors, antibiotic ointment, flea and tick prevention, latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol, and saline solution are recommended items to include.

Also, have a sturdy, reliable crate or pet carrier handy in case you need to evacuate. The container should be large enough for the pet to stand, turn around and lie down.

Bring litter and a litter box if appropriate, along with newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach.

Last but not least, a photograph of you and your pet should be taken and saved if you haven't done so already. If you become separated from your pet, the picture will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in recovering your animal. Writing down species, breed, age, sex, color and other distinguishing characteristics on the back of the picture could make the difference between lost and found.

There are also plenty of important con-

## When the winds blow, rains come, Orange Park will be ready

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – With hurricane season upon us, all hands are on deck in Orange Park, including the Public Works Department, Town Manager's office, and other departments taking extensive safety measures to protect residents from the 2023 storm cycle.

Public Works is already making initial preparations

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The "trash truck," also known as the "claw truck," is a significant tool for the Public Works Department when a hurricane touches down because it can remove fallen branches, pick up other large objects, and haul debris.

siderations to be made for farm animals as hurricane season touches down in the county.

Lee Sackett, the founder of CJ Acres Animal Rescue Farm, a nonprofit and all-volunteer animal rescue farm that reduces suffering and rehabilitates several species in Keystone Heights, knows about preparing for a storm.

With more than 100 animals, CJ Acres has information to protect horses, cows, goats, feral cats, sheep, chickens, pigs or ducks. The animals come from across Florida, the Southeast, the United States and Canada.

With a wide-ranging list of animals with various needs, evacuation is not an option.

"We find that it's time-consuming, and there are too many challenges with trying

to move over 100 animals," he said.

Focusing on preparation is a better option, and it's a process that begins before hurricane season began on June 1.

"For us, it's making sure that we have the proper equipment and personnel to take care of any issues before an event," he said.

"Whether it's a hamster or a bull, it's an event that you should be taking seriously. Some people think 'Oh, this hurricane is not going to hit us because the (weather predictions) were wrong the last three times. You can't arrive to the Home Depot the day before a storm hits and magically think they will have generators," Sackett said.

Utilize CJ Acres' 3-3-3 strategy 30 days before a storm.

"Thirty days ahead, think about, 'Do we have everything we need?' Three days ahead, ask that question again. Three hours ahead, ask yourself, 'What do we need last minute?' Do we need to close up the barn? What are we missing? It's our last chance," he said.

Sackett's strategy has worked well so far.

"We've never had an animal that was injured, ran out of food, or ran out of water, and that's even when power has been out for over a week, and a lot of that is just due to preparation," Sackett said.

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# Aya Osman awarded the Wenger Family STEM Scholarship

By Kylie Cordell  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – After winning her two-year battle with childhood cancer, 18-year-old Aya Osman will take on a new challenge – college.

Once considered too far out of reach, Osman is excited to announce she will be attending New York University in the fall and will be cancer-free.

Her dream is made possible in part by the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund. The fund helps families tackle childhood cancer by providing comprehensive financial, emotional and practical support.

Osman won the Jay Fund Foundation Wenger Family STEM Scholarship, an annual college scholarship awarded to 16 cancer patients and survivors to encourage them to pursue their dreams.

“I heard about the Jay Fund through the clinic I would go to for treatment, but I received a letter about the scholarship months ago. It had been sitting on my piano for some time, and I thought, ‘Why not go ahead and apply?’” Osman said. “I did, and I was lucky enough to be chosen. I am endlessly grateful for their financial support.”

After being diagnosed with synovial cell sarcoma in her arm during her junior year, Osman’s long-term goals were put on the back burner.

“It came by really fast. When I was diagnosed, everything was just tunnel vision. I had to focus on one thing at a time, and graduation seemed 100 years away,” she said.

Despite undergoing chemotherapy, radiation and surgery to kill the tumor, Osman never backed down and continued to apply herself in school, taking rigorous courses in the IB diploma program to pursue her



Ridgeview graduate Aya Osman will use her Jay Fund scholarship at New York College to study medicine.

dream of helping others in medicine.

Osman graduated Summa Cum Laude and as an AP Scholar in May. She received the African American National Recognition Award and has placed twice in the senior division in the Chemistry and Environmental Clay County Science Fair and received second place in healthcare administration in the Future Business Leaders of America district competition this year.

Now, Osman can finally embrace her dream of being a neuroscientist, a dream she’s had since elementary school. She will

take biology classes at NYU to prepare her for medical school.

“Graduation during my cancer treatment seemed so far in the future. There’s no point in focusing on all that now, but it was during a time, let’s say when I was throwing up from cancer treatments. After remission, I realized that graduation and going to college was possible, very possible,” she said.

“I knew I was on the right path. My grades were good, even with my absences. When I was in the hospital, my mom would bring my laptop so I could work on my assignments,” she said. “So you know, I was laying down on my hospital bed, and the nurses would come in checking my heart rate, checking my temperature and whatnot while I would be rushing to finish an essay for IB history or English.”

Classwork and her passion for piano helped distract her from the stress and anxiety of her extensive medical treatment. It also opened her eyes to the medical profession she longed to be a part of.

“I would often stay for three days at a time for chemo treatments, and that made me really pay attention to what the doctors and nurses were doing, and I saw how passionate they were about the field,” she said.

“I feel this experience, in general, has been valuable in maintaining an empathetic approach to working with patients. It’s al-

ways important to understand what they are going through, even if that is impossible because we all deal with things differently – but I think it will help me sympathize with patients and be more passionate about what I am working towards.”

However, the most important lesson didn’t come from textbooks and lectures. It came from within.

“I learned a lot about myself in the last two years. What surprised me the most was realizing that I was capable enough, even undergoing everything that I went through, to take care of my body and my mind,” she said.

“I feel that really anything is possible. It’s your mind that needs convincing, not your body. You need to make sure that what you’re doing is something you’re really passionate about if you put your entire body, mind, and soul into it,” she said.

To those struggling with a difficult diagnosis, to those who may feel lost or directionless, Osman reminds them to never give up on our dreams.

“I’m not going to say it’s an easy time because it’s not, but even though the future may not seem promising, we dance with fear and doubt every day. Using that as an excuse not to pursue your passions is not going to cut it,” she said. “You should try to be more optimistic about what you are going to do rather than being pessimistic.”

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their staging areas, making room for debris to be collected at their headquarters, and ensuring all equipment is in proper running condition in light of hurricane season.

“We’re ready for debris clean-up,” said Kyle Croce, Public Works Director.

Croce and the department began coordinating with other departments and county so they would be on the same page if a potential storm were to strike.

“We’ve coordinated with the Fire Department, Police Department and Town Manager (Sarah Campbell) on any forecasting and tracking needed, and the county on their emergency operations. We’ve also started looking at the weather (forecasts) a lot more,” he said.

By surveying parks and structures, Croce and his crew already have their boots on the ground in preparation for hurricane season. Now, they’ll be ready for the worst-case scenario.

“They are out there looking at the parks and setting up (other) areas for more inspections and clean-up throughout the city for stormwater and the stormwater system,” Croce said.

Here’s how it works:

Workers split up into different sections of the town and looked at inlet structures and ditches that carry stormwater. “They (also) start moving them and clearing them of any debris that may have fallen in,” he



Kyle Croce, Public Works Director for Orange Park, said the town has already started preparing for hurricane season, including its debris-hauling trucks in proper running condition, scheduling parks and other areas for inspections and clearing out ditches.

said.

An excellent working relationship in the county is also crucial for a smoothly-running operation which the town coordinates with for essential services when a storm makes landfall for things such as coordinating sandbag pick-up and drop-off locations.

The county is also willing to lend a

“Any time we get a call that a tree is down or a power line is down, we get out there, as long as the streets aren’t flooded, and we’re able to get there so that emergency vehicles can get through and reach anybody needs help. We’re right in the middle of it during a storm.”

– Kyle Croce

hand, not just with sandbag drop-offs and communications, but with hauling debris after the storm.

“They’ve always offered help if we need help, and we can piggyback off their debris-hauling and monitoring contracts. We haven’t had to in the past couple of years, but they’ve said (the service) is available (to the town) in their contracts. It’s a great relationship,” Croce said.

Of course, Orange Park returns the favor.

“(Public Works) is one of the locations that the Sheriff’s Department comes to get fuel from for the vehicles in the area,” he said.

The primary responsibility of the Public Works Department is to keep the roadways clear so that emergency vehicles can travel freely after a storm. They work alongside the police department and Jacksonville Electric Authority to maintain a smoothly-running operation.

“Any time we get a call that a tree is down or a power line is down, we get out there, as long as the streets aren’t flooded, and we’re able to get there so that emergency vehicles can get through and reach anybody needs help. We’re right in the middle of it during a storm,” Croce said.

A convoy of town-funded trucks provides workers with the necessary tools to clear debris.

Dump trucks are necessary for hauling debris, which can be disposed of in a num-

ber of ways following the storm, all dependent on the storm’s size.

Bucket trucks are also a major asset. One of the machines can lift a worker to the highest point so they can safely perform a job, such as cutting down a broken limb.

One of Croce’s favorites is the trash truck. Otherwise known as the “claw truck,” this especially comes in handy during each hurricane season.

The powerful red claw mounted to the back of the cabin is capable of ripping away broken branches and picking up large objects, which are placed into its large trash bed, which can then be hauled away. Two outriggers also provide ultimate stability as the machine completes its tasks.

Keeping wastewater services operational is also important.

“We have permitted generators, and we set up temporary generators to ensure that all lift stations keep going. Sometimes, lift stations can be a problem, but we’re there, and the JEA also helps us with power, so that’s really good,” Croce said.

Campbell has been preparing Orange Park for storm season.

“Every year, we participate in the Clay County Hurricane season exercise. I participated, along with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and members of our staff. In addition, we review the Town’s Disaster Management Plan without Department Head Team,” she said.

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# Community

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## Learn, win by downloading passport to Clay County history

CLAY COUNTY – For the second year, Clay County will encourage everyone to play along as they learn about the county's rich history. All you need is a mobile phone to participate in Clay County History Passport, and everyone is eligible to win prizes.

To download the passport adventure, visit [exploreclay.com/passports/](http://exploreclay.com/passports/).

Some exciting places everyone can visit – and complete their passports – include the historic courthouse and jail in the Historic Triangle in Green Cove Springs, Camp Chowenwaw, Camp Blanding and Spring Park.

## Teens can work out for free this summer at Planet Fitness

CLAY COUNTY – Starting May 15, teens 14-to-17 years old can work out at Planet Fitness for free during the summer.

In addition, the company will be giving away \$200,000 in scholarships.

There are three Planet Fitness clubs in Clay County – 1980 Wells Road and 700 Blanding Boulevard, both in Orange Park, and 1514 County Road 220 on Fleming Island.

## Winn-Dixie shoppers can earn \$20 in groceries by getting vaccines

CLAY COUNTY – Seven Winn-Dixie stores in the county are offering \$20 in free groceries if they receive two vaccinations on the same day at their in-store pharmacies to further encourage customers and their families to get up to date on routine vaccinations. To receive the free grocery offer, customers can walk up to a Winn-Dixie in-store pharmacy or make an appointment online to get two vaccines of their choice on the same day to receive a voucher for \$20 in free groceries. The offer is available through June 30. For more information on available vaccinations, visit [winndixie.com/pharmacy/vaccines](http://winndixie.com/pharmacy/vaccines).

## Active, retired federal employees to meet monthly

ORANGE PARK – As the only organization dedicated to the general welfare of all federal workers and retirees, the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees delivers valuable guidance, timely resources and powerful advocacy.

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

Since NARFE's founding in 1921, the association's mission has been to defend and advance America's civil servants earned pay and benefits. Today, NARFE'S team of professional lobbyists continues to work tirelessly on behalf of the federal community. Supported by grassroots advocates, NARFE is a leading voice in Washington and across the country, although often unknown to our active and retired local civil servants and postal personnel.



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## OP Rotary Club donates \$5,600 to Signal 35 Fund

ORANGE PARK – On Tuesday, the Signal 35 Fund received \$5,600 from the Rotary Club of Orange Park. The Signal 35 Fund is a community-backed initiative helping the personnel who embody our local law enforcement, fire-rescue and emergency management teams in Clay County. Rotary President Bo Norton, Rotarians Michelle Ridley and Nicolce Helper, Sheriff Michelle Cook, along with Signal 35 members Jim Horne and John Horne were part of the check presentation. "The Signal 35 Fund helps our first responders in need, and we appreciate the support of the Rotary Club of Orange Park," Cook said.

## Colt Ford rumbles into Thrasher-Horne on Sept. 1

ORANGE PARK – Hick-hop? Rap-rock? Nah, categories are way too confining.

Collectively as the LACS, Baxley, Georgia's renegade redneck rap duo Clay Sharpe and Brian King create the kind of music that created them; a hybrid of elements drawn from raw outlaw country to southern rock to crunk hip-hop. That's quite a fusion indeed, and one that captured the hearts and ears of those yearning for something fresh and relatable. "I call it the mix CD era. You put a little bit of everything on it," Clay said of



Colt Ford

the eclectic vibe. "I feel like that's how our music is and how it's evolved."

Colt Ford and the Lacs will bring their unique show to the Thrasher-Horne Center for a one-night stand on Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, visit [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

It's been a long yet worthwhile wait. The Lacs have delivered a symposium of sounds sure to please everyone. So then, what is country lit? To ask Clay, he will mischievously retort - "I would say it's exactly what you think it means." It's what people have come to know and love the Lacs for, the stuff that makes them who they are.

"We tried to hit every emotion on this album," Clay said. "Some breakup songs, some outlaw country songs on there, proud to be American songs, some rap anthems, songs and some stuff to get crunked."

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## PACE

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for battling through the journey, and the future is bright for Pace's most recently-graduated class.

"Knowing who they were when they first came here and who they are now, it's

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County Commissioner Alexandra Compere was the keynote speaker for the Pace Center For Girls graduation at Highpoint Community Church in Orange Park.

a radical difference. I'm so excited. They're going to do great things. This is an unprecedented class. If they can endure COVID, they can achieve anything," she said.

County Commissioner Alexandra Compere was the keynote speaker.

Compere spoke directly to the group, noting they should take a moment to celebrate a moment that took countless challenges to reach.

Her next lesson for graduates was to lean on their network of support in the local community as much as possible as they

begin to shoot for their goals and dreams.

She then read a quote from Napoleon Hill.

"There is a difference between wishing for a thing and being ready to receive it. No one is ready for a thing until he believes he can require it. The state of mind must be belief, not a hope or a wish," she said.

Compere ended her address by saying: "As we look forward to the future, we look forward with hope, we look forward with optimism, and we look forward with excitement."

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Location Address for BOA-0523-0011

3152 Creighton Landing Road

Tax Parcel Identification Number 44-04-26-014028-000-00

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Location Address for BOA-0523-0013

8214 Alderman Road

Tax Parcel Identification Number 30-08-23-004708-001-00

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# Pace Center for Girls gets \$90,000 Grant from State Farm

ORANGE PARK – Pace Center for Girls, a nationally recognized model that provides education, counseling, training and advocacy for more than 3,000 girls and young women annually, received a \$90,000 grant from State Farm Insurance to support career and college preparation at 21 Pace Centers for Girls across Florida, including the center on College Road in Orange Park.

The funding supports Pace's comprehensive vocational and education program dedicated to providing at-risk girls with the necessary tools to obtain a high school diploma or GED, long-term employability skills and support pursuing an education past high school, whether at a professional training program, the military, a community college or a four-year college or university.



"One of the greatest responsibilities we have as a society is to ensure all girls and young women have access to opportunities to be successful as adults," said Mary Marx, President and CEO of Pace. "We are grateful to State Farm for investing in Pace and providing us the opportunity to enhance our life-skills training and career and college readiness pathways."

As part of the investment, girls like Emily will represent 21 communities across the state of Florida and receive a State Farm Scholarship supporting college, vocational school or certificate training. She will study psychology at Broward College this summer with plans to transition to Florida International University and become a therapist.

Having lost someone close to her by suicide, she said, "Maybe I can help people and change future outcomes so it's not devastating to the person, the family, and people around them."

Pace has seen transformational improvements among girls personally and professionally. Eight out of 10 girls graduate from high school, pursue higher education or secure employment after the program, and nine out of 10 have experienced overall academic improvement.

"We are proud to support Pace in their commitment to provide career and college opportunities to all girls," said Jose Soto, State Farm Corporate Responsibility Analyst. "Our agents enjoy volunteering at Pace and accompanying girls on experimental trips that focus on job and school placement."

For more information about Pace Center for Girls, visit [www.pacecenter.org](http://www.pacecenter.org).

# Hurricane

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the methods of dealing with Mother Nature's wrath also change.

"The bigger concern is, typically, that we're very susceptible to wind and surge," he said. "So whether big or small, it's more effects-based. I think that, unfortunately, a lot of folks get trapped into the Saffir-Simpson Scale, Cat 1, Cat 2, Cat 3, whatever. The effects of the smaller storms, we still had significant flooding with significant surges and downed trees. The wind may not have been as long-lasting, but they're still there for those periods of intensity."

Emergency management offices also face the challenge of ensuring the community is safe and prepared, even if previous alerts aren't as disastrous as feared.

The last two tropical-related storms to hit Clay County were Ian and Nicole. Both caused minor flooding, erosion and wind damage.

Ian was spawned from a Tropical Wave off the coast of Western Africa last October to a Category 5 storm with 160 mph winds. It was projected to hit the Florida Panhandle but took an unexpected turn to the East and tore through Fort Myers and surrounding areas.

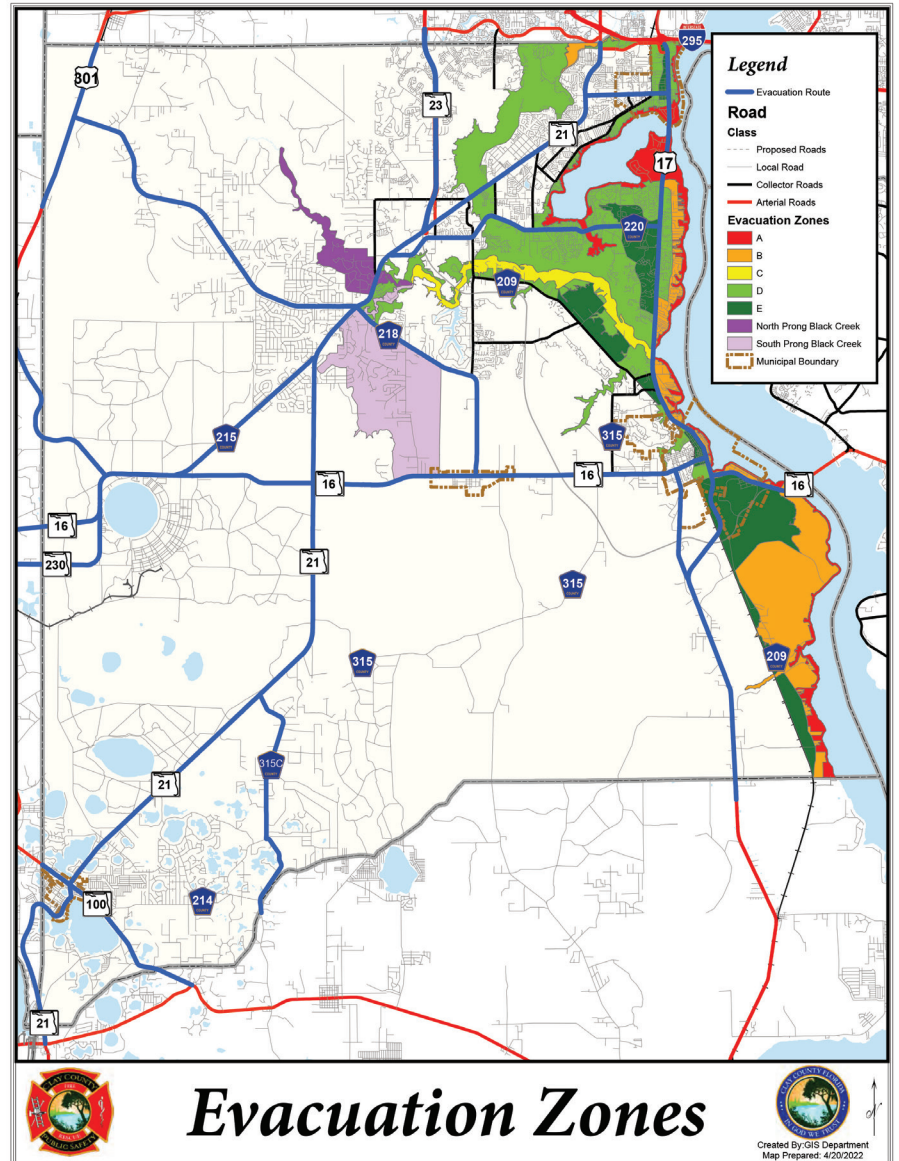
The unpredictability of the storm prompted Clay officials to order an evacuation. Again, Ian fooled experts and left the state along the Space Coast. It turned again and hit South Carolina.

But Clay essentially was spared from any significant damage.

"You have a complex problem where you're trying to make sure (to make accurate plans)," Ladd said. "We've luckily. We have a very good team that's been here, done that. They do this all the time. I mean, there's no new curveballs."

Ladd said the first step to being prepared for all dangerous weather is downloading the free Alert Clay app from the [claycountygov.com](http://claycountygov.com) website. It will inform residents about hurricanes, thunderstorms, evacuation notices and flood warnings.

"That is our information conduit," Ladd said. "We really just need to pound the table so folks can get our information content. Its got packing



lists and preparedness guides and all that good stuff."

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# School

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Students can request an exemption. A student or parent must submit a request and the school's administration must approve it. If approved, the individual can use any gender-neutral or single-stall accommodations available on campus.

"If there are valid, workable ideas that we could come up with at some point, we

"I think regarding the bathroom policy, we can all say a lot, but to me, it's simple common sense, and it's sad that we have to even write a policy."

could create procedures that could alleviate some of the stress of the kids in duress about the policy," said Michelle Hanson.

"Yes, we can do that. We do that all the time," Superintendent David Broskie said.

The board also agreed to readvertise the board attorney position immediately.

– **Beth Clark, school board member**

Bickner's contract will expire on Dec. 30.

The first interview session for candidates will be on June 20, following the board's workshop.

**In other business**

In other business, the board approved

Broskie's request to make changes to his administrative staff. Jennifer Collins will become the Supervisor of School Improvement and Leadership Development, while Kyle Seymour will be the Supervisor of the Budget and Tonie Phillips will be the new Coordinator of Health Benefits. Also, Lydia Creel (Lake Asbury Junior High), Jim Herrholtz (Discovery Elementary), Justin Jones (Grove Park Elementary), Mallory McConnell (Fleming Island Elementary) and Amanda Strickland (Charles E. Bennett) were appointed as new principals.

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**Location Address for BOA-0423-0009**

510 Beck Court

Tax Parcel Identification Number 29-05-25-009717-000-00

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**Location Address for BOA-0423-0010**

5120 Harvey Grant Road

Tax Parcel Identification Number 46-04-26-014159-001-00

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# 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels' shines at Spotlight Theater

By Kyla Woodard  
For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – Guests were transported to the French Riviera at the Fleming Island Spotlight Center last Friday night. The theater center hosted the second showing of its musical rendition of the 1988 classic film “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” starring Steve Martin and Michael Caine. The play tells the tale of two British and American con men who scam through the French Riviera, placing bets and making discoveries.

“The show itself is a jam-packed two-hour show with tons of singing, dancing, an incredibly talented cast of 14 actors and it’s just a great space to bring your friends and family and enjoy a good show,” said creative director Curtis Reed.

The evening show began at 7 p.m., with dinner at 5:30. Guests indulged in roast turkey, sugar-glazed ham, a baked potato, honey-roasted carrots and a vegetable souffle. While eating, they were also able to enjoy live vocal entertainment.

Tables were donned with elegant black tablecloths and a sparkly red table runner to reflect a night of elegance.

The performance began with a prestigious dance number as actors made their way through the crowd onto the center stage. Lights filled the room as guests were suddenly transported to the Riviera.

Actors tangoed around the stage in their gowns and suits, imitating the feel of a wealthy Riviera.

The theater “in the round” style placed the stage in the middle of the theater,



with audience members surrounding it. This allowed guests to be immersed in the show, with some scenes taking place in the audience area.

Laughter and applause filled the room as guests were mesmerized by the bright musical numbers and comedic one-liners. The performance also featured multiple elaborate partner and group dance numbers.

Guests Ellen Bloom and Brad Bloom attended the performance to celebrate their anniversary. They said these types of shows are desperately needed on Fleming Island.

“This is the second show we’ve been to, and it’s delightful to have a place to go that’s so close to home. And it being a 501 (c) makes it even more fun because you know you’re doing something good and helping out those that are progressing in this [business],” Ellen Bloom said.

Guest Marylou Cash said that it’s about time this type of entertainment was added to the island, and she hopes it continues.

“I’m happy that they’re here, and I just want to welcome them to Fleming Island. I hope they can stay for a very long time and be very prosperous here,” said Cash.

To conclude the show, the actors came out on stage to give one final bow. Then they made their way to the front of the building to greet guests on their way out.

The show is only the second one to have premiered at the venue this season. The Spotlight Center opened in April and has a long roster of performances coming up for all ages.

The next set of performances will feature shows such as “The Addams Family,” “Bakersville,” “Everything’s Coming Up Carol: A Tribute Show,” and many more.

“Everything we do is family-friendly. We just try to provide classic things that are well-known,” said managing director Norma Luther.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels will continue running until June 24. For tickets or to see a list of future shows and purchase tickets visit [www.spotlighteventscenter.com](http://www.spotlighteventscenter.com).

## College Briefs

### Orange Park’s Martin graduates from Clark University

WORCESTER, Mass. – Chloe G. Martin, of Orange Park, Fla., received a degree from Clark University during the University’s 119th Commencement exercises. Martin graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

The University awarded 1,300 degrees (590 bachelor’s degrees, 681 master’s degrees, and 29 doctoral degrees) to the Class of 2023. It conferred three honorary degrees in ceremonies that heralded the graduates for their accomplishments, resilience and ambition.

### Dutton featured as stand-out senior of Flagler’s Class of 2023

ST. AUGUSTINE – After four years of challenging curriculum, eye-opening experiential learning, and unforgettable community building, Flagler College graduates emerge from this chapter of their lives transformed.

From a class of more than 450 seniors, Matthew Dutton of Middleburg was among a select group of students nominated as a featured graduate in the College’s annual #FCGradStories. This series highlights Dutton and fellow exceptional Saints’ impact during their time at Flagler and the impact they’re prepared to make in this next chapter of life.

Flagler has been home to countless change-makers, leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs in less than six decades—the Class of 2023 is no exception. Ahead of this year’s Commencement Ceremony, professors and staff members were asked to recommend a robust group of graduating seniors who boldly embody what it means to be a Saint.

### Sanders makes DePauw University’s Spring Dean’s List

GREENCASTLE, Ind. – Seaton Sanders from Green Cove Springs qualified for the DePauw University’s Spring Dean’s List. The Dean’s List recognizes students who achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Congratulations on this well-earned achievement.

Established in 1837, DePauw University is a liberal arts institution ranked in the top 45 liberal arts colleges in the nation and the number one liberal arts college in the state of Indiana.

### Fleming Island’s Gray on Shenandoah’s Dean’s List

WINCHESTER, Va. – Evan Gray of Fleming Island was one of 943 students who earned a spot on the Spring semester’s Dean’s List at Shenandoah University.

To qualify for the Dean’s List, students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher.

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STORMWATER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,544,000</b>	<b>\$5,971,400</b>	<b>\$4,469,900</b>	<b>\$3,401,800</b>	<b>\$5,083,900</b>	<b>\$23,471,000</b>

The Capital Improvement Program is available for inspection at Town Hall, 2042 Park Avenue, Orange Park, Florida, from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday at the Town Clerk’s Office. A public hearing will take place on this program on June 27 2023, 7:00 pm, at Town Hall, 2042 Park Avenue, Orange Park, Florida.



## Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register  
True Life Church  
Clay County

### Make worship a way of life

A.W. Tozer, the highly respected pastor, author, and theologian once said, "I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven."

How do you define worship? Oftentimes, we use it to describe a very specific part of our experience in church on Sunday. But that's not all it is! Worship is more than singing a few songs on Sunday. In John 4:24, Jesus says, "For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

To worship in the Spirit means that we offer our praise to God as guided by the Holy Spirit. Our worship should not be artificial, but rather be a genuine expression of God's Spirit within us. It's the understanding of our worship as more than a physical act: it is an act of the heart and soul. How do we worship in the Spirit? We cultivate a relationship with God and letting our praise flow naturally out of an earnest desire to express our thankfulness and adoration to Him. This instruction was given to encourage to not simply go through the motions. God desires that we worship Him because we want to show our love for Him. To worship God in truth simply means that our worship is to be based on the truth of the scriptures. We should be able to articulate who we are giving our worship to and why we are doing it. It's all about avoiding the mindset of pleasing God through worship in order to obtain some kind of reward.

To worship in truth is to base our worship of God solely on His character and presence in our lives. How does one worship in truth? By spending time reading God's Word each day and forming a deep understanding of who He is and how He works in your life. God wants our worship to come not out of obligation but from our hearts and soul. He wants us to love Him and come to Him by our own choice. This is what true worship is all about. Be intentional about worshipping God each and every day.

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## Charmed Memories: Turning grief into cherished keepsakes

By Kyla Woodard  
For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG — When Dezaree Sargent's daughter cut her hair for the first time, Dezaree wanted to find a way to savor the fresh cut and make the memory last forever.

"Instead of just throwing it in the drawer, I was like, 'Oh, maybe I could just make a necklace or something.' So, I did, and it turned out cool," Dezaree said.

With the creation of that simple necklace, Dezaree's idea catapulted into a business built on the same concept: remembering things we have loved — and maybe lost.

"I just started asking people if they would be interested, and it just went from there," Dezaree said.

Dezaree owns the local business Charmed Memories and makes it her mission to preserve special memories for customers to cherish forever.

Charmed Memories is a hand-made cremation jewelry business that began back in 2016. Working with remains of all sorts, Dezaree spends her days intertwined with the personal treasures of others.

The company specializes in memorial jewelry in rings, pendants, glass beads and necklaces. The personal material she can put into jewelry ranges from cremation remains and hair, teeth, breast milk and even fabric fibers.

"I've gotten many people say they were in tears because it was so meaningful to have something they could wear with them every day. That is part of the person they lost or the pet they've lost," Dezaree said.

At first, she started selling simple jewelry with hair and pet fur on Etsy. As a stay-at-home mom, Dezaree said the business began as a hobby and a way to make some extra money. However, the company has massively grown from what it once was.

From exclusively using hair and pet fur, Dezaree said the growth of her business has now led to her using more cremations and ashes. Dezaree said her orders are a 50/50 split between the two.

In addition to the material growth, Dezaree said her work has grown to impact the world, reaching places such as

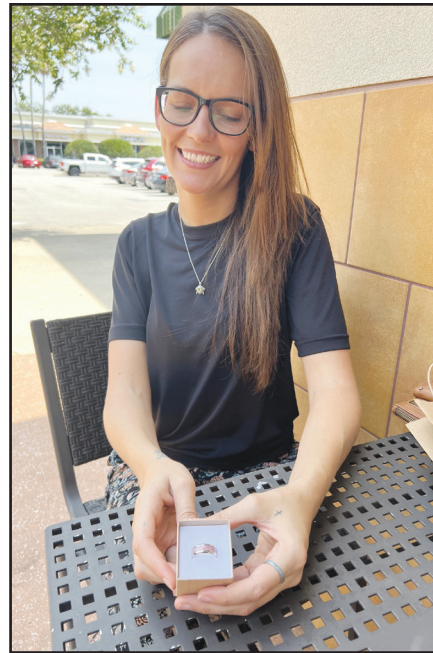


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Dezaree Sargent displays a ring which contains a small portion of somebody's cremated remains.

Canada and the United Kingdom.

As customers place their orders for their charmed memory, Dezaree said they are sent kits to help them through the process. Customers place a little piece of the hair or a tablespoon of ashes into these kits and send them back. Dezaree said orders take about three-to-five weeks to complete.

However, Dezaree said one downside of the process comes with sending the remains through the mail, as they could get lost.

"That happens sometimes. It's like a little tiny bit of hair is all they have left, and then it gets lost in the mail, and they don't have it," Dezaree said.

For that reason, Dezaree said she advises customers only to send a small amount of what they have and not the whole thing.

All done from her home, Dezaree hand-crafts epoxy resin liquid to make her jewelry. Dezaree said she mixes the resin in equal parts with the two-part liquid and then pours it into the jewelry base. From there, she fills in the gaps with the ashes and resin. In 24 hours, Dezaree said the jewelry was hardened and resembled the glass look.

Corey Sargent, Dezaree's husband,

also makes his mark on the business. He makes the glass necessary for the glass jewelry.

"She gives me the ashes, I degas them and then encapsulate them in glass," Corey said. "Then, put them into a bead, charm, necklace... whatever you're going for."

Even with her success with her products, Dezaree said her choice to get into the business didn't come without scrutiny.

"The general public would be, 'That's kind of gross, kind of creepy, nobody would want to see their dead pets' fur in the keychain,'" Dezaree said. "I was like, 'Well, you never know.'"

Corey said knowing this fueled him to do everything he could to ensure his wife succeeded.

"It was really the underdog thing. I really wanted it to work. I really wanted her to succeed and turn into exactly what it has turned into. It has really been an awesome thing to see," he said.

The business has become an outlet for customers to wear their emotions on their sleeves literally.

Customer Jessie Miller said she had purchased items from Charmed Memories a couple of times, and she appreciates the effort that Dezaree puts into beautifully memorializing what could easily be forgotten.

"She puts color in them. She makes them beautiful. They shine. They are memorialized because they're kept that way. Ashes in an urn on a shelf, to me ... you put them up there, and you forget about them," Miller said.

In addition to the hand-crafted jewelry, Dezaree said she takes her business to the next level by diving deeper into the physicality of the ashes. With her cremation macrophotography services, she closely examines the "cremains".

To do this, Dezaree said she uses a unique sifter to separate the smaller particles from the large particles in the ashes. This created a unique vision Dezaree said she had never seen before.

"I started seeing all these colorful pieces in the ashes... it was pink, and blue and green," Dezaree Sargent said.

Dezaree said the different minerals in the body react differently to the cremation temperature, causing them to obtain their bright colors under the microscope.

After taking the pictures, Dezaree said she sends them to customers upon request.

"A lot of people are really interested in looking, just because they say it's more beautiful ... every cremation of ashes is different. That was them. That was their makeup. They think that it's comforting to see, I guess, the beauty of what was left over."

Even with the beauty of the job, Dezaree said there are times when it can be-

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# Clay County schools earn 24 ENERGY STAR certifications

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Clay County District Schools has announced 24 school campuses in Clay County have earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s ENERGY STAR certification for superior energy performance.

“Improving the energy efficiency of our nation’s buildings is critical to protecting our environment,” said Cindy Jacobs, Chief of the ENERGY STAR Commercial & Industrial Branch. “From the boiler room to the board room, organizations are leading the way by making their buildings more efficient and earning EPA’s ENERGY STAR certification.”

ENERGY STAR-certified buildings and plants are verified to perform in the top 25% of buildings nationwide based on weather-normalized source energy use that considers occupancy, hours of operation, and other key metrics. ENERGY STAR is the only energy efficiency certification in the United States that is based on actual, verified energy performance.

“We’re honored to earn the ENERGY STAR for superior energy performance at Clay County District Schools and appreciate the efforts of everyone who has been involved in its efficient operation,” said



Superintendent David Broskie. “Saving energy is just one of the ways we show our community we care and that we’re committed to doing our part to protect the environment and public health, both today and for future generations.”

Broskie credited the success to energy efficiency measures implemented at school campuses through the proactive work by our school leaders, District operations team, and partnership with Cenergistic.

On average, ENERGY STAR-certified buildings and plants use 35% less energy, cause 35% fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and are less expensive to operate than their peers – all without sacrifices in performance or comfort.

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The certified schools are:

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- Charles E. Bennett Elementary
- Doctors Inlet Elementary
- Green Cove Junior High
- Grove Park Elementary
- Keystone Heights Elementary
- Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High
- Lake Asbury Elementary
- Lakeside Elementary
- Lakeside Junior High

- McRae Elementary
- Middleburg Elementary
- Middleburg High
- Orange Park Elementary
- Paterson Elementary
- Ridgeview Elementary
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## Police Briefs

### CCSO: Man jailed for shooting a man in stomach

MIDDLEBURG — A 36-year-old man was arrested and charged with attempted murder after Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies found another man in the front yard of a home on Zagato Court with gunshot wounds to the abdomen and arm.

Adam Sidney McWilliams, of Middleburg, is being held on a \$750,003 bond after the man, who wasn't identified, required surgery and was placed in a medically-induced coma.

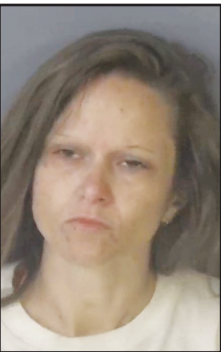
McWilliams' next court appearance will be on July 3.



Adam McWilliams

### Woman caught for hiding drugs while being booked into jail

MIDDLEBURG — A woman caught with fentanyl on May 31 now faces two additional charges after Clay County Sheriff's Office Detention Deputies discovered hidden methamphetamine and alprazolam while she was being booked into the county jail.



Nicole Kreitzer

According to two arrest reports, Nicole Lorraine Kreitzer, 35, of Green Cove Springs, was stopped after the agency got a call about a woman riding a bicycle "acting in a strange manner" in the parking lot of a doughnut and sandwich shop on Blanding Boulevard. When deputies arrived, the woman ducked behind a dumpster, but she eventually emerged.

After being arrested for loitering and prowling, deputies found a packet of fentanyl wrapped in foil in her waist and a syringe.

She was charged with two counts of introducing contraband into the jail, possession of fentanyl and drug paraphernalia, and loitering and prowling.

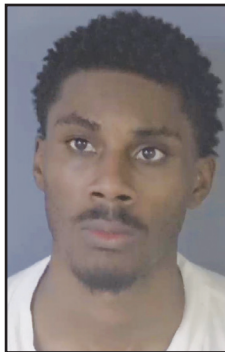
Once at the jail, detention deputies found methamphetamine in a plastic bag tucked in her body cavity and a pill in her fanny pack bag.

Her bond was set at \$65,013.

### Thumbprint leads to arrest for cashing counterfeit check

ORANGE PARK — The Clay County Sheriff's Office were able to track down one of three people accused of cashing counterfeit payroll checks in 2020.

Jaelon Wesley Eiland, 22, was charged with passing a counterfeit instrument after he cashed a check from a phony business at the EZ Cash Zone on



Jaelon Eiland

Blanding Boulevard.

According to the affidavit for arrest warrant, three people brought checks drawn from Tacilda's Kitchen. Eiland's check was for \$658.78. The owner of the check-cashing store discovered all three checks were counterfeit five days later.

Investigators learned the address for the restaurant all three used was Sundance Pointe Apartments in Jacksonville. They also found a listing for Tacilda's Kitchen on a website, but the picture of the business actually was from a closed pizzeria.

Further investigation showed the phone number provided by all three to the check-cashing store was used at the same time in a rental scheme in El Paso, Texas.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement identified the thumbprint Eiland provided when he cashed the check.

CCSO and FDLE identified the other two suspects as Alisa Belladonna and Tyrance Simmons-Powell.

Eiland's bond is \$25,003.

### Hospital staff find drugs hidden in shoplifter's body

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — A man who passed out while being booked for shoplifting and resisting arrest was found with a cache of drugs hidden in his body, the Clay County Sheriff's Office said.

Kenard Anthony Williams, 32, of Orange Park, now faces additional charges of possession of fentanyl, marijuana and cocaine after he was transported to HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, where staff removed the drugs from his body cavity. According to the arrest report, hospital staff believed there was more contraband in his bladder,

but they couldn't retrieve it.

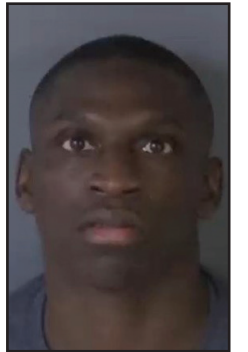
Bond for Williams was \$15,009.

### Man Tased twice after challenging two CCSO deputies

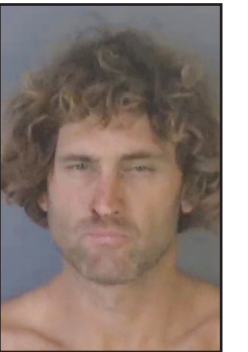
GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies had to deploy their Tasers twice to subdue a man after neighbors said they saw him with a "long gun" along County Road 209 South on June 3.

Allen David Shugart, 36, of St. Augustine, was charged with shooting or throwing a missile, resisting arrest with violence and vandalism after a man called to say Shugart damaged his car.

According to the arrest report, when deputies arrived, Shugart ran into a wooded area. The defendant threw a log at one of the deputies, and then he "took a fighting stance" before approaching one of the deputies. Shugart was Tased, but he pulled the probes out. He was Tased again by a second deputy, and that allowed them to make the arrest.



Kenard Williams



Allen Shugart

## 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, June 6

Aquise L. Bacon, 27, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
Kelli A. Johnson, 27, Middleburg, domestic battery  
Michelle R. Taylor, 49, Orange Park, child abuse  
Nafarro I.M. Hazzard, 26, Green Cove Springs, FTA-failure to register vehicle  
Reginald R. Young, 19, Orange Park, domestic battery  
Darrin D. Touchton, 63, Orange Park, DUI, refusal to submit to BAL test  
Diana E. Portillo, 38, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, giving false name/ID  
Jerry D. Gardner, 47, Orange Park, viola-

tion of injunction for protection against domestic violence

### Monday, June 5

Arik L.A. Bach, 27, Green Cove Springs, aggravated stalking/following/harassing/cyberstalking after injunction  
Makala J. Danielly, 19, Fleming Island, shoplifting  
Jazmyne A. Jackson, 20, Fleming Island, shoplifting  
Patin R. Dupree, 27, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail  
Matthew A. McConnell, 39, Green Cove Springs, failure to obey law enforcement order to stop, DWLSR

### Sunday, June 4

Zachary T.C. Cornett, 27, Middleburg, DUI, DWLSR  
Timothy J. Congdon, 37, Middleburg, domestic battery  
Jacob A. Nelson, 29, Orange Park, solicitation on public road  
Nikuka S. Liyanawaduge, 41, Orange Park, shoplifting

James A. Todd, 33, Orange Park, shoplifting

Jordan T.V. Wingerden, 20, Fleming Island, domestic battery, abuse disabled person  
Kayci A. Comer, 26, Middleburg, domestic battery  
Jordan L. Hayes, 22, Orange Park, DUI  
Terence E. Pettis, 32, Orange Park, assault  
Tony C. Thomas, 38, Orange Park, assault, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

### Saturday, June 3

John W. Barber, 47, Middleburg, DUI  
Jessica L. Trauschke, 42, possession-crack cocaine, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia  
Jennifer L. McBride, 45, Green Cove Springs, possession-fentanyl, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia  
Donna M. Taylor, 38, Fleming Island, shoplifting  
Allen D. Shugart, 36, Green Cove

Springs, shooting/throw missile into dwelling/vehicle/building/aircraft, resist officer with violence, vandalism

Clay W. Woodall, 20, Fleming Island, battery, grand theft  
Lisandro M.P. Duarte, 20, driving without valid license  
Curtis L. Henderson, 56, Orange Park, possession-drug paraphernalia, trespassing  
Timothy L. Brown, 26, Orange Park, trespassing  
Rosario M. Menciano, 72, Middleburg, writ of attachment  
Kenard A. Williams, 32, Green Cove Springs, introduce contraband into jail, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana, possession-fentanyl  
Gary W. Gill, 42, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement  
Terray J. Smith, 34, Orange Park, battery  
Nathan M. Hall, 21, Middleburg, VOP-written threats/aggravated assault



This piece of jewelry contains a puzzle piece made of cremated remains. Dezaree Sargent makes the pieces to memorialize a loved one.

## Keepsakes

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come overwhelming.

Dezaree said working so closely with death, she has a hard time processing it.

"You talk to people every single day about them losing people they love, and sometimes it gives me a lot of anxiety. I think about my death or my family members' death a lot more now than I used to," Dezaree said.

To cope with that, Dezaree said time with her family is important.

"I spend time with my kids. I feel like I'm a lot more present, [and] at the moment because I realize you never know," Dezaree said. "So, we're just taking everything as it comes."

Charmed Memories is partnered with Ophelia's Eclectics at 1838 Henley Road. Dezaree said that's where work samples can be found, local pickups/drop-offs and consultations take place.

However, Dezaree said she hopes to further expand in the local community.

"I'm kind of hoping now that I have this spot...maybe I can get more local customers. A lot of people say they didn't know that it was ever an option to have stuff made like that. So, I'm hoping to get a little bit more involved in the local community," Dezaree said.

## Hurricane

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Ladd said the landscape change presents an ever-changing challenge.

"It's more geographic based and more of the susceptibility to wind and storm surge," he said. "As we have more development and again, I don't have a lot of blueprints, and I'm not an architect by any stretch, but as that topography starts to change, then some of the models of the (Black Creek) South and North prongs could adjust waterways. Some places that may not have flooded in the past may flood this time.

"What concerns me is any changes to what I think to be a somewhat sedimentary problem set. If there are changes in the topography, the big thing is, will the problems act differently than I think they're going to?"

The last official Tropical Storm here was Andrea in 2013. It had a maximum sustained wind of 55 mph. The last hurricane came in 2006 with Ernesto. The most-powerful storm was Georges in 1998, with top winds of 135 mph.

The costliest, however, was Irma in 2017. It ripped across the state before being downgraded from a Category 5 to a strong Tropical Storm with maximum



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

The Clay County Division of Emergency Management's command center is quiet ahead of what acting manager Mike Ladd hopes of a quiet storm season. If weather threatens the county, the Emergency Operations Center will be filled with officials who will monitor the storm's track, downed power lines, traffic, law enforcement, rescue, schools, flooding and emergency medical calls.

winds of 72 mph. Irma, however, was a significant rain event, dumping 14 inches of water in a county already defined by its waterways. Flooding destroyed or damaged 858 homes and forced the evacuation of 900 residents. Water levels for Black Creek's North and South prongs measured at 28.5 feet – nearly three

higher than the previous records.

A record 6.5 million people were evacuated during Irma – the largest in state history. From the Caribbean to Southeastern U.S., a total of 134 people died, and it caused \$77.2 billion in damages. In Clay, nobody died, but it left more than \$40 million swath of local damage.



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## Rotary of Green Cove Springs honors scholarship winners

PENNEY FARMS – Clay High graduates Jadan Matthew McKlevey and Timothy Meadows were honored last Monday for winning scholarships from the Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs. "I would like to major in accounting," McKlevey told the club during its weekly meeting. McKlevey said his dual enrollment means he will be earning his Associate of Arts degree in a few months. He then plans to attend the University of North Florida. Meadows also plans the St. Johns River State College-to-North Florida route to major in Business Administration and start a concrete business. "I've seen how business is so important," he said. "In this world, concrete will forever be a thing. People will need in our business."

## Arrests

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### Friday, June 2

Kenard A. Williams, 32, Fleming Island, shoplifting, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Jeremy S. Kay, 47, Middleburg, battery  
Kristin K. Gaddis, 26, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Luisa B. Cortez, 43, Orange Park, domestic battery

Jeff A. Anderson, 32, Green Cove Springs, disorderly intoxication, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Christopher M. Kelly, 46, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Anthony M. Boyle, 42, Orange Park, trafficking-ecstasy

Audrey N. Hughes, 44, Green Cove

Springs, violation of pre-trial release conditions for domestic violence

Shawndell M. Robinson, 27, Orange Park, trespassing

Ezra L. Washington, 68, Orange Park, battery

Jennifer L. Biscarner, 38, Orange Park, battery

Christy-Jo A. Lewis, 18, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana

Chancellor R. Morinti, 18, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana

Jeanetta M. Williams, 35, Oakleaf, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, domestic battery

### Thursday, June 1

William B. Hudgins, 43, Fleming Island, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Johnny D. Atkinsm 28, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Elyanne J. Walker, 31, FTA-petit theft  
Jaelon W. Eiland, 22, Green Cove

Springs, passing counterfeit instrument  
Tyler L. Sylvester, 45, Green Cove

Springs, VOP-DUI  
Yaira N. Edge, 44, Fleming Island, bat-

ttery  
Accel X. Lipps, 21, Green Cove Springs,

VOP-carrying concealed firearm, VOP-possession-marijuana

Melissa J. Gray, 42, Green Cove Springs, FTA-uttering/passing/altering false bank

bills  
James F. Kearney, 52, Orange Park,

exploitation of elderly person  
Letroy E. Jackson, 34, Green Cove

Springs, writ of attachment  
Brandi N. Reed, 29, Green Cove Springs,

FTA-possession-marijuana  
April J. Higginbotham, 38, Green Cove

Springs, FTA-possession-drug paraphernalia

Carlos Pineda-Arevalo, 50, Green Cove Springs, DWSLR

Brian J. Hood, 19, Orange Park, fugitive from justice

Adam S. McWilliams, 36, Middleburg, attempted murder

Katelyn A. Elkins, 18, Middleburg, DUI with BAL .15 or higher with passenger

younger than 18  
Ashonna M. Franklin, 20, Middleburg,

FTA

### Wednesday, May 31

Sean P. Slaughter, 36, Oakleaf, felony domestic battery

Luis A. Nevarez, 54, Middleburg, possession-cocaine, possession-adderall, possession-drug paraphernalia

Odell T. Johns, 64, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWSLR

Kellum K. Keys, 38, Middleburg, sexual battery

# Boater Skip Day



## Thousands enjoy day of sun, sandbar, sounds and suds at Bayard Point

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Thousands came to Bayard Point on Boater Skip Day to party, splash and revel during the one day adults set aside to call in sick and enjoy a day on the St. Johns River.

Members of several law enforcement agencies were also on hand to ensure there weren't any problems and everyone got home safely.

Except for 18 Boating Under the Influence citations, last Friday's event was the largest and most successful in the history of the unofficial "Mardi Gras-like" holiday.

Although the Clay County Sheriff's Office said the peak of the daylong event is at 2:30 p.m., they estimated more than 1,000 boats were already moored a half-mile on either side of the sandbar at Mile Marker 24.

Boaters started arriving on the river a half-day in advance. The gathering was supposed to get underway at 9 a.m., but by then, the sheriff's office sent an alert saying ramps at Governors Creek, Knight's Boat Ramp, Lake Shore Boat Ramp, Doctors Lake Boat Ramp and Williams Park were at capacity. The ramp was closed at Whitey's Fish Camp on Fleming Island during the event.

Despite the congestion, the music was still loud; the atmosphere was still festive. But according to law enforcement agencies, there were no incidents.

"We're out here because you have to be prepared for anything," said CCSO Ma-

rine Unit Deputy Joseph Morrell. "We've planned for this for months. We're working in conjunction with several agencies."

Morrell's boat included three members of the sheriff's office SWAT team. While the threat of a brawl or an active shooter was remote, they were prepared for any challenge.

Agencies representing CCSO, Clay County Fire Rescue and Emergency Management and Putnam County, St. Johns County and Jacksonville sheriff's office were on the water, along with units from Green Cove Springs and St. Augustine police departments, Jacksonville Fire Rescue and the U.S. Coast Guard. Their heavy presence didn't dull the party atmosphere.

At the scene, a rescue helicopter, river rescue boats and ambulance were parked at the Point.

"We just wanted them to know we're here if we're needed," Morrell said.

A couple of miles north of the fun, law enforcement, including the Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and CCSO, established a command post to focus on anyone with too much to drive a boat.

They also ensured everyone had a life-jacket, and every boat was equipped with flares and an ignition kill switch.

There were 18 arrests made for BUI, according to FFWCC Capt. Philip Glover. Other than that, "there were no other incidents."

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### Top Male Performers of the Year



#### Reyes overcomes fear for team points

**1** Kevin Reyes

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High boys weightlifting coach Damenyum Springs had his notes figured out on paper for the state championships in Lakeland and only figured his team as a possible tie finish at best based on his squad's numbers versus the regional postings around Florida.

"There is a lot of nervousness for some guys when they hit the big lights at the state meet," said Springs. "Some guys rise up to the moment, others don't. One guy who we had no idea would do what he did was Kevin Reyes. On paper, I had Kevin in the top 10."

Reyes, a sophomore and primarily a burly offensive lineman for Springs on the football team that was using weightlifting as preparation for football, ventured into the highly-competitive world of

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Orange Park athletic director Destiny Brightman is all smiles as refurbished Hoyt B. Cotney stadium is on timeline to be ready for a fall 2023 season.

## Cotney Stadium to be ready for fall

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Though Orange Park High School Athletic Director Destiny Brightman was installed after the initial destroying then rebuilding of Hoyt B. Cotney Stadium, the project has become her baby of sorts.

"We want to provide a safe, efficient facility for our football team, as well as soccer, track and flag football, to be able to play in a first class environment," said Brightman. "The track was rubberized a few years ago and now the new home side stadium has

been completely redone with other amenities added. We are on target for a fall reopening of the stadium to which Hoyt B. Cotney would be proud."

According to long time Raider coach of many sports Robert Garcia, who was a field maintenance supervisor, football and track coach, special education teacher among his duties as a Raider, noted that the need for the new stadium was probably a few years coming.

"I think the old stadium, built brick by brick by inmates from the county

jail back around 1962, was historic in the players that have come through, but definitely in need of improvement," said Garcia, who noted that he could remember at least 10 all-time great football players who have graced the fields. "The field was erected in 1962 with Larry Wesley as the first coach and I've been a part of Raider football for nearly two decades with names like Demetrius Baker, Terrence Plummer, Pookie and Lamont Floyd as well as a history of Floyd-named players. I could also say my son, Matthew, was

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weightlifting with a bit of persuasion to add team points to the Fleming Island team.

“Coach Springs was very good at just kind of encouraging me each day and boosting my confidence that I was strong enough because I was a little apprehensive about throwing that much weight over my head,” said Reyes, after his state title in the Unlimited Olympic Snatch lift for the Golden Eagles.

Springs was pleasantly surprised by Reyes’ explosive win. Reyes bested his region total of 295 to 315 to secure his title and push the Fleming Island team to the team title.

“I had us on paper at least tying Choctowhatchee and in the top three with Leesburg in the Traditional,” said Springs. “Kevin went big and won the state title. It was amazing. As a coach, you never know when a kid will hit the switch.”

For his amazing finish and his contribution to a second state title for Springs, Reyes is the Clay Today male performer of the year.

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

fortunately, had Leon High’s Patrick Koon, the Gatorade Florida Boys Cross Country Player of the Year as his main nemesis in region and state meet competitions, kept chase on Koon throughout the 2023 track season and, at the Class 3A 3200 final, Koon, also a junior, by the way, had to fight off a final lap surge to keep Myers at bay with the two finishing 1-2; Koon in 8:58.83 with Myers at 9:12.40, also his best. Myers was second in the 3200 in Class 1A as a sophomore at St. Johns Country Day School in 2022.



## 3 Lantz Lowery

Keystone Heights High boys weightlifting coach Lantz Lowery, with back-to-back state titles on his resume prior to the 2023 season, was contemplative on starting the 2023 with 11 graduates off the 2022 state champion team. Lowery, a master of matching his athletes to specific weight classes for maximum scoring potential, answered questions of a three-peat with a third state title. Lowery consistently says that his key is that his lifters have to just achieve all three of their lifts for the team to succeed.

With that mindset, Lowery knew his main target was defending Class 2A champion Suwannee High School, now in Class 1A, at the Class 1A championships. Low-

ery’s premonition got a split in his titles with a win over Suwannee in Traditional and a tie at second place with South Sumter in Olympics.



## 4 Jayce Paridon

Fleming Island High junior wrestler Jayce Paridon inspired his 2023 season to overcome his state runnerup in 2022 that ended a previously unbeaten season. Paridon, unbeaten to the final match of 2022, moved up in weight class and, though with two losses, stormed the state championship meet and won his first state title. Paridon has been a consistent top three ranked state player finishing third (8th grade with University Christian), second (freshman with Fleming Island) and first (sophomore at FIHS) in his young wrestling career with a possible two more titles on his radar.

## 5 T.J. Lane

Middleburg High senior running back T.J. Lane came to Middleburg with the mindset of adding to a newly formed coaching staff on a program that had seen better days. Lane played tough and quiet as the second back in the backfield until situations abruptly changed and thrust Lane into the marquis offensive weapon for

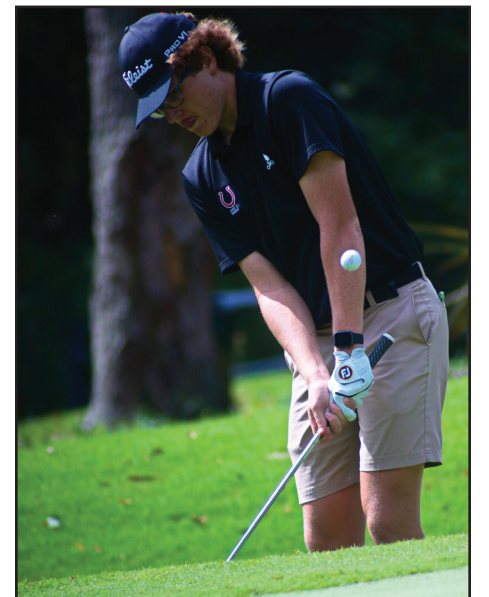


coach Ryan Wolfe.

Lane, also a weightlifter for the Broncos, answered the call with nearly 2,000 yards rushing, 18 scores and a playoff berth for the Broncos. Lane waited for his turn then exploded with a series of games that included games of 226, 239, 351 and 321 yards for the Broncos after limited duty in his first four games.

## 6 Chase Carroll

Middleburg High senior golfer Chase Carroll had been chasing the elusive state title that big brother Cody had achieved in his tenure at Middleburg. In his senior



## 2 Graham Myers

Fleming Island High junior cross country and track runner Graham Myers who bettered his third place cross country finish in Class 3A that was behind the defending state champion to repeat as a track state runnerup in the 3200 again against the best guy in the state. Myers, who un-

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season, Carroll stayed laser focused on the prize at hand and just about upended the golf world with an overtime second place finish in Class 2A in a golf-off with Ponte Vedra champion Brock Blais. Carroll's history with the Bronco golf team includes four visits to the state championship tournament; one more than brother Cody as a consolation.



## 7 Cameron Coachman

Oakleaf High senior basketball center Cameron Coachman was the focal point of an Oakleaf team that torched the 2023 season, 24-2, behind an aggressively fast attacking defense led by Coachman's shot-blocking prowess in the paint. Coachman, with an astounding 5.3 blocked shots per game average, was the shadow under the basket that forced enemy offensive schemes to alter their attacks.

## 8 Drew Ammon

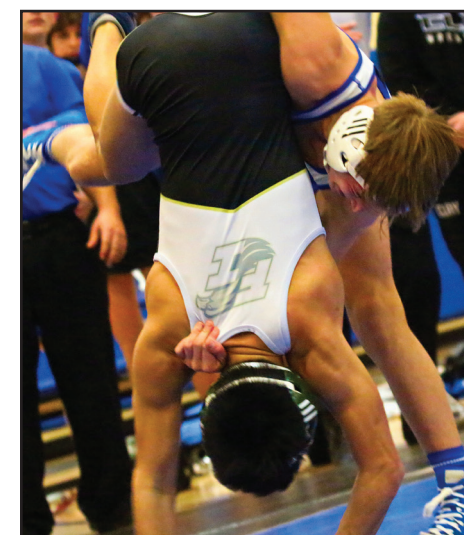


Oakleaf High senior football quarterback Drew Ammon was the Magic Man for Knights' football not for his amazing statistics (1680 yards passing, 18 TDs) but more for his inventiveness to get the ball downfield and into the end zone. For Ammon, he put the points on the board and had to endure the other team also putting points on the board, as Oakleaf finished with a 5-5 record against one of the strongest schedules in Florida.

Ammon was also a key player for the Oakleaf boys soccer team (12 goals, 10 assists, district title) and a district tennis player.

## 9 Evan Brown

Oakleaf High senior track sprinter Evan Brown battled against some of the fastest guys in Florida with a best of 10.55 for 100 meters and 21.65 at 200 meters. Brown, like Myers in distance running at Fleming Island, also had his own top target in Creekside junior state champion Christian Miller who was 100 and 200 4A champion. Brown chased Miller to finish second in districts; 10.36 to 10.55, fifth at regions 10.64 and then seventh in Class 4A at 10.68 with Miller winning at 10.31.



## 10 Jacob Bucci

Clay High sophomore wrestler Jacob Bucci pinned his way all the way around the Class 2A championship bracket until he faced off and lost a tough 2-1 decision to eventual champion at 106 Roberto Rodriguez of Brandon. Bucci, 48-2, would eventually finish third with a pin into the third place match and a 4-0 win, ironically, over Fleming Island's Matthew Newman. Newman beat Bucci 2-0 in the district championship match with Bucci winning the region title over Newman 2-1 in overtime.

Also considered were Cibastian Broughton (FIHS QB), Roman Mollicone (FIHS 800), Logan Spence (KHHS soccer), Austin Cruce (MHS LB), Payton Dykas (CHS WR), Matthew Braddock (SJCDs wrestling), Dylan Ducut (FIHS swimming), Dylan Lewis (OHS basketball), Archieve Triggs III (OPHS basketball), Randy Emmanuel (RHS weightlifting), Wyatt Underwood (MHS track),

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Left: Middleburg High football players get instructions for weightlifting workout with Coach Benjamin Traywick in latest improvement in Broncos' weightlifting room. Right: Middleburg High athletic director Casey Thompson is orchestrating step by step improvements of the Bronco athletic facilities.

# Build it, they will lift

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - With the recent athletics history at Middleburg High School; softball state titles, football region playoffs, weightlifting medalists, the Bronco Horsepower Nation has added a new room to keep the momentum going.

"Middleburg sports has improved year after year the past few years and I have to try and keep up," said Middleburg Athletic Director Casey Thompson. "We want to make sure our student athletes have the best equipment and facilities to allow them to get stronger and better in their sports. This room is for everyone."

The new weightroom is a nearly \$100,000 final plan with the most recent installment of about \$13,000 bringing new weight racks with another \$35,000 for a new floor. The spacious center of the room offers plenty of room for athletes to warm up and prepare for workouts.

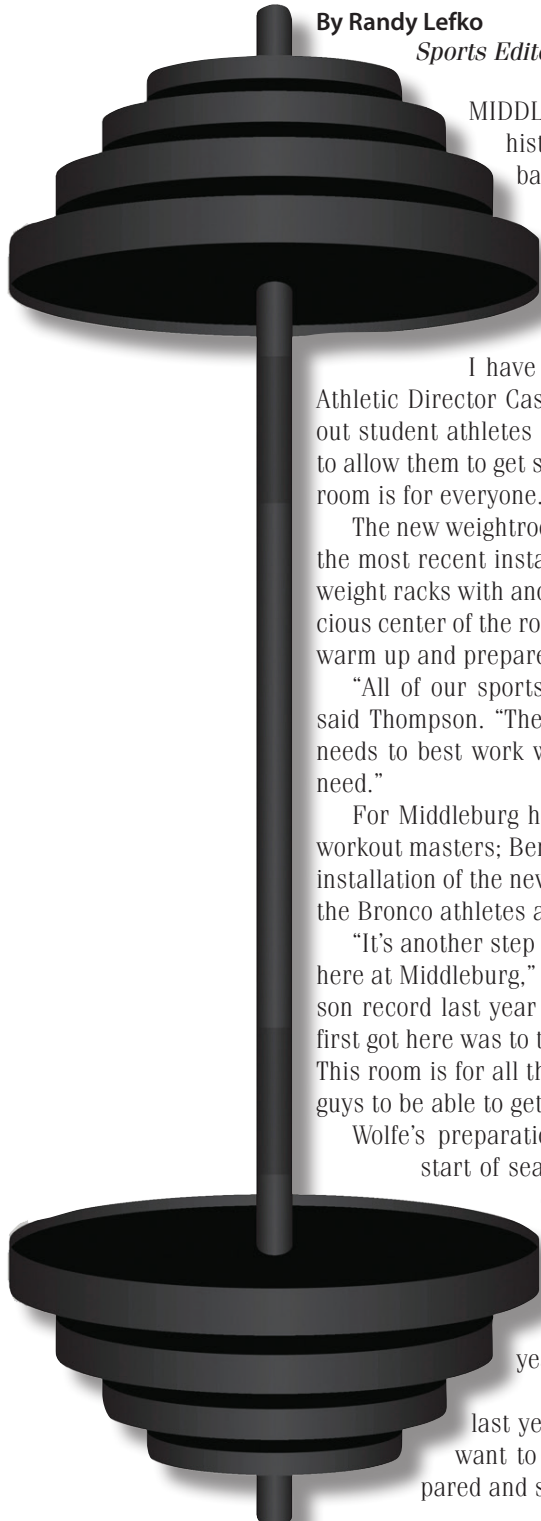
"All of our sports have been using this room already," said Thompson. "The coaches have met and discussed the needs to best work with their athletes and what they may need."

For Middleburg head football coach Ryan Wolfe and his workout masters; Benjamin Traywick and Alan Burnsed, the installation of the new equipment is with a mindset of giving the Bronco athletes a newer, cleaner room to get better.

"It's another step in our plan to improve all of the sports here at Middleburg," said Wolfe, who turned a 5-5 final season record last year in his initial season. "My goal when I first got here was to try and get the best stuff for these kids. This room is for all the sports, of course, I want my football guys to be able to get stronger."

Wolfe's preparation for 2023 includes another wicked start of season as was his 2022 start with newly crowned state champion Hawthorne (1R state champ), Bishop Kenny (region quarters), Bradford (2S Final Four) and Ponte Vedra who gave Wolfe an early wakeup call in his first year with four losses in a row.

"Everyone was new to the program last year and we got hit hard," said Wolfe. "I want to see us enter those games better prepared and stronger."





Orange Park athletic director Destiny Brightman tests out the new public address system in Hoyt B. Cotney stadium.

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a great player.”

Garcia quipped that the history of the stadium included Pepsi Cola bottles dating 1959 that were found in the stadium rubble.

Brightman, who succeeded Michael Harrison as athletic director, noted that the scoreboard was changed prior to the destruction of the old stadium and that the new stadium includes new bathroom facilities (45 stalls from six previously) and a new concession stands plus an amped-up press box.

“The press box is fully air conditioned, Wi-Fi fitted and has cameras installed for live streamed events in the future,” said Brightman. “We haven’t done anything to the visitors side yet, but that may come in the future. Coach Harrison had more to do in getting the ball rolling.”

The track, fully rubberized and FHSAA district capable, was installed after a hurricane destroyed the previous track nearly five years ago.

The stadium, according to Garcia, has

a lot of history and some Raider alums and families were interested, at one time, of taking bricks from the rubble to commemorate the stadium.

“The stadium, built in the late 1950s and 1960s, had a lot of memories for the people of Orange Park,” said Garcia. “There are literally four air conditioners instead of one window unit for the entire press box and the WiFi is up to date for being a top notch press box. There are also two coaching boxes for assistant coaches to watch the game and report to the coaches on the field.”

Brightman noted the seating capacity seats around 2,500 fans with special seating for wheelchair bound fans and a ramp into the stadium body.

Brightman also commented that the new coaching staff, led by second year coach Marcus Wimberly, has been technologically improved with the facility itself still on the planning board.

“Coach Wimberly has done a lot to bring in new tech stuff,” said Brightman. “We’ll get to that building another time. Right now, the coaching staff is the only new part of the fieldhouse.”



Orange Park athletic director Destiny Brightman embraces the new Hoyt B. Cotney stadium.

# Soccer ace wins Butterfly 5K

By Ray Dimonda  
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - With soccer friends and family joining him in the Pink Ribbon Symposium Butterfly Race held Saturday at Orange Park Town Hall, former local soccer ace Jacob Hess blasted the field in the annual 3.1 mile journey around Orange Park.

Hess, 27, a Ridgeview High soccer standout and also a Oxford College of Emory (GA) soccer standout, took off from the start, gapped the field by 150 yards within the first half mile, then cruised in to win in 18 minutes, 57 seconds to out-distance runnerup Jack Gosselin, 17, in at 20:30. Third place went to local runner Omron Wallizada, 26, in 21:04.

Also in the field with Hess were uncle Tony Davis, 52, who finished 11th in 22:51, and cousin Connor Davis, 22, a soccer standout at Fleming Island, who finished seventh in 22:25. Both Hess and Davis played for Clay County Soccer.

For the women, Heather Thompson, 44, a Fleming Island High cross country coach and mom of track standout Katie Thompson, a Fleming Island senior, won in 22:47 and placed 10th overall in the 218 finisher field.

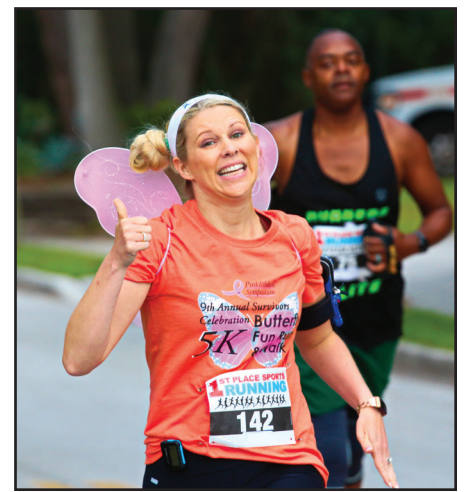
1st Place Sports of Jacksonville staged the event to benefit National Cancer Survivor Day festivities.

For the females, behind Thompson were Dena Begle, 38, in 19th in 25:10 and sisters Eve and Emma Schlotthauer, 12 and 16, who finished a second apart in third and fourth, respectively, in 26:13 and 26:14. Begle was age group winner in 30-39.

In the adjoining one mile kids run, Jacob Reid, 5, was male winner with Tobi Idowu, 6, the female winner.



Former Ridgeview High soccer star Jacob Hess is all alone at the finish line of the Butterfly 5K.



Orange Park runner Julie Greenwalt is all smiles with her pink butterfly outfit on at Orange Parks Butterfly 5K on Saturday.



Fleming Island high cross country mom Heather Thompson won the butterfly 5K female overall title.



Above: Swift moving Tobi Idowu was first female in kids one mile fun run.



Right: Five-year-old Jacob Reid dominated the kids 1 mile fun run.



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Ridgeview High senior Alex Romer flies up wall under watchful eyes of mom, Dawn, and dad, Pete, during training session at family's gym in Orange Park, Mighty Orion Fitness Gym. Romer competed on the television show American Ninja warrior recently.

## Romer holds American Ninja secret

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - For Ridgeview High School senior Alex Romer, the tension of competing on TV is over, but the anxiety of not being able to talk about it is probably more taxing than his adventure.

"I'm not allowed to talk about how I did because of the show," said Romer, 17, who recently returned home from Los Angeles after a stint on the TV show American Ninja Warrior. "I submitted a video of my skills and they invited me. I went out, competed and now we wait."

Romer's segment is schedule to air in episode eight of the recently restarted show. American Ninja Warrior which will be starting its 14th season on NBC and, according to the NBC.com website, the show will feature a lower age limit (15 years old), but keeps the eventual \$1 million prize at the end if competitors continue to advance to the National Finals in Las Vegas. Athletes, like Romer, compete in numerous qualifying rounds and semifinals to advance.

"We have American Ninja gyms in the area and in Georgia and there is a Ninja League that we can compete at the local level against other gyms," said Romer. "It's all designed to keep us active and developing our skill set to be able to get on to the TV show."

Romer, a soccer and band member at Ridgeview, has been an American Ninja

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**"I don't lift weights, but do all body weight training to simulate the needs of the course. I have pretty good finger strength because a lot of the courses have obstacles that you only get fingerholds on. I carry around hand squeezing devices nearly all day; like 100 squeezes a day."**

– Alex Romer

Warrior fan for nearly a decade after seeing the highly-competitive obstacle race show on television.

"He saw the show, then told us he wanted dad to build him some obstacles in the backyard," said Dawn Romer, who co-owns with her husband, Pete, Mighty Orion Fitness Gym on Blanding Blvd. "Alex did gymnastics for while, but has had the American Ninja on his mind since that day."

Romer, who has two siblings also into the Ninja craze, credits his dad's energy and skill to replicate the American Ninja obstacles on TV to the family's backyard,

first, then to the Orion gym on Blanding.

"Pete retired from the US Navy and then the interest grew and he just kept adding stuff to the yard, then the business came into play," said Dawn Romer. "Our gym is a combination of seeing obstacles on TV, talking to other athletes and trying to replicate the courses we have seen."

Romer, with his freshman and sophomore years at Middleburg, then his junior year and upcoming senior season at Ridgeview, got his first whiff of Ninja in a home gym competition that Alex won that gave him the confidence of moving up.

"He won a competition in our first competition in our gym like March six years ago and then went to regionals six months later and finished second," said Dawn Romer, noting the Ninja craze has created leagues throughout the United States with a championship event in New Mexico. "From that, six years ago, and six months after his first competition, he went to the World Finals. That has put the bug in him."

Romer currently competes in the FINA League; Federation of Ninja Athletes.

"FINA has two courses, a speed course and an endurance course," said Alex Romer. "One is shorter with eight or nine smaller obstacles but it's fast. The endurance ones; 12 or more obstacles, can be brutal."

Romer has trained for his Ninja mainly with body weight fitness, technique building and running for endurance.

"I don't lift weights, but do all body weight training to simulate the needs of the course," said Romer. "I have pretty good finger strength because a lot of the courses have obstacles that you only get fingerholds on. I carry around hand squeezing

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs at Horton's Towing 3645 Hwy 17, Bldg. 2, Fleming Island, FL 32003 Horton's Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
 Auction date - 6/29/2023, 9:00 a.m.  
 2006 Mazda VIN# JM1CR23060102578  
**Legal 71038 Published 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 2019 CA 000146  
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE NOTEHOLDERS FOR THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED NOTES SERIES 2005-SD2, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CHARLES FREDERICK FORTNER A/K/A CHARLES F. FORTNER; BETTY FORTNER; KAREN HAYES; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF BROOKS WAYNE FORTNER A/K/A BROOKS W. FORTNER; DEBRA FORTNER; CRYSTAL FORTNER; AMANDA FORTNER; ADAM FORTNER; CHAD FORTNER; KATHERINE JEANNETTE SWAIN, MOTHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN OF LEANN FORTNER, A MINOR; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2.; Defendants.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to an Order Granting Defendant's Emergency Motion to Cancel and Reschedule the Foreclosure Sale Date entered in **Civil Case No. 2019 CA 000146** of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE NOTEHOLDERS FOR THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED NOTES SERIES 2005-SD2 is Plaintiff and THE ESTATE OF CHARLES FREDERICK FORTNER, BETTY FORTNER, KAREN HAYES, THE ESTATE OF BROOKS WAYNE FORTNER, DEBRA FORTNER, CRYSTAL FORTNER, AMANDA FORTNER, ADAM FORTNER, CHAD FORTNER and KATHERINE JEANNETTE SWAIN, MOTHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN OF LEANN FORTNER, A MINOR, et al. are Defendants. The Clerk, TARA S. GREEN, shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at **Clay County's On-Line Public Auction website: <https://www.clay.realforeclose.com>, at 10:00 AM on August 09, 2023**, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property located in CLAY County, Florida, as set forth in said Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure, to-wit:  
**PARCEL 2:**  
**A PARCEL OF LAND BEING LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 27, AND A PORTION OF LOTS 3 AND 4 OF BLOCK 27 GOLDEN GATE MANOR, AS PER PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 59, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**BEGIN AT AN IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 27 OF SAID GOLDEN GATE MANOR, AND RUN S 18 DEG 24 MIN 13 SEC E, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 27, A DISTANCE OF 194.55 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 2 OF SAID BLOCK 27; THENCE RUN N 73 DEG 39 MIN 36 SEC E, ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BONAVENTURE AVENUE, 73.15 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1839, PAGE 1746, CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE RUN N 18 DEG 20 MIN 01 SEC W, ALONG SAID LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1839, PAGE 1746, A DISTANCE OF 97.26 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1839, PAGE 1746; THENCE RUN N 18 DEG 35 MIN 00 SEC W, 99.57 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SPRING STREET; THENCE RUN S 71 DEG 52 MIN 34 SEC W, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 72.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

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 an 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 [crintrp@coj.net](mailto:crintrp@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. Dated this 02 day of June, 2023. Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Leigh Lucroy  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 71036 Published 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**Meeting Dates of the Clay County Utility Authority**

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, call (904) 213-2464.  
**Legal 71031 Published 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**LEGAL NOTICE / AVISO LEGAL (Florida Statute 98.075 / Estatuto de Florida 98.075) Notice is hereby given to the following person(s) with the last known address of: Por la presente se notifica a las siguientes personas con la última dirección conocida de:**

BLACK, NANGI-JO  
 1371 ROSEHILL AVE  
 GREEN COVE SPRINGS, 32043

DAVIS II, TYRONE E.  
 3649 DOUBLE BRANCH LN  
 ORANGE PARK, 32073

FURMAN, RICHARD A  
 622 FILMORE ST UNIT 150D  
 ORANGE PARK, 32065

JOHNSON, MICHAEL A  
 3126 WANDERING OAKS DR  
 ORANGE PARK, 32065

JORDAN, LEON A  
 474 BENTWOOD LN APT 1B  
 ORANGE PARK, 32073

KAY, CHRISTINA M  
 330 LEGACY DR  
 ORANGE PARK, 32073

MCCONNELL, MATTHEW A  
 613 N MAGNOLIA AVE  
 GREEN COVE SPRINGS, 32043

OLIVER III, KENNETH G

**RIDGEWOOD TRAILS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.**

**Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting**

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") for the Ridgewood Trails Community Development District ("District") will hold the following two public hearings and a regular meeting:

DATE: July 5, 2023  
 TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Azalea Ridge Amenity Center  
 1667 Azalea Ridge Boulevard  
 Middleburg, Florida 32068

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2023/2024"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessments") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

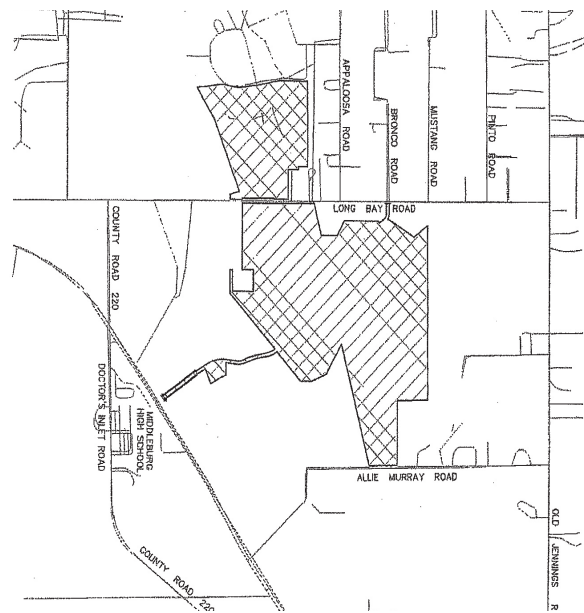
**Description of Assessments**

The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

Land Use	Total # of Units / Acres	Proposed O&M Assessment (including collection costs / early payment discounts)
50' Lot	470	\$908.19
60' Lot	221	\$1100.06

The proposed O&M Assessments as stated include collection costs and/ or early payment discounts, which Clay County ("County") may impose on assessments that are collected on the County tax bill. Moreover, pursuant to Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, the lien amount shall serve as the "maximum rate" authorized by law for O&M Assessments, such that no assessment hearing shall be held or notice provided in future years unless the assessments are proposed to be increased or another criterion within Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, is met. Note that the O&M Assessments do not include any debt service assessments previously levied by the District and due to be collected for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

For Fiscal Year 2023/2024, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments imposed on certain developed property. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title,



or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

**Additional Provisions**

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Proposed Budget, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at c/o Governmental Management Services, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: (904) 940-5850 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

Please note that all affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and meeting, and may also file written objections with the District Manager's Office within twenty days of publication of this notice. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Marilee Giles  
 District Manager

**Legal 70695 published 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.**

## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

2280 REED CT  
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

PADGETT, CHARLES L  
7571 DOGWOOD ST  
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, 32656

REED, JOSHUA C  
8421 STATE ROAD 100  
MELROSE, 32666

SALLAS, CHRISTOPHER  
2418 RANGE LINE RD  
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

SHAVAR, JON P  
7526 APPOMATTOX AVE  
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, 32656-8191

TOMAZINIS, JUSTIN A  
5285 RAINY AVE N  
ORANGE PARK, 32065-8575

WILLIS, GARY R  
5150 HERRON RD  
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, 32656

SMITH, RANDALL R  
299 AQUARIUS CONOURSE  
ORANGE PARK, 32073

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

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

Chris H. Chambliss  
Supervisor of Elections  
Supervisor de Elecciones  
**Legal 70694 Published 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## Clay County School Board Public Notice

The Clay County School Board will have a School Board Special Meeting for the purpose of holding interviews for the position of School Board Attorney on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at [www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net) or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

VB BTS II, LLC is proposing to construct a 189-foot (overall height) tall monopine telecommunications structure at 855 Live Oak Lane, Middleburg, Clay County, Florida (N30° 8' 22.9"; W81° 52' 52.7"). This tower is anticipated to utilize FAA Style E (medium-dual intensity) lighting.

VB BTS II, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to [publicnotice@eca-usa.com](mailto:publicnotice@eca-usa.com). Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 405 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

In addition, any interested party may also request further environmental review of the proposed action under the FCC's National Environmental Policy Act rules, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. This request must only raise environmental concerns and can be filed online using the FCC pleadings system at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) or mailed to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554 within 30 days of the date that notice of this proposed action is published on the FCC's

website. Refer to File No. A1244093 when submitting the request and to view the specific information about the proposed action. 23-001578 KEB  
**Legal 70690 Published 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE/ NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2022-2023 STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

**Approval to Advertise:** The School Board of Clay County, Florida ("the Board") approves the advertisement of modifications to the 2022-2023 Student Progression Plan.

**Purpose & Effect:** The proposed amendments are intended to simplify, update, and ensure alignment of School Board Policies with state law, federal law, State Board of Education Rules, and other applicable rules and regulations.

**Access to Text of Proposed Amendments:** The full text of the proposed 2023-2024 Student Progression Plan is available for inspection and copying by the public in the Office of the Superintendent for Clay County District Schools, located at 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The full text is also available via the School District's website at [www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net) under the School Board Meeting Links, School Board Agendas - June 1, 2023. The Superintendent is authorized to correct technical errors in grammar, numbering, section designations, and cross-references as may be necessary to reflect the intention of such Policy amendments.

**Rule Making Authority:** The Board is authorized to adopt the 2023-2024 Student Progression Plan under sections 120.54, 1001.31, and 1001.32 of the Florida Statutes.

**Laws Implemented:** The laws implemented by the above-referenced policy revisions are noted under each section of the Policy.

**Person(s) Originating Policy Changes:** The proposed policy was originated by the Superintendent and his designee(s) in collaboration with the School Board Attorney.

**Public Hearing:** The Board intends to formally adopt the 2023-2024 Student Progression Plan following a public hearing. **The public hearing shall be held on Thursday, August 3, 2023, during the course of the Board's regular meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m., and takes place in the Boardroom at the Teacher In-service Training Center at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Orange Park, Florida.** Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD).

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

**Legal 70689 Published 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 **Astro Life Cycles** located at 3166 Chestnut Ridge Way, 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 28th day of May 2023.  
**Legal 70688 Published 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NUMBER: 10-2022-DP-000014  
DIVISION: E

IN THE INTEREST OF:

W.T. MINOR CHILD  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA

TO:

April Greene, Mother

**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, W.T., who was born on October 20, 2012. You are hereby commanded to appear before the **Honorable Angela M. Cox**, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Court-

room, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on **July 11, 2023 A.D.** You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.

**FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO 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 PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.**

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 [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@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. WITNESSE my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 1st day of June, 2023.

Tara S. Green  
As Clerk of Said Court  
By: Denise Haselwood  
As Deputy Clerk

**Legal 70564 Published 6/8/2023, 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023 and 6/29/2023 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 **Captivating Total Home Care** located at 1335 Kingsley Ave, PO Box 364, 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 1st day of June 2023.

Charlene & Paul Bame  
**Legal 70563 Published 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO. 2021CA000973  
CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
DEON DIAZ SCREEN AND LAMESIA J. SNEAD SCREEN, et al.  
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **October 05, 2022**, and entered in 2021CA000973 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. is the Plaintiff and DEON DIAZ SCREEN; LAMESIA J. SNEAD SCREEN; OAKLEAF VILLAGE CENTER ASSOCIATION INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), at 10:00 AM, on **July 05, 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 21, VILLAGE CENTER at OAKLEAF PLANTATION UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 56, PAGE(S) 59 THROUGH 63, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Property Address: 3513 BUTTERNUT WAY, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

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

Dated this 1st day of June, 2023.

Tara S. Green

As Clerk of the Court

By: Jennifer Brosky

As Deputy Clerk

**IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
**Legal 70562 Published 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-256  
Division: A

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID WILKINSON, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of John David Wilkinson, deceased, whose date of death was November 23, 2022, 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.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is June 8, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ Dale S. Wilson Dale S. Wilson  
E-Mail Addresses: [wilsdale@bellsouth.net](mailto: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/ Glen M. Wilkinson

130 Dukes Court

Brooks, GA 30205

**Legal 70561 Published 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** FIG 20 LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

**Certificate No.: 1623/2021**  
**Legal Description:** PT OF NE1/4 AS REC O R 122 PG 46

**Parcel ID No.:** 220524-006479-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$16,435.96  
**Physical Address:** 2733 BURROUGHS, MIDDLEBURG

**Classification:** SINGLE FAMILY  
**Name in which assessed:** HENRY T SUGGS (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 **9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

**Dated this 1st day of June, 2023**

TARA S. GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller

Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea

Deputy Clerk

**Legal 70559 Published 6/8/2023, 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023 and 6/29/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## RE-NOTICE OF SALE

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

NDF1, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN L. MATHIS; et al.,

Defendants.

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

I TARA S. GREEN, will sell to the highest bidder online at [www.Clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.Clay.realforeclose.com) at 10:00 a.m. on June 30, 2023 on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 44, SAVANNAH GLEN, UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGE(S) 63 THROUGH 66, INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Property address: 551 Bay Hawk Court, Orange Park, Florida 32073

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

DATED this 1st day of June, 2023.

TARA S. GREEN

Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Leigh Lucroy

Deputy Clerk

**Legal 70558 Published 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.: 4150/2016**

**Legal Description:** LOTS 13 & 24 BLK 32 LAKE GENEVA AS REC O R 76 PG 273, 413 PG 482, 844

**PG 317 & 1497 PG 1912**

**Parcel ID No.:** 280823-021923-000-00

**Opening Bid Amount:** \$2,968.16

**Physical Address:** COUNTY ROAD 214, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** KEITH E VAN ASTEN, 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 **9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

**Dated this 1st day of June, 2023**

TARA S. GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller

Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea

Deputy Clerk

**Legal 70557 Published 6/8/2023, 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023 and 6/29/2023 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.: 905/2018**

**Legal Description:** LOT 17 BLK 108 HIGHLIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2498 PG 78

**Parcel ID No.:** 160823-004475-000-00

**Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,849.87

**Physical Address:** 7062 SEWANEE ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** LOUIS M NARCISSE

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

**Dated this 1st day of June, 2023**

TARA S. GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller

Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea

Deputy Clerk

**Legal 70556 Published 6/8/2023, 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023 and 6/29/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## PUBLIC SALE

Lien sale for 38' 2005 Allegra Bus Motor Home and 8.5X20' CH 3500 Diamond Cargo Utility Trailer VIN # 53NBE202XB1001391. Both owned and abandoned by Linda Barloon. Items will be available for sale at 961 Cary Ave GCS FL 32043 on June 23, 2023 at noon.

**Legal 70555 Published 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## SHADOWLAWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Shadowlawn Community Development District ("District") will hold a public hearing on June 23, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., at Reinhold Corporation, 1845 Town Center Blvd, Suite 105, Fleming Island, Florida 32003 for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2023/2024"). A regular board meeting of the District will also be held at that time where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. A copy of the agenda and proposed budgets may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours.

The public hearings and meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a dis-

## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

## Clay County School Board Public Notice

The Clay County School Board will hold a School Board Workshop on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for the June 29, 2023 Regular Meeting. Additional items may be discussed. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to [bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net](mailto:bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net) or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at [www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net) or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

**Legal 70423 Published 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## LEGAL NOTICE

A request for rezoning has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Milwaukee Avenue between Plainfield Avenue and Carnes Street. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019418-000-00. The Town Council will hold a public hearing for the proposed rezoning application on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for information. Information regarding the proposed change is noted below.

**Current Zoning Districts: Residential, Single Family-2 (RS-2)**  
**Proposed Zoning District: Governmental Use (GU)**  
**Application No. R-9-2023 Acreage: 3.151 +/-**  
**Owner: Town of Orange Park**  
Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. by appointment.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk  
**Legal 70421 Published 6/8/2023 and 6/22/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## LEGAL NOTICE

A request for rezoning has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Park Avenue between Milwaukee Avenue and Elbow Road. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019029-000-00. The Town Council will hold a public hearing for the proposed rezoning application on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for information. Information regarding the proposed change is noted below.

**Current Zoning Districts: Residential, Single Family-2 (RS-2)**  
**Proposed Zoning District: Governmental Use (GU)**  
**Application No. R-8-2023 Acreage: 3.26 +/-**  
**Owner: Town of Orange Park**  
Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. by appointment.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk  
**Legal 70418 Published 6/8/2023 and 6/22/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## LEGAL NOTICE

A request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Milwaukee Avenue between Plainfield Avenue and Carnes Street. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019418-000-00. The Town Council will hold a public hearing for the proposed amendment on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter

will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for information. Information regarding the application and proposed changes is noted below:

**Application No: CP-9-2023 Acreage: 3.151 +/-**  
**Current Land Use Category: Low Density Residential (LDR)**  
**Proposed Land Use Category: Public / Semi Public (P)**  
**Owner: Town of Orange Park**  
**Current or previous use: Vacant - wet-land**  
Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of the application may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M..

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk  
**Legal 70197 Published 6/8/2023 and 6/22/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## LEGAL NOTICE

A request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Park Avenue between Milwaukee Avenue and Elbow Road. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019029-000-00. The Town Council will hold a public hearing for the proposed amendment on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for information. Information regarding the application and proposed changes is noted below:

**Application No: CP-8-2023 Acreage: 3.26 +/-**  
**Current Land Use Category: Low Density Residential (LDR)**  
**Proposed Land Use Category: Public / Semi Public (P)**  
**Owner: Town of Orange Park**  
**Current or previous use: Vacant - wet-land**  
Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of the application may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. by appointment.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk  
**Legal 70196 Published 6/8/2023 and 6/22/2023 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.: 896/2016**  
**Legal Description: LTS 15 & 16 BLK 99 HIGHLRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3138 PG 224**  
**Parcel ID No.: 160823-004312-000-00**  
**Opening Bid Amount: \$2,252.91**  
**Physical Address: 6221 OBERLIN AVE , 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 **19th day of July, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 30th day of May, 2023**  
TARA S . GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 70195 Published 6/8/2023, 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023 and 6/29/2023 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.: 682/2021**  
**Legal Description: LOT 6 & 7 BLK 3 HIGHLRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 1630 PG 282**  
**Parcel ID No.: 210823-002386-000-00**  
**Opening Bid Amount: \$9,531.92**  
**Physical Address: 6318 AMHERST AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**  
**Classification: MOBILE HOME**  
**Name in which assessed: JACKI JORDAN**  
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 30th day of May, 2023**  
TARA S . GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 70194 Published 6/8/2023, 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023 and 6/29/2023 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.: 1078/2021**  
**Legal Description: LOT 12 BLK I LAKE HILLCREST AS REC O R 86 PG 404**  
**Parcel ID No.: 030923-021962-000-00**  
**Opening Bid Amount: \$901.70**  
**Physical Address GARDENIA AVE , MELROSE**  
**Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL**  
**Name in which assessed: PATRICIA WHITEHEAD**  
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 30th day of May, 2023**  
TARA S . GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 70193 Published 6/8/2023, 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023 and 6/29/2023 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.: 1642/2018**  
**Legal Description: PT OF SE1/4 S25T5R24 AS REC O R 1868 PG 86 & 1873 PG 1656 EX PT REC O R 3179 PG 34**  
**Parcel ID No.: 250524-006593-005-01**  
**Opening Bid Amount: \$2,623.94**  
**Physical Address: 0 CLIFFORD LN , MIDDLEBURG**  
**Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL**  
**Name in which assessed: CARL T MILLS**  
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 30th day of May, 2023**  
TARA S . GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 70174 Published 6/8/2023, 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023 and 6/29/2023 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 **Modern Edge Pavers** located at 366 Perthshire Drive, 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 30th day of May 2023.

G's Hauling and Junk Removal LLC  
**Legal 70173 Published 6/8/2023 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.: 2022CA000940  
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF,  
vs.  
RUFINO J. DE LEON, ET AL.,  
DEFENDANT(S).  
TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUFINO J. DE LEON  
Last Known Address: 1744 HOLLOW GLEN DRIVE, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068  
19303 OPAL LN #41, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91350  
Current Residence: UNKNOWN  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

**LOT 27, OF BARRINGTON ESTATES UNIT THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 43, PAGE(S) 53 THROUGH 56, 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 or on before a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in 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

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 30th day of May, 2023.  
TARA S. GREEN  
As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Leigh Lucroy  
As Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 70160 Published 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**ORDINANCE NO. O-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 \$27.00 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. O-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 USACE 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**

## 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**

## 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, Tools, Jetang, 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.

**Legal 70139 Published 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 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 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  
Florida 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 HIGHLRIDGE 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 COMP 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., Saudria 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., Saudria 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.clayrealforeclose.com](http://www.clayrealforeclose.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: Jaimie Pippin  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 70129 Published 6/1/2023 and 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 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.clayrealforeclose.com> at 10:00AM on the 12th day of July 2023, in 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 - crntntrp@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 OF PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 6/24/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at FIRST COAST TOWING- 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.  
2G1WF52E259124503 2005 CHEV  
2G1WL52J511213495 2001 CHEV  
**Legal 70120 Published 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 Phyllis 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 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**

## 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

Spings, 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.

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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**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The online bidding and auction for Storage Rentals of America, 369 Blanding Blvd. will be held online at lockerfox.com through June 29, 2023, at 11:00AM.

The entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien and other charges according to FL Statutes 83.801.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:**

**Unit # Tenant or Business Name**

**K15 Richard Dernick**

**Total Units: 1**

**Sale being held to satisfy Landlords' lien. The seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. CASH ONLY. Contents to be removed within 72 hours.**

Storage Rentals of America  
369 Blanding Blvd.  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
904-977-6400

**Legal 70101 Published 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 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, Brooker, 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 with the 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 riverbed, white Dodge van and blue chevy truck outside Brooker, 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](http://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 GIT-TENS, 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.: 817/2017**  
**Legal Description:** LOT 12 BLK 72 HIGHRIDGE 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](http://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 to the highest bidder online on the 19th day of July, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://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**

## 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  
2632 Kingstree Drive, South  
Jacksonville, Florida 32211  
Last Known Address

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child, 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 of 2:00 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 crntntrp@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 APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

**Certificate No.: 745/2020**  
**Legal Description:** LOTS 16 & 17 BLK 54 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3152 PG 1035

**Parcel ID No.: 210823-003341-000-00**  
**Opening Bid Amount: \$1,792.79**  
**Physical Address: 7268 WOODSTOCK ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**

**Classification: VACANT COMP PLAN 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 19th day of July, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).  
**Dated this 19th day of May, 2023**  
TARA S . GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 69877 Published 5/25/2023, 6/1/2023, 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE ARMSTRONG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Chapters 190 and 120, Florida Statutes, the Armstrong Community Development District ("District") hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt its revised Suspension and Termination of Access Rule ("Suspension and Termination Rules") and its Rules Relating to Overnight Parking and Parking Enforcement ("Parking and Towing Rules") all of which govern the operation of the District's amenity facilities and other properties. The Suspension and Termination Rules and Parking and Towing Rules will address certain revisions to the District's rules and policies governing the operation of the District's amenity facilities and other properties. The purpose and effect of the Suspension and Termination Rules and Parking and Towing Rules are to provide for efficient and effective District operations of the District's amenity facilities and other properties by setting policies, regulations, rates and fees to implement the provisions of Section 190.035, Florida Statutes. Specific legal authority for the rules includes Sections 190.035(2), 190.011(5), 190.012, 120.54, 120.69 and 120.81, Florida Statutes (2020).

A public hearing will be conducted by the District on July 13, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065. A copy of the proposed rules and policies may be obtained by contacting the District Manager at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. August-

tine, Florida 32092, Ph: (904) 940-5850.  
Marilee Giles  
District Manager  
**Legal 69873 Published 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF RULEMAKING BY THE PINE RIDGE PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors of the Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District ("District") on July 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Ridge Plantation Amenity Center, 400 Pine Ridge Plantation, Middleburg, Florida 32068.

In accordance with Chapters 190 and 120, Florida Statutes, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt revised Suspension and Termination of Access Rules ("Rules") which govern the operation of the District's amenity facilities and other properties owned and managed by the District. The proposed Rules may be adjusted at the public hearing pursuant to discussion by the Board of Supervisors and public comment.

The purpose and effect of the Rules is to provide for efficient and effective District operations of the District's amenities facilities and properties by setting policies, regulations, rates and fees. Legal authority for the District to adopt the proposed Rules includes Sections 120.54, 120.81, 190.011(5), 190.012(3), 190.035, and 190.041, Florida Statutes. Prior Notice of Rule Development was published in Clay Today on June 1, 2023.

Any person who wishes to provide the District with a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.54(1), Florida Statutes, must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice.

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

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this hearing is asked to advise the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, or by calling 904-940-5850 (hereinafter, the "District Office") at least forty-eight (48) hours before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), who can aid you in contacting the District Office.

A copy of the proposed Rules may be obtained by contacting the District Office. Marilee Giles  
District Manager  
**Legal 69872 Published 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

**Certificate No.: 865/2018**  
**Legal Description:** LOT 25 BLK 95 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 1407 PG 1875 & 3263 PG 890

**Parcel ID No.: 210823-004219-000-00**  
**Opening Bid Amount: \$2,259.01**  
**Physical Address: 7142 ROLLINS ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**

**Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: JUDY CAROL ET AL, ROGER WALLER, RODNEY WALLER, WILLIAM T WALLER III**  
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](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).  
**Dated this 18th day of May, 2023**  
TARA S . GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 69764 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:** LAURA SWEET, 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.: 783/2016**  
**Legal Description:** LOT 21 BLK 64 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3150 PG 1003

**Parcel ID No.: 220823-003548-000-00**  
**Opening Bid Amount: \$1,677.46**  
**Physical Address: 6123 CENTER CIR , 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 19th day of July, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).  
**Dated this 18th day of May, 2023**  
TARA S . GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 69763 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 COUNTY COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2022SC001360 DIVISION: D**

**VIVERETTE'S PAINT & BODY SHOP, INC. Plaintiff,**

**vs. LAKEISHA DANCE, HARRIETTE ELAINE MCCRAY, and ALLY FINANCIAL INC. Defendants.**

**TO: LAKEISHA DANCE**  
6710 Collins Road, Apt 1411  
Jacksonville, FL 32244

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action for a lawsuit has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Viverette's Paint & Body Shop, Inc., c/o: Michael D. McGrath, Esq., 6117 Atlantic Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32211 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, on or before July 17, 2023. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

**Dated:** May 16, 2023  
TARA S GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Robin Tefft  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 69760 Published 5/25/2023, 6/1/2023, 6/8/2023 and 6/15/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The online bidding and auction for Storage Rentals of America, 369 Blanding Blvd. will be held online at lockerfox.com through June 22, 2023, at 11:00AM.

The entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien and other charges according to FL Statutes 83.801.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:**

**Unit # Tenant or Business Name**

**A58 Michael Tremi**

**B07 Joyce Grace**

**E05 Raymond Villa**

**E18 Gregory Jackson**

**F11 Bryan Wooley**

**J10 Evelyn Robinson**

**J29 Evelyn Robinson**

**K15 Richard Dernick**

**Total Units: 9**

**Sale being held to satisfy Landlords' lien. The seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. CASH ONLY. Contents to be removed within 72 hours.**

Storage Rentals of America 369 Blanding Blvd.

Orange Park, FL 32073  
904-977-6400

**Legal 69758 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:** 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 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3148 PG 1055

**Parcel ID No.: 210823-004202-000-00**  
**Opening Bid Amount: \$1,875.5**

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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 BIDDERS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Clay County District Schools until **2:00 PM on 7/13/2023**.  
In the Purchasing Conference Room, 800 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
At which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of:  
**Fleming Island High School – New Bidding Cages CCDS Project No. C-18-21/22**  
All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by: **Bhide & Hall Architect, P.A. 1329 Kingsley Ave., Suite C Orange Park, FL 32073** Email all questions to DShively@bhidehall.com Include project number in subject line  
Plans are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Architect/Engineer and a CD is available for purchase for a \$25 per copy. Please call in advance to order. Printed sets of the plans are also on file for purchase at cost in the following Plan Rooms:  
**LDI Reproprinting Center** 550 Wells Road, Suite 100 Orange Park, FL 32073 Tel: 904/579-4027 Fax: 904/579-4154 orangepark@ldireproprinting.com  
Prime bidders, who will be submitting a bid to the owner, are required to register with the architect their intention to bid and as a plan holder. Any addenda will be sent automatically (electronically) to the known plan holders. Other delivery methods may be arranged with the architect.  
Partial sets of drawings and/or specifications are not advised and neither the architect nor owner will be responsible for partial information given to subcontractors by the general contractors.  
**There will be Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting at the site on 6/29/2023 at 9:00 AM per Section 01000, Part 9.2. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid.**  
Only Contractors having been pre-qualified by the School District of Clay County are eligible to submit bids for this project. **Only pre-qualified Contractors should submit bids** for this project (Florida Statutes).  
Florida Statutes require that all contractual personnel who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present must meet Level 2 screening requirements as described in S1012.32, Florida Statutes.  
**DISCRIMINATION:** An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discrimina-

tory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.  
The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid price, payable to the Owner.  
**The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted Bid amount.**  
No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.  
Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the Invitation To Bid, Contract Award, or Recommendation for Contract Award, shall file a Notice of Protest with the Superintendent of Schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award, and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the Notice to Protest. Failure to observe such timelines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The School Board requires a protestor to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.  
**Bond Requirement:**  
With respect to state contracts and bids pursuant to competitive bidding, whether under chapter 1013, relating to educational facilities, or under 2019 Florida Statutes 255.0516, relating to public buildings, if a school board, a community college board of trustees, or a state university board of trustees uses procedures pursuant to chapter 120 for bid protests, the board may require the protestor to post a bond amounting to:  
1. Twenty-five thousand dollars or 2 percent of the lowest accepted bid, whichever is greater, for projects valued over \$500,000; and  
2. Five percent of the lowest accepted bid for all other projects  
Conditioned upon payment of all costs and fees, which may be adjusted against the protestor in the Administrative Hearing. If at the Hearing the School Board prevails, it may recover all costs and attorney's fees from the protestor; if the protestor prevails, the protestor shall recover from the School Board all costs and attorney's fees.

Bid Tabulations shall be posted in the Operations Reception area at 925 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours.  
David Broskie, Superintendent  
School District of Clay County  
Legal 69326 Published 6/8/2023,  
6/15/2023 and 6/22/2023 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 HIGHRIDGE 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 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 a 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-Mailed 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 PUBLIC HEARING**

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the purpose of considering entry into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase by the County of a certain parcel of real property being particularly described as follows:  
**A portion of Tax Parcel No. 46-05-26-010230-000-00, consisting of approximately 657 square feet.**  
This notice is given pursuant to Section 125.355, Florida Statutes, and Clay County Ordinance 99-65. A copy of the Agreement is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal holidays, in the Office of the County Attorney located on the 2nd Floor of the Clay County Administration Building at the foregoing address.  
All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, any person who desires to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations will need a record of the proceedings, and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 269-6347, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by 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 71049 Published 6/8/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

On June 26, 2023, at 10 A.M. 246 Jefferson Ave, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The following vehicles will be auctioned off for towing and storage charges.  
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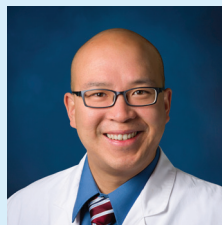
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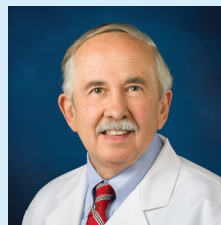
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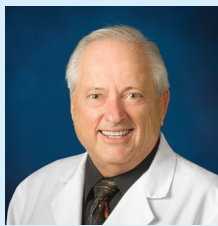
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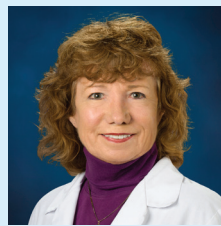
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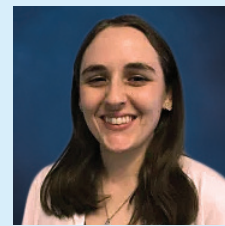
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