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An enthusiastic group, including Vineyard Executive Secretary Joseph Smith, left, and Pastor John Sanders, right, celebrated raising \$67,570 to kickoff the Capital Campaign.

## The Vineyard Transitional Center off to fast start with faith, funding

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Even when the bank account had single digits, Pastor John Sanders never lost faith in The Vineyard Transitional Center.

As a man of God, Sanders often is guided by his convictions. Last Friday, much of that perseverance was rewarded when community leaders joined in kicking off a capital campaign.

The challenge was to raise \$25,000

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## Jumpin' & Jivin' Juneboree

13-year-old musician returns to celebrate Rising Star Program

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Austin James finds peace when the volume is turned up, the windows rattle and the walls shake.

The 13-year-old from Orange Park doesn't just play guitar. He lives it. He found solace the first time he clutched the frets and strummed all six strings.

His father died when he was 7, and he quickly found music was the way to fill the void and vent his anger.

"Ever since then, I've gotten into it and taught myself everything," James said.

"AJ's" life changed nearly two years ago when he met local guitarist Paul Wane's launch of his Guitars for Kids/Rising Star Program at the American Legion Post 250 in Middleburg. Wane gave AJ a guitar, and with it came hope.

"He's an amazing kid," Wane said. "He's one of the first to go through our program. Now he's coming back."

AJ's band, CDB, which stands for Could Be Different, will perform Saturday at Wane's annual Jumpin' and Jivin' Juneboree at the Boogerville Hideout Bar in



Austin "AJ" James may be 13, but he's quickly becoming an established musician. AJ got his first guitar from Paul Wane's The Rising Star Program. His band will play during Saturday's Jumpin' & Jivin' Juneboree.

Green Cove Springs.

The day-long celebration will include a bounce house, dunk booth, yard games, reptile encounters, face painting, magician, vendors, and fireworks. But the highlight of the event will be music – and another instrument giveaway to the first 200 children.

"We will have goody bags for the kids," Wane said. "Each one will have an instrument, T-shirt and a jump rope. After all,

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Florida Rep. Bobby Payne, left, joined Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley at the Clay Chambers' annual Legislative Wrap-Up, where they told an audience the recent session was one of the most productive in state history.



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## Legislative wrap-up touts Florida's role as 'epicenter' of national policies

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ORANGE PARK – With one of the most productive legislative sessions behind them, Florida Rep. Bobby Payne and Sen. Jennifer Bradley provided highlights during the Clay Chamber of Commerce's annual Legislative Wrap-Up Breakfast Wednesday.

Both said work done in Tallahassee had turned the state into the "epicenter" of national policies.

Buoyed by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis and supermajorities in both the House and Senate, both chambers pushed several conservative projects past the finish line.

Rep. Sam Garrison was traveling and

couldn't be at the Thrasher-Horne Center, but he sent a short video.

Payne and Bradley touted bills that better defined the curriculum in public schools.

"We made sure school teacher unions understood that the curriculum they should be teaching our children is a curriculum of primary learning skills and critical thinking, and not social skills, some of the social skill issues. That should be taught at home. Some of the issues that are brought into school should be appropriate for young children."

Bradley said Florida students will also benefit from the state's school choice program.

"This was the greatest expansion of

school choice in Florida history," she said. "Florida made the decision that we are going to fund our students and not fund the system.

"For too long, we have been accepting of kids not being able to be in the best school because of what zip code they lived in. And this year, we said parents know what's best for their kids and parents should have the flexibility. I trust the parents to make that call."

Bradley authored a bill that recently was signed into law by DeSantis that protects the information collected on residents – particularly children.

"I passed a student online protection bill, which tells these [data] companies that

they may not amass profiles. They can't sell, disclose, share any of our kids' data. They can't collect more than they need and must delete it when our child is through the [school] system.

"And this bill requires them to put up guardrails and make their online spaces safe. When a teenage girl searches for healthy recipes, I don't want Instagram taking her down a pro-anorexia rabbit hole because it will boost engagement."

Both also talked about finding a balance between preserving natural resources and managing growth.

"If anyone has an idea, I'm all ears," Payne said.

## Hurry Up and Wait ...

# The Way Clinic eagerly awaiting budget approval for new facility

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Dann Fann flinches every time his cellphone pings with a message.

He believes good news is inevitable, but the wait to know when Gov. Ron DeSantis will sign the 2023-24 budget has been strenuous.

The future of The Way Clinic will be guided by the tip of the governor's pen since \$1.4 million of the record \$117 billion budget has been earmarked for a new clinic on College Drive in Orange Park.

"In the last two years, the governor has signed the new budget on June 2, but I guess he has a lot more going on right now," the clinic's executive director said.

DeSantis announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination on May 24. Since then, he's been hopscotching around Florida, signing bills and making campaign speeches in Iowa, South Carolina and New Hampshire.

According to The Way Clinic, its mission is to improve the overall health of Clay County by providing residents who are low-income and uninsured with free basic medical care. It envisions accessible, affordable healthcare for all residents in the county through a coordinated system and network of providers.

To be eligible, patients have to live in Clay County with an income of 200% or less than the Federal Poverty Guideline and be uninsured or unable to access

healthcare.

Its services include basic primary, woman and prenatal and diabetes care.

The current clinic is at 479 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs. The nonprofit has plans to build an expanded 5,100-square-foot facility at 302 College Dr. in Orange Park.

The cost of the new building is \$2.5 million, Fann said. Officials and volunteers have collected nearly \$1.25 million, including a "significant" contribution from a donor who asked not to be identified. An additional \$1.4 million is part of the next state budget.

Fann said Florida Rep. Sam Garrison (R-Fleming Island) and Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley (R-Fleming Island) were in-

strumental in incorporating the county's medical needs into the budget.

"I'm really thrilled for what it (could) mean for Clay County," Garrison said. "It really has the potential to be transformative for the people it serves. It's a great example where state dollars can be used to support private individuals and volunteers who give their time, talent and treasure."

Garrison said talks with the governor's office have been positive, but until the budget is signed, he's not counting on anything.

"(DeSantis) takes his responsibilities, especially with the budget, very seriously," Garrison said. "I share that concern. That's one reason we've succeeded in Tallahassee: we're very sincere about our asks. We do a lot of the homework up front."

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## Budget-friendly outdoor projects for any DIYer

By StatePoint Media  
For Clay Today

Want to transform your outdoor space while saving money? There are plenty of hands-on projects you can do yourself to eliminate expensive labor costs. The following ideas can be tailored to your budget and personal preferences:

### Install a party pad

Make your backyard more fun and functional with a low-maintenance patio for entertaining and relaxing. Based on your budget and experience level, there are a variety of styles and materials to choose from, such as brick, concrete and stone. You'll also need gravel to create a sturdy foundation.

If you're building on an existing lawn, clear out the grass and dirt first and dig an area deep enough, so the new surface will be even with the ground. Once you've prepped the ground and poured the gravel, use sand to hold the blocks in place and fill any gaps between the blocks once the layout is complete. Search online for step-by-step installation instructions and use a project calculator to determine the cost.

### Increase seating capacity

A built-in seating wall near a fire pit, pool or patio offers more places to lounge and adds depth to the space. There are plenty of DIY-friendly materials to build with, including interlocking concrete blocks, which won't need to be recut and are heavy enough to stay in place without cement, or larger, flat stones that look more natural and can be laid in various ways.

If you use concrete blocks, add capstones as top piece to give the design a

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## OPINIONS



## Father's Day a constant reminder of lessons learned from my dad

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

Other than stories of being hot and chafed during his entire deployment, my father never talked much about being in Vietnam.

That all changed when we drove to Charlotte in 1988 to visit his mother. Just as we crossed the Florida-Georgia state line, he vented 20 years of pent-up memories.

My father was a navigator in the U.S. Air Force. His nickname was "Budda." The pilot was Don Martin, a.k.a. "Jug." Their C-130 also had "Kiki" and "Hilchy" on board. They were known as the Stray Goose.

He flew missions at night. Twenty years after he got home, I finally understood why his plane was painted black. Their missions usually involved flying over the South China Sea, making a left-hand turn into North Vietnam, completing their mission, and returning to base from the sea again.

"When you're out over the water, they can't shoot you from the ground," he said.

He talked about Hilchy, the engineer, announcing the enemy was attempting to get a fix on their airplane to fire a surface-to-air missile.

He said when Hilchy would say



Don Coble



"SAM fix ... SAM fire, they got ready. Jug turned the plane into the rocket's path and, at the last minute, banked it hard right or hard left. The SAM rocket couldn't adjust its path that quickly, so it missed. He said there were times when Jug rocked the so hard rivets popped out. That meant they got to go to Cam Rahn Bay for repairs – and enjoy the only ice cream machine in Southeast Asia.

The story terrified me. I never realized how close he was to not coming home. When I asked how many times that happened, his answer scared me even more.

"Two or three times a week," he said.

That may account for his Distinguished Flying Cross.

He also told me of one of their squadron parties where they ran out of fruit and wound up drinking green bean daiquiris. Guys who dodged missiles weren't afraid to be daring.

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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.

**Ludic:** (LOO-dik) an adjective that means showing spontaneous and undirected playfulness.

"Magicians and other ludic performers always put on a delightful show."

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2018

- The school board agrees to place resource officers in all junior and senior high schools by the end of 2019.
- Clay Youth Connection, which addresses housing challenges for students, enjoys success after Tavian Raggins and Milena Carter both earn their high school degrees.
- Orange Park Junior High and Montclair Elementary are added to the school district's free summer meals program.

### 10 years ago, 2013

- The Keystone Heights High Principal Susan Sailor wants to add the Army National Defense Cadet Corps at the school to reduce the dropout rate.
- The Board of County Commission approves a \$1.2 million plan to build a playground on Moody Avenue.
- The Florida Department of Transportation holds a public hearing so residents can hear about a proposal to widen Blanding Boulevard from Old Jennings Road to County Road 215.

### 20 years ago, 2003

- Three separate accidents in two days on the Shands Bridge left one man dead after his car was launched into the St. Johns River.
- Boy Scout Troop 577 of Green Cove Springs start a 45-mile hike in the Great Smoky Mountains.
- Businessman and civic activist Dr. Thomas P. DeLoreto is awarded the "Citizen of the Year" by the Rotary Club of Orange Park.

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### Send us a letter ...

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

### Opinions ...

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# History

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## 30 years ago. 1993

- Former Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High Principal David Owens threatens to resign if he's re-assigned to Clay Junior/Senior High.
- Jason Christian Hartman, 23, of Orange Park, was arrested for making and detonating a bomb in a ditch on Madison Avenue.
- Keystone Heights' William Francis Waldron drowns while swimming in Silver-sands Lake.

## 40 years ago, 1983

- Following a hazardous waste spill in Keystone Heights, commissioner James Jett urges the BCC to consider a county-wide hazardous waste ordinance.
- The Clay County School Board votes to adopt the Chapter One program to help students who need remediation.
- The Fleming Island Advisory Committee approved plans for development, including 5,900 acres once owned by St. Regis, DuPont and John Pace.

# Fathers

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I think about those stories every Father's Day. Maj. Donald D. Coble was my hero. He died in 2006 after suffering a stroke. However, the lessons he taught me inspired me to be a better father.

I became a single father in 1991, and with it came the responsibility of rearing a 9-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter.

Did you know the buttons are backward on a girl's shirt compared to a boy's? I do know. Do you also know little girls become young women at that age? You learn to trust salespeople at department stores when she has questions about underwear.

Being a father is one of the hardest jobs I ever had. And it's the most rewarding.

I know how my father felt. He was at every football game I played. He read every story I ever wrote. He even called me while watching an Orlando Magic game to tell me what happened – although I was sitting courtside, covering the game for the

newspaper.

He was a babysitter, loan officer, golf buddy, and, most importantly, my best friend. He listened when my marriage ended. He caught me the first time I came home in high school after I had been drinking. (He made me get up at 6 a.m. the next morning and made me wash all three cars). He was the guy who made sure everyone had nice Christmas gifts. When my little brother died, he embraced his three grandchildren to ensure they were loved and appreciated. I think that's why my two nephews also wound up going into the military. So did my son.

He taught me to deal with my problems and not run from them, just like he did when he heard "SAM fire." He believed in results, even if they were terrible. And he didn't accept excuses. You learn from mistakes more than successes.

Like everyone else, my life has been filled with mistakes, successes, happiness and sadness. But there are no regrets. My father taught me better.

boxes. You'll need weather-resistant wood slats, like cedar wood, fence posts, a drill, screws and paint or stain.

Use your "eyesore" to determine how tall to make the screen. Then, anchor fence posts into the ground and drill your first slat about an inch above the ground. Continue adding boards up. Leave space between each slat for air conditioning units to ensure proper air circulation. Add a finish – dark for a modern style or clear for a natural look – and enjoy.

## Give it a glow

Use lighting to give your backyard a bistro-like atmosphere. Rather than using a drill to hang solar or string lights, use transparent, double-sided T-Rex Clear Mounting Tape to permanently and discreetly decorate.

When placing the lights across wooden beams or on brick or vinyl fencing, ensure the surface is clean and dry before applying the tape. Stick one side to the surface and the other to mount the lights. The adhesive will build over time, achieving full strength after 24 hours.

Once you tackle these budget-friendly DIY projects, you'll be ready to relax in your outdoor oasis.

# DIY

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finished look. Watch tutorials online before starting the project for inspiration and to ensure you complete all the necessary steps.

## Repair instead of replacing

Fix up something old to make it new. If you have an above-ground pool or spa with a slow leak, easily repair it with the highly-rated T-Rex Waterproof Tape. The tape has a waterproof backing enhanced with R-Flex Technology for greater durability. It's also UV-resistant, can stretch up to 700% of its original length and is strong enough to be used underwater.

Locate the leak and then measure and cut a piece of tape with scissors (this tape is too tough to tear by hand). Remove the liner from the back and apply it to the crack to form a leak-proof seal. Press down firmly and smooth any creases by hand.

## Hide outdoor eyesores

A privacy screen is an easy project for beginner DIYers and will hide unsightly air conditioning units, garbage bins and utility



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## Construction enters second stage for Black Creek Restoration Project

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Lake Region residents have patiently waited for the Black Creek Project to become a reality for nearly 40 years. After years of planning and discussing, the project is already in its second of three phases. Once completed, the regional project will refill the upper part of the Florida aquifer. It involves taking some excess water from Black Creek's South Fork at State Road 16 and transferring as much as 10 million gallons daily through a 17-mile pipeline. Along the way, it will pass through a filtration system to remove tannins before the water flows into Alligator Creek, which flows into Lake Brooklyn. The project also will increase the recharge to the Upper Floridian aquifer and Lower Sante Fe basin through the lake bottom. Work on the new pipeline has started as workers complete the pump station. The \$100 million project consisted of three stages. Installation of a pump station started on Oct. 24, 2022, and it's nearly completed.

The second stage for the pipeline is underway. The third stage – the filtration station – will start later this summer.

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### CLUES ACROSS

- In a place to sleep
- Chemical compound (abbr.)
- A way to fish
- Classic Linklater film '\_\_\_ and Confused'
- Legume
- Indonesian island
- Smooth, creamy substance
- Arctic
- Wood sorrels
- Defied
- Cattle
- Tableland
- Honorably retired and retaining one's title
- Repossession
- Danced
- Adult males
- A type of section
- Type of Japanese animation
- Satisfaction
- Fit
- 'Ain't No Sunshine' singer
- Failure
- Israeli city
- French river
- Cavalry-sword
- Nocturnal S. American rodent

- Liquefied natural gas
- Afflicted
- Electronic counter-counter-measures
- Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Large body of water
- \_\_\_kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- Impudence

### CLUES DOWN

- Payroll firm
- Unit of transmission
- Rockers Better Than \_\_\_
- Bambi is one
- Highest parts of something
- Correct behavior
- Batty
- Cyprinid fishes
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Site of the famous Leaning Tower
- American rocker Snider
- W. African language
- Symbol to mark for removal
- \_\_\_ Squad
- Resident

- Federal savings bank
- Paddle
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- One point south of due east
- Winter melon
- Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- Anger
- Central European river
- First responders
- Spanish noble
- Persons with absence of skin pigment
- Defunct airline
- Small island (British)
- The extent of something from beginning to end
- Capital of Bangladesh
- Dutch cheese
- Imitates
- A contest of speed
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- UNLV's are Runnin'
- Criticize

# Road rage Residents angry by delays, heavy traffic on Sandridge Road

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LAKE ASBURY – Traffic shutdown at the intersection of Sandridge and Henley roads has separated multiple neighborhoods, has caused a traffic nightmare and made it extremely difficult for residents living in the area to access grocery stores and gas stations.

That issue was discussed during the public comment period and Ed Dendor's Bonded Transportation Program Update at the County Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday night.

The construction started May 31 and will continue until July 30.

Residents have to travel as many as 10 miles to access basic services, depending on where they live.

"Subway is 0.7 miles from my house, and in order for me to get there, I have to drive 9.4 miles. It's just insane to me that we can't go up to the corner store for gas. There's nowhere for us to go, and it's just insane for me that the detour is going to last for the remainder of the summer," said resident MARRISA HUNT.

With 2,000 students in the area and two schools (Lake Asbury Elementary and Lake Asbury Junior High), the project is taking place during the summer so that it can be completed in time for the school year.

That's the hope, at least.

"This is basically an eight-week process with six weeks to go. Heavy coordination with the Sheriff's Office, Fire and Rescue, Clay Utilities and the school board will continue," Dendor said.

As of Thursday, the intersection would remain closed for another 41 days if everything stays on schedule.

The work area on Sandridge Road is about 150 yards.

During his update, Dendor said Kiewit Construction, which is based in Jacksonville, is making "good progress."

For now, residents can choose from traveling on Sandridge and Russell roads to get anywhere. Residents said trips usually take more than 30 minutes.

Another option wouldn't have been much better. It called for traffic to be narrowed to one lane and take 18 months.

There's nowhere for residents to turn,



even to get groceries.

Commissioner Kristen Burke asked Dendor if the section between the Eagle Haven neighborhood and Branscomb Road could open for residents to get to the Winn-Dixie.

Safety is of utmost importance. With daily changes in the construction zone, it won't open until the project is completed.

"Asphalt is stacked 10 feet high. We wouldn't want to release traffic into a construction zone that a contractor has control over. Safety is paramount for the traveling public and school children," he said.

Burke also told Sheriff Michelle Cook said she has received hundreds of emails about it during the last few days, and for good reason. That's because residents are angry.

Burke admitted knows the decision isn't made completely by the Sheriff's Office, but also the Safety Team.

Cook said that keeping residents safe is the top priority despite the inconvenience.

"(The road) was now becoming a safety issue, and the fact that construction was

moving along at the end of the day, we had to make sure that (drivers) at night or dusk, or when there's bad light, don't go into a culvert that's been dug or (they) run over pipes that have been exposed," she said.

She said the Sheriff's Office, Public Safety, Engineers, County Manager, and other officials involved came together to make the decision.

Even worse, the stop light at the chaotic intersection of County Road 209 and Sandridge has been broken.

The stop light is outside the project's boundaries, Dendor said.

Deputies are currently being assigned to the location during peak hours. The lights have been put back into the mechanism. It will remain flashing for 30 days before it goes back into service, which is how the light is programmed.

"I wish I had enough deputies to put there all the time, but I don't," Cook said.

With some residents being seemingly trapped inside their neighborhoods, the melee has caused residents to attempt to

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# Clay County to consider building a Southern Rock museum

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A packed room at the Clay County Administration hosted three unique subcommittee meetings Tuesday – Film Development, Grants, and a new Southern Rock Initiative.

Kimberly Morgan, Clay County Director of Tourism and Development, led the meetings throughout the morning alongside a group of dedicated residents serving on each committee.

The Southern Rock Initiative garnered the most interest of all three meetings.

That entire subcommittee discussed developing a Southern Rock Hall of Fame, Boutique Amphitheater and Gala Venue in the county.

Commissioner Mike Cella and Sandy Keller, an Orange Park resident who was a Global Operations Manager for a company in Charlotte from 2017-2020, were at the meeting. After the pandemic hit, Keller shifted course, going to school as a music industry business student and serving as a project intern from January to April this year as a project intern on researching the viability of creating a Southern Rock Hall of Fame and Museum in the county.

All had several valuable ideas to share, and there were plenty of details to hash out, including an operating model and venue location.



Kimberly Morgan, Director of Tourism and Film Development for the county, led Films, Grants and Southern Rock Subcommittee meetings.

Several options existed for how the facility could be operated, including by the county, privately, or via a public-private partnership. One blueprint for a successful model is the Museum at Capricorn in Macon, Georgia, at Mercer University, which exists via funding from two to three private investors and a partnership with the school while also existing on a property where a municipal auditorium exists.

At the end of the meeting, the group agreed on a couple of deliverables, including putting together a draft Request For Quote, which would be vetted by the county's legal and purchasing staff and would give requirements and information.

A draft score would be sent to committee members.

A project could include a number of amenities, such as a cafe and gift shop, visitor and welcome center, art council, performance stage, in-house house kitchen and a gallery. Hosting historic tours, private events, and a Southern Rock festival could all be in the mix between the multi-use facility, which would include a Hall of Fame Museum, Boutique Outdoor Amphitheater and more.

It could be significant for Clay County if completed. Some would even say "big leauge."

"It's our Jaguar Stadium, essentially," one subcommittee member said during the meeting.

A sample timeline for 2023-24 was presented, which could include a kick-off fundraiser and other elements. Still, a project is expected to take approximately three to five years to build.

Somewhere on the banks of St. Johns River or in Green Cove Springs were among desirable locations suggested among subcommittee members, along with bestbet Orange Park, the Orange Park Mall, St. Johns River State College's Thrasher-Horne Center, the County Fairgrounds and the Regional Park and Reynolds Park, all which were listed on the agenda.

During the Film Development meeting,

Morgan and her counterparts discussed building a database of filming locations, which she identified as a top priority moving forward.

"Right now, we have one, but it's cumbersome, and it's hard to find, and it still needs to be updated," Morgan said.

She said that database currently only exists on the software tool the state uses.

Moving forward, Morgan plans to update that one and create another new one that is "just easier to work with."

This database would include film site locations, restaurants, and housing and hotel accommodations.

Film sites could include places at beautiful Clay County locations like scenic highways, canopy roads and more.

The subcommittee will also create an internship, with a job description to fully finalized by the end of July in time for the beginning of the 2023-24 school year on Aug. 10. It should provide a great opportunity for a high school student looking to build their resume, who would film a list of 10-20 locations that the committee would determine.

Returning back to the once-proud history of Clay as a top filming destination will also be a top priority moving forward, but it won't come without its hurdles.

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# Obituaries

## Rosemary Hager

Rosemary Hager of Orange Park, Florida passed away on Friday, May 26, 2023.

She was born August 18, 1949 in Montgomery, Alabama to Norbert and Mary Louise Vonderhaar.

She was one of six children. Rosemary was raised in a military family with her father being an Air Force career veteran. She grew up in a variety of places including Alabama, Guam, Texas and Alaska.

Rosemary married Gus Hager on December 31, 1968. They celebrated 52 years together.

Rosemary worked a variety of administrative office jobs before becoming a secretary for a local law firm after moving to the Orange Park area. She was the proud mother to numerous dachshund "fur babies" over the years. Rosemary was a member of St. Catherine's Catholic of Orange Park where she served on the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Group as well as volunteering at the church gift shop and church events. Rosemary was an active member of "TOPS" (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) where she also held several leadership positions. She enjoyed attending numerous TOPS conventions. Rosemary and Gus also were members of the Corvette and motorcycle riding clubs. Rosemary liked traveling, cruise ship excursions, reading suspense novels, yard work and walking. While Gus was stationed in Spain, she acquired a collection of Llardros ceramic figurines. Rosemary especially enjoyed Dunkin Donuts coffee and sandwiches from "The Sheik".

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gus; and her parents.

She is survived by her brother, John

Vonderhaar (Sharon); sister, Catharine Noble (Bruce); sister, Rita Ohara; sister, Carla Harris; brother, Thomas Vonderhaar (Anne); and 11 nieces and nephews.

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A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 11:30 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.hgriversidefuneralhome.com](http://www.hgriversidefuneralhome.com) for the Hager family.

## Pearl Burnsed McCullough

ORANGE PARK - Pearl Burnsed McCullough, 101, passed away June 3, 2023. She was born October 12, 1921 in Bryan County, GA to Elmer and Pearl Burnsed. A Jackson High School graduate, Pearl lived most of her life in Duval and Clay counties. She was a member of the Orange Park Methodist Church.

Pearl's beloved husband,



Pearl Burnsed  
McCullough

Eston Mc-Cullough, preceded her in death(1984). Among Pearl's passions were making wonderful home cooked meals, painting, sewing, and gardening. Her pound cake recipe will live on for generations. Pearl had 2 brothers, Leo and George Burnsed, both deceased;

and, 2 surviving sisters, Ann Ball and Marie Leverett( James). Her 2 children are John McCullough( Judy ) and Janet Grim (John). Grannie Pearl also has 4 grandchildren: DJ(Beth), Aaron(Angie), Alice, and Adam(Christina). She was also blessed with 10 great grandchildren.

Pearl McCullough touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with from friends, family, and especially, her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She was a pillar and matriarch for her family over 100 years, leading by example and undying love!

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Community Hospice or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation JDRF 1850 Lee Rd Suite 132 Winter Park, FL 32789. JDRF. Org

## Brenda Lee Everhart

Brenda Lee Everhart, 82, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away on June 3, 2023. She was born on September 24, 1940 in Grundy, VA to the late Berlie Brown and Irene (Cole) Taylor. Brenda was a homemaker and enjoyed time with her family and baking. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Clifford Everhart and her grandson, Gary Everhart.

Brenda is survived by her daughters, Teresa Medina and Donna Fish; brothers, Roger, Bob, Pete, Leonard and Larry Taylor; sisters, Patricia Royal, Charlese Bryce, Debra Thomas and Betty Hurley; 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 10:00am to 11:00am on Saturday, June 17, 2023 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel and funeral services will begin at 11:00am



Brenda Lee Everhart

with Dr. Tim McDaniel officiating. Burial will take place at Graceland Memorial Gardens in Milford, OH at a later date.

## Michele Janet Schoonmaker

Michele Janet Schoonmaker of Fleming Island, Florida passed away on June 9, 2023, after a long battle with cancer.

Michele was a native of Amsterdam, N.Y., where she graduated from Amsterdam High School in 1966, and later studied at Delhi University in New York.

During her career she worked as an Administrative Assistant at the State Bank of Albany and then became a Real Estate Agent for several years. She retired in 2002.

Michele was an active member of the local YMCA where she especially liked the water aerobics and other group exercise classes. She spent many hours over many years playing Mah Jongg with friends. Her small Faith sharing groups and Bible Study classes at Sacred Heart Church were so valued by her.

Michele was very active in the Sacred Heart Parish. She taught Religious Education classes and Vacation Bible Study in the summer. She was a member of the Parish Council, was Eucharistic Minister, and also brought communion to the home bound. She worked at the soup kitchen sponsored by the Parish, and often prepared soup for Friday night meals during Lent.

Michele is survived by her devoted husband of 54 years David, son Greg Schoonmaker of Omaha, Ne., daughter Gwynn Schoonmaker Ison and her husband Arlie of Edgewater, Md., granddaughters Olivia and Audrey of Edgewater, her loving sister Gerrie DeNovio of Amsterdam, N.Y., and several other extended family members.

A funeral service will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Fleming Island at 11 AM on Thursday, June 15.

A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to EWTN (Go to EWTN.com) or The Haven Hospice Foundation, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606-3809.



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# Obituaries

## Virginia B. Jones

Virginia B. Jones, 92, of Penney Farms, FL, passed away June 6, 2023

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## Carmelita F. Domingo

Carmelita F. Domingo, 79, of St. Augustine, FL, passed away June 8, 2023.

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

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



## Franklin E. Chaney "Rusty"

Franklin E. Chaney "Rusty", age 76, of Green Cove Springs, Florida entered into Heaven on Sunday, June 4, 2023. He was born to Paul and Bette Chaney on December 16, 1946 in Green Cove Springs, Florida. He was raised in Green Cove Springs and attended Clay High School before joining the US Marines. After serving in Vietnam, he returned to Green Cove and started his life in construction.

At the age of 21, he married Joenell (Meek) McKinley. They were blessed with Paul "PJ", then Tony, and several years later Paula.

Later in life, Rusty remarried to Sharon Patria and was blessed with her three children Carla, James and Jolene.

Throughout all this time, he built the family business Chaney's Construction and



Franklin E. Chaney

Roofing which has been taken over by his son PJ. Rusty was always willing to help when needed and grew his business by obtaining commercial properties which allowed him to semi-retire although those that knew him well knew he would never stop tinkering.

Survivors include his brother John "Dusty" Chaney and his sister Veronica "Ricki" Montoya; loving children: Paul "PJ" Chaney (Kim), Tony Chaney (Angel), Paula Hargis (Josh), Carla Coleman (Todd), James Angove, Jolene Nicks (Ray). Grandchildren: Christian (Shelby), A.J., Tyler, Carson, Kailey, Joshua, Cameron, Chaney, Reagan, Remington, Cody, Ashley, Robert, Holden, Kyle (Jamie), James Jr (Barbara), and Damian. Also, his companion and best friend, Joenell McKinley.

A memorial service and celebration of his life was held at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 10, 2023 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel. A reception will follow at 7670 River Ave, Fleming Island, FL 32003.



# College Briefs

## Fleming Island's Burson earns degree from Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Heather Burson of Fleming Island received the following degree(s) from The University of Alabama: Master of Science in Nursing. Alabama awarded more than 5,885 degrees during its spring commencement ceremonies.

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Three Clay students make Dean's List at Ole Miss

UNIVERSITY, Miss. – The University of Mississippi announced Liam Bielik and Isabella Boyd from Orange Park and Courtney George from Fleming Island earned spots on the Dean's List.

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By Kyla Woodard  
For Clay Today

JACKSONVILLE – Egypt officially made its way to Jacksonville, bringing new discoveries and elaborate experiences.

Beyond King Tut: The Immersive Experience is open and seeks to give guests a look into the past.

“The time when King Tut lived was one of the greatest times in ancient history,” said National Geographic photographer Kenneth Garrett.

Garrett has been photographing Egypt for the past 30 years. Many of the photos in the exhibit were taken by Garrett.

In 1922, the only intact tomb was discovered in the Valley of the Kings by British Egyptologist Howard Carter. The exhibit celebrates that incredible discovery 100 years ago and gives guests the same experi-

## Beyond King Tut: The Immersive Experience opens in Jacksonville

ence by allowing them to “rediscover” the king and his tomb.

To begin the experience, guests sit through a short video of the background and history of Egypt and its young pharaoh. After the video, the screen fades to reveal a hidden sliding door for guests to walk through at the NoCo Center.

As guests walk through the door, they wind through long, dark hallways, reading about the discovery of King Tut’s tomb. In-depth details about the discovery are plastered on the walls.

Step by step, guests are taken through the actions of Carter on that fateful day. From pictures of the steps leading to the tomb’s entrance to the vintage “The Times” newspaper clipping that reported the discovery to people worldwide, guests are immersed in the actions that inspired the exhibit.

From there, guests make their way into the tomb chamber. In this room, they learn about how the burial process for King Tut would have been all those years ago. Screens on the walls tell the fascinating story of his entombment.

The room even features a box in the center resembling the “tomb.” In the box, a projection is shown of what King Tut’s body

would’ve looked like.

“They give you a complete explanation of all of the scenes as the funeral procession comes into the chamber,” Garrett said.

As guests leave the burial chamber, they are directed to the “Family Room.” The room details the entanglements and nuances of King Tut’s domestic life. The family tree features pictures of his kin and the intertwining relations that make up his bloodline.

Along with pictures of discovered artifacts, the room also features the interactive game of Senet. The description notes that, as a popular Egyptian game, it was featured on tomb walls and often associated with the journey into the afterlife.

On the back wall lies an even grander depiction. A projection of King Tut’s tomb sits large and proud on the opposite side of the room, making for a great photo-op.

Guests are then able to walk through unique rooms titled “Mummification,” “Between the Linens,” “Verses for Immortality” and “Journey to the Afterlife.”

During the trip through the afterlife, they are led into a spectacular grand 30-minute show that tells the story using immersive technology on 20-foot screens.

“The walls and floors are all moving

around you with music and explanation of the journey from life to eternity,” Garrett said. Another room also details future studies and the use of modern technology associated with King Tut and the tomb’s discovery. For the grand finale, guests can experience a virtual reality sure to give them a new perspective on the discovery.

The Secrets of Tutankhamun is a VR experience that takes guests to Egypt by leading them above the pyramids, along the Valley of the Kings and into the treasured tomb. Narrated by Bohdi Sabongui, his voice takes on the role of King Tut as he tells his story like no other.

Guests put on special VR headsets as they sit back in chairs that simulate the slow twists, turns, and tilts of the interactive experience. With the exhibit being open for months to come, residents are now able to step into a time machine and travel back 3,330 years into the past to relive the life of a young boy king and make new discoveries about a country with many hidden treasures. “In an hour and a half, you’ll learn a lot about King Tut, a lot about the new kingdom of Egypt, the whole Amarna Period. And maybe, if you’re lucky, you’ll get so excited that you’ll buy a ticket and go to Egypt and see for yourself,” Garrett said.

# County's passport to history includes intriguing stops, stories, sites

By Lee Wardlaw  
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CLAY COUNTY – If you want to get outside for some family fun this summer, look no further than Clay County's History Passport Program.

The program, a partnership between the county, the Clerk of Courts and the School District, was created in 2022 with a particular focus on May, Clay County's History Month.

Clay Today spent a day visiting seven of the 27 sites on the list – the 1847 Middleburg Methodist Church and Cemetery, Bayard Conservation Area, Camp Chowenwaw Park, County Historical Museum and Railroad Depot, Middleburg Main Street Boardwalk and Boat Ramp, Mike Roess Gold Branch State Park and the Old Jail and 1890 Historic Courthouse.

We spoke with a site representative at the Methodist Church, who told old tales of the church and grave site. He showed us the gravestone of Otis Dewey "Slim" Whitman, a country music singer-songwriter and guitarist who sold more than 70 million records and is buried alongside his wife, Jerry.

People have traveled from as far as Europe to see Slim's burial site. Whitman toured with Elvis Presley as an opening act in the 1950s.

The church in front of the cemetery also holds U.S. Navy Seal Andrew Kenneth Baker (1960-1997).

The church has a unique and compelling history of its own.

Originally opened on July 27, 1828, by Issac Boring as the Black Creek Methodist Church, the structure represents the oldest Methodist church in Florida.

Dubious facts were discovered inside the Old Jail in Green Cove Springs.

Sheriffs Josephus Peeler, Charles Wilson and Theodore Cherry were each shot and killed in the line of duty in 1894, 1906 and 1913, respectively. Peeler died in an argument between two men at a train station; Wilson in an arrest attempt of a suspect aboard a train; and Cherry when speaking with a suspect during an investi-



Three of the 27 stops on the Clay County History Passport include, from left, the Middleburg Methodist Church, the Old Jail at the Historic Triangle in Green Cove Springs and Slim Whitman's grave at Middleburg Methodist Church.

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gative interview.

"The late 1800s and early 1900s were turbulent times in this part of Florida. The sheriff was often the lone lawman, facing daily threats and every kind of danger. During this time period, three Clay County Sheriffs were killed in the line of the duty," a marker reads.

But that's just the beginning of what residents can discover through the program, which Director of Tourism and Film Development Kimberly Morgan said the county revamped this year and will continue to make it an annual goal to unveil historical assets in Clay.

"My favorite fact that I love to ask people is, 'What does Clay County have in common with New York City?' The same company that built the Empire State Building built Camp Blanding in 90 days. You would never tie Clay and New York City together, but that was built to train soldiers to go to

battle in World War II," she said.

There's also J.C Penney, Penney Farms and the scenic highway to brag about.

"The story of the retail mogul that was looking for a place to help his parents live when they retired. They were missionaries. That story is being told (by) national historic registries and buildings in Penney Farms. And the scenic highway is just a beautiful place to drive," Morgan said.

She believes that the program has been highly successful.

"It's really created a lot of new excitement about the history around the county. I think that so often, we (as residents) forget the stories that make the community what it really is. As destination marketers on the tourism side, we want to tell the rest of the world those stories," she said.

The Passport Program provides the opportunity to do just that, with benefits included in the details.

"It makes it easy for people to check into each location, and they feel a sense of accomplishment when they visit a site. We're also offering prizes," Morgan said.

Those prizes include earning five historical postcards when visiting five sites and a waterproof phone carrier case when completing 10 visits.

It's also a great sales pitch for local tourism.

"We are so excited. It's a great experience for the visitor. So many of these stories we tell are generational. People who swam with their grandparents at Keystone Beach can grow up and swim with their grandchildren. Generations of Girl Scouts continue to go to Camp Chowenwaw and rekindle friendships. That makes people want to visit because they want that experience," Morgan said.

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# Weekly tournament at Whitey's Fish

By Lee Wardlaw  
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FLEMING ISLAND – Boats lined the docks of Whitey's Fish Camp last Thursday at 4:45 p.m., preparing to launch in search of prized trophy bass. Thirty-one vessels searched the waters of Doctors Inlet, Doctors Lake, Black Creek and the St. Johns River in search of winning lunkers during the ninth week of the 22-week tournament, which will end the last week of August.

Fishermen returned at 8:30 p.m. with their catch. Many spectators watched the weigh-in as they enjoyed freshly-cooked seafood, drinks and live music.

Chris Cercey and Eric Roberts finished with the first-place prize for the second consecutive week. The dynamic duo caught five fish with a combined weight of 17.71 pounds. Last week, they put 21.15 pounds worth of fish in the live well.

Travis Spencer, whose five fish total weighed in at 14.42 pounds, finished sec-



ond, while Matt Darden and Justin West secured third, hauling in five fish for 13.75 pounds.

Cercey and Roberts won a cash prize of \$500, and Spencer earned \$210. Darden and West received \$160 for third place.



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Fishermen, young and old, show off their afternoon's catch during the weekly Workin' Man's Bass Tournament at Whitey's Fish Camp.

Phillip Turwitt and Jason Jackson earned fourth place, putting four fish in the boat (12.87 pounds) for \$160.

The tournament also kept lighthearted fun in the details, awarding a prize to the "Average Joe" and for the smallest fish caught.

Hunter and Chase McFarland, who finished in 14th place, took home the "Average Joe," prize. Their three fish weighed a combined 6.49 pounds.

The duo took home a \$50 prize for the middling feat.

Micheal Thierry Jr. and Michael Thierry III, who pulled in a fish weighing a mere 0.58 pounds, were awarded \$25.

The Workin' Man's Bass Tournament is featured during warm summer evenings every Thursday. The tourney brings avid anglers and local fishing enthusiasts together for an evening of friendly competi-

tion and community camaraderie.

As the tournament moves toward its midway point, Cercey and Roberts are No. 1 overall, leading the pack with an impressive 110.66 pounds and 226 points.

Robin Hodges and Jesse Howard follow the dynamic duo of Cercey and Roberts at second place with 76.10 pounds and 204 points.

Meanwhile, Austin Duncan and Kevin Duncan currently sit at No. 3 with 70.29 pounds and 194 points.

Daniel Greene, tournament organizer, shared his thoughts about the weekly event.

"So far, it's been up and down. They're out there fishing offshore on shell bars. These (fishermen), they've been out on the water for a long time. The (competitors) pretty much grew up on the water," he said.

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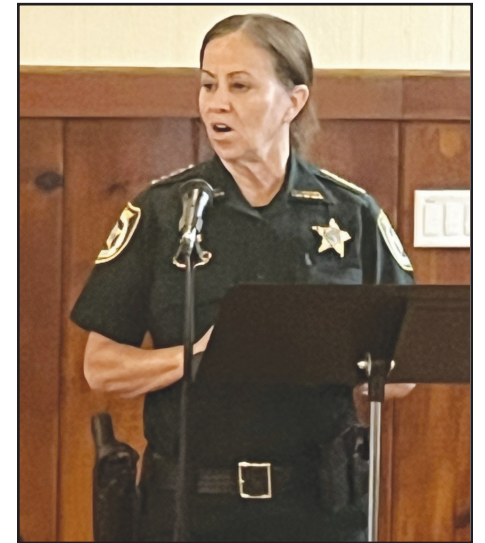
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From left, a select group of community leaders got The Vineyard Transition Center's Capital Campaign off to a good start by collecting \$76,570. Operation New Hope President and CEO Reggie Fullwood donated \$25,000, while Sheriff Michelle Cook said the county is in desperate need to help released inmates learn life and job skills.

## Vineyard

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in donations. If so, Operation New Hope, which provides support, life and job skills training to people who've been in jail, said it would match it.

It was a lofty goal. But once again, Sanders relied on faith.

"To see the money they donated, you know, to the project, they went way past what we expected, so that's a blessing," Sanders said.

A blessing worth \$67,570.

"We're off to a good start. I'm so appreciative to all the people that came out and supported the Vineyard," Sanders said. "We got emails from people that also want to donate that wasn't there because of the rain or whatever."

The new building on Pine Street, just a few blocks from the Clay County Jail, will consist of meeting rooms, classrooms, and a dorm to house as many as 12 newly-released inmates. The process to have them return to society starts in jail. Those with homes can take classes during the day-time, while others can stay for as long as five months while completing their training.

Sheriff Michelle Cook joined former U.S. Rep. Reggie Fullwood in making passionate pleas to move The Vineyard from the planning stage to a reality.

Fullwood, convicted of wire and income tax fraud in 2016, is now the President and CEO of Operation New Hope. The organization works tirelessly to give inmates a second chance.

One of the group's biggest successes is Crystal Chisholm. She was 17 when she



Vineyard Board member Teresa Scott was thrilled the community exceeded its fundraising goals. New Hope graduate Crystal Chisholm told her story of getting out of jail and transitioning into a leadership role at a popular downtown restaurant.

was sentenced to 35 years for armed robbery. She was released after 10 years and went through New Hope's Ready4Work program, and now she's a manager at Crispy's Springfield in Jacksonville.

"Operation New Hope saved my life," she said.

New Hope will partner with The Vineyard to provide the re-entry services, Fullwood said.



He also said 95% of all inmates are released back into the public.

"We have to be aware of that," Cook said. "And I think we have to do everything we can to give those people that are getting out a fighting chance so that they can go back and be a productive part of the family and the community."

Joseph Smith, the executive secretary for The Vineyard, said residents would get

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– Pastor John Sanders

free medical care from The Way Clinic as well as "a safe haven for a second chance."

"We ask nothing of them," he said. "In fact, we're going to give them something. We're going to give them hope."

Sanders, the executive director, said the community had embraced the project.

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Vineyard Board Member Van Royal said the new building will cost about \$1 million. If the capital campaign maintains momentum, "Wouldn't it be incredible if we can celebrate Christmas (in 2024) with a ribbon-cutting?"

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# College

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The Dean's Honor Roll is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74. In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university.

## Alabama has five Clay students on Dean's List

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – A total of 12,791 students enrolled during Fall Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). These driven students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges and schools.

The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students

or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

The 2022 fall lists included Lilly Hudson, Chloe Hodges and Max Williams of Fleming Island, Aysia Washington of Oakleaf and Robert Poole of Orange Park.

## Two local students graduate from Oregon State

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Oregon State University will graduate more than 7,300 students during ceremonies on June 17 at Reser Stadium in Corvallis and Sunday, June 18 at OSU-Cascades in Bend, including

Dylan Abel with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Ana Chachian, with a Master of Health Physics in Radiation Health Physics. Both are from Fleming Island.

The 7,338 graduates will receive 7,583 degrees. There will be 238 students receiving two degrees, two receiving three degrees and one receiving four degrees. OSU's 2023 graduates represent 34 of Oregon's 36 counties, 50 states and 71 countries.

## NOTICE OF IMPOSITION OF TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of Green Cove Springs, Florida on June 6, 2023, in regular session, at a properly noticed public hearing, adopted Ordinance O-11-2023 which requires all new development occurring within the area that encompasses the corporate boundary of the City, shall pay the applicable Mobility Fees for Residential, Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional land use types.

The schedule of mobility fee rates to be imposed commencing on September 15, 2023, is available for review at the City of Green Cove Springs Development Services Department, first floor of City Hall, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday, excluding holidays.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2023  
City Council of Green Cove Springs, Florida

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

Steve Kennedy, City Manager

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

### ORDINANCE NO. O-22-2023

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 113, ARTICLE VI AND VII OF THE CITY CODE TO MAKE REVISIONS TO THE CITY LANDSCAPE AND TREE REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF SECTION 113-242 ADDING AND AMENDING DEFINITIONS IN SECTION 113-243; AMENDING THE SUBDIVISION STREET TREE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 113-246; AMENDING THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 113-247; AMENDING THE TREE PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 113-248; AMENDING THE REMOVAL OF TREE REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 113-275; AMENDING THE TREE EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS IN SECTION 113-276; AMENDING THE CONDITIONS FOR TREE REMOVAL IN SECTION 113-278; AMENDING THE TREE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 113-279 AMENDING THE CITY RECOMMENDED LIST OF PLANTS BY THE CITY IN SECTION 113-280; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Planning and Zoning Board: Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter  
City Council: Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm or shortly thereafter  
City Council: Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 7:00 pm or shortly thereafter

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board 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 Florida Relay – Dial 7-1-1.

Said application 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

Lyndie Knowles, Development Services Representative  
321 Walnut Street  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Steve Kennedy, City Manager

# Keystone man pens book on consistent Jui-Jitsu training methods

By Lee Wardlaw  
lee@claytodayonline.com

CLAY COUNTY – Jordan Hix, a Keystone Heights native, University of Florida graduate and U.S. Naval officer, published his book, “Rapid Growth in Grappling: How To Use The Principles of Deliberate Practice To Get Better Faster” in December 2021.

Hix has been actively promoting his book since he returned in April following a three-year stint at the U.S Fleet Activities Sasebo base in Japan.

The book focuses on deliberate practice and guides efficient training methods for students and coaches in the sport of Jiu-Jitsu. Hix emphasizes the principles apply to any area of improvement, making it valuable even for those unfamiliar with Jiu-Jitsu.

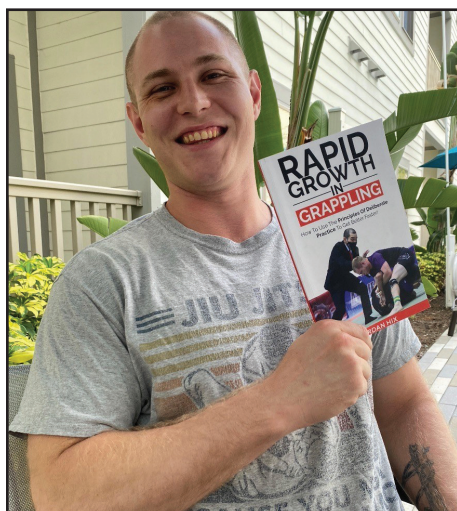
“If you’ve never done Jiu-Jitsu, there are still really valuable lessons on how you to improve yourself and become your own coach and anything, with these principles that can be applied,” he said.

Hix wrote the book after suffering an injury that hampered his military (and Jui-Jitsu) training in 2020.

“I knew this was going to make me miss a lot of training and opportunities, but it gave me a lot more time to think. I wanted to make sure that when I came back to (the United States), I could train as efficiently as possible and make up for that lost time,” Hix said.

It took him a year to finish it. He said the book focuses on consistent training.

“I saw that there was a lack of consistent training and protocols and methodologies in Jui-Jitsu,” he said.



Hix’s journey in the sport of Jui-Jitsu started during his final semester at Florida in Spring 2016 at the Gator Brazilian Jui-Jitsu Club.

He then continued his post-graduate training when he moved to Port Orange and eventually returned to the Keystone Heights Martial Arts Academy in 2019.

After completing officer training school in Newport, Rhode Island, and earning his commission, he was sent to the U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo, where he continued his training.

Hix cross-trained with local judo clubs in the city, competed in tournaments, and even taught his classes. During his experience, he trained Japanese natives and people who would serve in the U.S. Military Police.

“No. 1, I think everyone should try Jui-Jitsu even if you haven’t before. You’ll learn a lot more about yourself. And even if you haven’t tried Jui-Jitsu a day in your life,



Keystone Heights native Jordan Hix has seven years of experience in Jui-Jitsu and has competed internationally. His book, “Rapid Growth in Grappling: How To Use The Principles of Deliberate Practice to Get Better Faster,” is a tell-all on how students and coaches can learn and train in the sport more efficiently.

this book will still give you value. That’s because I cited a lot of research from skill acquisition studies, so whatever you want to get better at, you can use these broad principles and concepts in the book to apply it to whatever goals you what want to accomplish,” he said.

To promote his book, Hix recently appeared on a podcast with Rene Dreifuss, founder and head coach of Radical Mixed Martial Arts, a popular school in midtown Manhattan. The renowned coach appreciated the book’s practices, even implementing them in his classroom.

“It’s really good to see a professional do that,” Hix said.

Despite his work commitments, the 30-year-old continues to teach in his hometown, returning to Keystone Heights once or twice a month. The book’s sales have experienced ongoing success, with positive feedback from readers who find it useful for coaching roles and personal development.

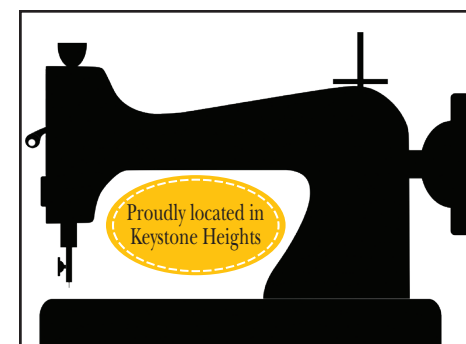
They say that it’s really useful for them, and many have used it for coaching roles at



their own gyms,” Hix said.

“It’s been going well, and I’m so happy. I’m finally starting to get some organic sales from people discovering it on Amazon, and that’s always cool. I’ve had several people reach out to me personally on Amazon to thank me. There are people reading it, and that’s always good.”

With seven years of participating in tournaments across Florida, including Jacksonville, Orlando, Daytona Beach, Tampa and St. Augustine, Hix brings a wealth of knowledge to his novel.



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From left, Donna Drake, Impact Clay Director of Operations, Connie Thomas, Impact Clay CEO and Jon Cantrell, Clay County Chamber of Commerce President, announced they've created a new trustee partnership in Clay County to strengthen the working bond between business, nonprofit and faith-based communities.

## Clay County Chamber, Impact Clay form new Trustee partnership

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The new partnership will increase professional networking opportunities for Impact Clay's helping organizations and create a stronger working bond between the business community, the County's not-for-profit organizations and faith-based organizations.

"Helping organizations that are members of Impact Clay are now automatically Clay County Chamber members," said Clay County Chamber of Commerce President Jon Cantrell. "This will help their leaders connect through networking while taking advantage of all the benefits Chamber members have that help their business grow and succeed."

"We are proud to begin this innovative partnership with our Clay Chamber. Many of our helping organizations struggle to keep up with the work in front of them and often lack the resources to join a professional group. This partnership provides an open door for these organizations to begin a long-term relationship with the business

community and gain the tools needed to prosper for many years to come," said Impact Clay CEO Connie Thomas.

Impact Clay's mission is to help Clay County meet the crucial social service needs of families, individuals and children through collaborative projects.

Hope is Restored, an Impact Clay member organization, is on a mission to end modern-day slavery. Founder and CEO Erica Smith said her organization will benefit from the new partnership. "This gives us the opportunity to put a need out to the business community that they can help us meet; we're all in a fight to make Clay County a better place."

Hope Restored operates an office inside Impact Clay's Professional Center at 151 College Dr. The organization recently renewed its lease and will celebrate by hosting the Clay Chamber Ambassadors for a ribbon cutting at 1 p.m. on June 16.

Chamber staff will work with Impact Clay leadership to connect its members with the Chamber's many programs.

## Community Briefs

### 24-hour ScriptCenter prescription kiosk opens at Naval Hospital Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE – Naval Hospital Jacksonville now has a 24-hour ScriptCenter prescription kiosk. The kiosk is just one of the many innovations from the hospital to provide better service and reduce wait times for patients.

The ScriptCenter machine, which was installed at both the main hospital and Satellite pharmacies, has undergone a week of usage by staff to be aware of its capabilities. The machine in the hospital will be located inside automatic doors near the quarterdeck, just steps away from the pharmacy and will be available 24 hours a day.

"When you call-in a refill or activate new prescription, you can select the ScriptCenter for pick up," said Lt. Cmdr. Jose Pulido, Pharmacy department head. "Even if you have someone pick up the script, the machine will take a photo to show who picked up medication. The only limitation on the new machines are on prescriptions that need to be refrigerated."

### 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.



### Mission of the Dirt Road offering free showers

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

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

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

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# Museum

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Morgan played a powerful video depicting former films shot in the county, including Creature From the Black Lagoon (1954), Brenda (1989), The Road Raiders (1989), G.I. Jane (1995), First Time Felon (1997), Sunshine (2002), Basic (2003) and Manchurian Candidate (2004).

"You can see the robust history," she said.

Morgan said The question will bring success back to Clay, which was cut short after incentives stopped around 2004 to 2005.

One method could be getting in touch with contacts neighbor Georgia, a top movie destination just a short two-hour drive from the county.

There was also plenty to discuss during the Grant meeting, including proposed changes and updates to the bid scoring algorithm and 2022-23 Fiscal Year grant guidelines.

# Sandridge

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drive around barricades and cut through construction zones, Cook said. The county had to hire an off-duty deputy to assign to the location to prevent this from happening more.

"Some folks say, 'Let residents back there.' That's a slippery slope because if you invite somebody over and 'they had permission, they didn't,' and somebody gets into an accident. I mean it's a tough situation, it's very frustrating. I completely understand, and what I would tell you is that every person involved wants this to hurry up and get done, and get it done right," the sheriff said.

Baylor Alexander said they originally planned to place detour signs but very shortly saw it wouldn't work.

"We had all of the commercial traffic from the road construction on the new interstate coming through and it backed up the neighborhood. In the first couple of days there was a crash, and the fire truck almost flipped trying to get in there and avoid people (and) it was going through people's yards," he said.



Construction at Henley and Sandridge roads will force many people in Lake Asbury to drive as many as 10 miles to buy groceries. Construction will last through the end of July.

Police and emergency vehicles can access the roads, which are closed on both ends with a combination code. A fire truck accessed a car wreck within six minutes from Station 15 in Lake Asbury, according to Deputy Fire Chief David Motes, Alexander said. Deputies are on hand at all hours to address safety, he said.

It has even caused some residents outrage to the point of pulling a gun. The Sheriff's Department is just protecting construction workers at this point.

"Some of that, too, is or threats. There's

been people threatening the construction workers. We had a gun pulled on one of them, so we're kind of protecting them at this point," Alexander said.

Burke questioned Dendor if the project was poorly planned. He said the \$31 million project took two-and-a-half years of planning.

"There are hundreds of hours of work and planning with road and highway engineers, the environmental team, and the entire team. This was not just put together overnight," he said.



# Jumpin'

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that's why it's called 'Jumpin'.'

Wane will play a solo set, and he will be joined by his bandmates from the Duval County Line.

The party starts at 3 p.m. and ends with fireworks at 9 p.m. Admission is free.

Wane said he has guitars, keyboards, drum kits, bass guitars and violins to give away.

The performance by AJ's CBD means his envision to empower children through music has come full circle.

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"To give him his first guitar and to have him come back is why we do this," Wane said.

And the student can't wait to show his teacher how much he's learned.

"We dove into the music, and Paul is one of the best guys I've known in music," AJ said. "He's gotten me out there, and I've played in his music events. I've gotten out there a lot. I really appreciate him for that."

While he can play five different instruments, AJ settled on lead guitar. He's also the lead singer in his band.

"When I first started, I started on drums," he said. "And my mom's boyfriend, Dave, taught me the basics. And then I just leaned on myself and I taught myself guitar, bass, guitar, keyboard, saxophone. I just started going into it, and I was like, 'Oh my gosh, this is gonna be my future.' And

then I started getting into it, and I started playing live, and it just gave me a place in my heart that I really wanted to do. And I'm still pursuing it."

AJ said Wane also will make a surprise guitar donation.


"I love helping people out," he said.

AJ said in addition to his mother and Wane, Blistur founder Chris Kellam and Big Engine frontman Tony Mikus played a significant role in his development.

Although this marks the second June-boree, Wane said the event already had surpassed his wildest expectations.


"It's only building because of the love and the generosity of this community," he said.

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Cyndi and Dan DeHart wanted to thank their Brick Oven customers for 10 years, so they hosted a party that included prizes, treats and a Clay Cruzers car show.



## Brick Oven thanks customers with party during 10-year anniversary

By Kyla Woodard  
For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – Brick Oven Pizzeria & Gastropub has been serving up meals to residents for a decade, and last Sunday was their day to say thank you.

“[We’ve] gone through 10 wonderful years, thanks to many of our customers and our employees. And [we’re] doing really well here,” said owner Dan DeHart.

The restaurant hosted its anniversary event to ring in the milestone. The party was filled with upbeat tunes, \$6 select grub, and an all-day happy hour to celebrate their time on the island.

The event also featured face painting, a DJ, and many loyal customers ready to celebrate.

In addition to celebrating their accom-

plishments, the restaurant also passed on their good fortune to others.

The restaurant hosted a 50/50 raffle, with half of the proceeds going to the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs and the other half going to a winning customer. Customers could pay \$1 a ticket to enter into the raffle. The event raised \$832 for the pantry.

Long-time supporters, the Clay County Cruzers, lent their cars to add to the celebration. Guests were able to walk around, take pictures, and gape next to unique vintage motors.

The restaurant partners with the local organization every year to commemorate

the occasion and support each other in their endeavors.

Clay County Cruzers President, Mike Hourihane, said he appreciates the camaraderie.

“We would like to thank Cyndi and Dan for always, every year, allowing us to come here and partake with their event. We enjoy going to the Brick Oven, we love their food, and we’re all from the local community. So, it’s just nice to have something like this in the local area,” Hourihane said.

The establishment, originally NY Brick Oven Pizza, began as a little pizzeria at the then BP gas station near Orange Park South. However, owner Cyndi DeHart said the move to Fleming Island was indeed necessary. The DeHart’s said the lively nature of the island, being right across from the booming movie theater and being in between Eagle Harbor and Fleming Island

Plantation, influenced their decision.

“It’s a lot bigger. It’s like five times bigger than our other restaurant. So, to make it better for the people that live in the community,” Cyndi DeHart said.

The original establishment was small for eight years, selling mainly pizza, wings and subs. A little hole in the wall to obtain a taste of New York-style Italian cuisine. However, the DeHart’s said the move to their current location opened the restaurant to better endeavors.

“We have [a] full restaurant, full bar [and] craft beer,” Cyndi DeHart said.

In 2013, the restaurant made its home in Fleming Island. And, after expanding the menu, space and drink options, the eatery has become more of a “home” to customers all over the island.

Wanda Prentice said she is a regular customer. She enjoys the food, people and the environment.

“Brick oven is a great establishment in the Fleming Island area. And everybody’s like family. Everybody knows everybody. It’s a kind of place you go back to, like an old-time Cheers,” Prentice said.

Customers Richard and Margaret Miligan, brought their 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 to the celebration, and as regulars, they raved over the restaurant’s food, citing the fried green beans and nachos as their favorite.

For the future, the restaurant has some changes in store. After recently renewing the lease, the DeHart’s said that they plan to retire their roles soon and continue the spirit of “family” by handing the reins over to their son and nephew.

The DeHart’s said that their son, Jimmy DeHart, was their main reason for starting the business, and they can’t wait for him to inherit it.

“This is not for us. This is for our son. His legacy,” Cyndi DeHart said.

As the current general manager, Jimmy DeHart said when he fully takes over, he hopes to continue the restaurant’s essence that began all those years ago.

“We like to be the local, friendly neighborhood where everybody can come and feel comfortable. And, have a nice enjoyable place where people can come and enjoy themselves. I just want to keep it that way,” Jimmy DeHart said.



Customers packed the Brick Oven Pizzeria & Gastropub for a 10-year anniversary party on Fleming Island.

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# IKO confirms plans for \$270 million shingle plant in Maxville by 2026

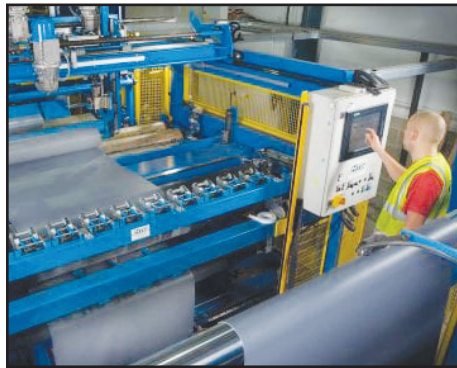
For Clay Today

WILMINGTON, Del. – IKO, a global industry leader in the roofing, waterproofing and insulation industry, confirmed its plan to construct a new manufacturing campus in Maxville.

Construction of the new \$270 million site will include an asphalt shingle production facility, in addition to an insulation board plant and a commercial rolled roofing plant.

The 300,000-square-foot facilities will initially employ about 100 people locally. Clay Today first reported the plan on Nov. 30. The plan, called "Project Gator," advanced after the Board of County Commissioners agreed to offer tax rebates as part of its Economic Development Grant.

The company intends to begin work on the site near U.S. Highway 301 and County Road 218 later this year. It marks the eighth modern shingle production line in IKO's North American manufacturing op-



erations and the first facility it has built in Florida.

"As a company, we have a strong belief that you can never remain static; you are always in a situation where you are looking to contract or grow your business," explained David Koschitzky, CEO of IKO North America.

"In the past decade, we've made some of the largest investment commitments we've ever made as a family business. They are a clear statement of our belief



in the growth of our company and of the strength of our industry.

Clay County and the Clay County Economic Development Corporation have been great partners for us as we looked at this project, and we're very pleased to be building our first-ever Florida facility."

"This project will provide generational opportunities for Clay County residents in the form of quality, high-wage employment,

and the county as a whole will benefit from the significant capital investment. Manufacturing is the backbone of the American economy," said Crawford Powell, President of the Clay County Economic Development Corporation.

The current timetable for the three production lines anticipates that the shingle line will be commissioned and shipping product to market by mid-2025.

## Middleburg's Dionysius continues 123-year tradition of service under the sea

By Cmdr. Anthony Falvo  
Navy Office of Community Outreach

KINGS BAY, Ga. – Submariners make up only 10% of the U.S. Navy's personnel, but they play a critical role in carrying out one of the Defense Department's most important missions: strategic deterrence.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Samantha Dionysius, of Middleburg is one of the sailors continuing a 123-year tradition of service under the sea to help ensure Americans' safety.

Dionysius joined the Navy four years ago and today serves as a machinist's mate nuclear aboard USS Florida.

"I first joined after seeing my three sisters serve in the Navy," said Dionysius. "They all joined before me, and I was the last to join. I wanted to travel and follow the example they set."

Growing up in Middleburg, Dionysius attended Ridgeview High and graduated in 2018.

For Dionysius, the skills and values she saw in her sisters are similar to those required to succeed in the military.



PHOTO BY 1ST CLASS JOSIAH TROMBLEY  
Petty Officer 2nd Class Samantha Dionysius

"My sisters have always been a good example," said Dionysius. "They taught me independence and that I should always be striving for excellence. I also saw how they stood up for themselves. They are all out of the Navy now, but they're super supportive of me."

These lessons have helped Dionysius

while serving in the Navy.

Known as America's "Apex Predators!," the Navy's submarine force operates a large fleet of technically-advanced vessels. These submarines can conduct rapid defensive and offensive operations worldwide in furtherance of U.S. national security. There are three basic types of submarines: fast-attack submarines, ballistic-missile submarines and guided-missile submarines.

Fast-attack submarines are designed to hunt down and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships; strike targets ashore with cruise missiles; carry and deliver Navy SEALs; conduct intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions; and engage in mine warfare. The Virginia-class SSN is the most advanced submarine in the world today. It combines stealth and payload capability to meet Combatant Commanders' demands in this era of strategic competition.

The Navy's ballistic-missile submarines, often called "boomers," serve as a strategic deterrent by providing an undetectable platform for submarine-launched ballistic

missiles. SSBNs are explicitly designed for stealth, extended patrols and the precise delivery of missiles. The Columbia-class SSBN will be the largest, most capable, and most advanced submarine produced by the U.S. - replacing the current Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarines to ensure continuous sea-based strategic deterrence into the 2080s.

Guided-missile submarines provide the Navy with unprecedented strike and special operation mission capabilities from a stealthy, clandestine platform. Each SSGN can carry 154 Tomahawk cruise missiles plus a complement of heavyweight torpedoes to be fired through four torpedo tubes.

"Our mission remains timeless - to provide our fellow citizens with nothing less than the very best Navy: fully combat ready at all times, focused on warfighting excellence, and committed to superior leadership at every single level," said Adm. Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations. "This is our calling. And I cannot imagine a calling more worthy."

According to Navy officials, strategic de-

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Fathers fulfill a special role in our lives. Our father figures impact wisdom, empowerment, and comforting love. I'll never forget how my father eased my concerns and even fears as a child. I knew he was strong, and I knew that he loved me. So, whenever I started to feel anxious or afraid, I was comforted by my father's presence even if he wasn't physically there.

Psalms 103:13 says, "Like a parent feels compassion for their children—that's how the LORD feels compassion for those who honor him." In the same way, as our earthly fathers do, our Father in heaven has our best interests at heart. He loves us unconditionally and cares for us more than we could ever comprehend.

We also have spiritual fathers who fulfill father-figure roles. They can impart great wisdom regarding our faith. The apostle John ended up becoming a spiritual mentor to many. In 3 John 1:4, he writes, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

God blesses us richly through His role as our Father. In Matthew 7:9, Jesus says, "You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him."

God gives us beautiful things in life, and we must always recognize that truth and be grateful to Him. The greatest blessings we receive in this life come straight from His hands.

This Father's Day we should make it a point to honor every father and father figure in our lives, especially our Father in heaven. For those of us who are fathers ourselves, let's take our role with seriousness and responsibility. When we live out that role with love and wisdom, we are reflecting God's image within us. Whether fathers ourselves or not, our Heavenly Father is our example for everything we do. We should strive to be more like Him in all we do.

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Psalms 103:13 says, "Like a parent feels compassion for their children—that's how the LORD feels compassion for those who honor him."

# Clay Eye offering IC-8 Aphthera Lens Implants

### For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Dr. Donald Downer was recently the first physician in North Florida to perform a successful IC-8 Aphthera Lens Implant. This lens is the first of its kind.

"I'm always excited to be on the cutting edge of ophthalmology advancements for cataract surgery, and the Aphthera IC-8 IOL is the first of its kind," Downer said. "As the first physician in North FL to use the IC-8 Intraocular Lens for cataract surgery, I liken this lens to a camera. With the Aphthera IOL, light is naturally focused as it enters the eye and seamlessly expands patient's range of vision, so they can see objects, people and signage from varying distances."

The IC-8 lens provides a solution for patients with monovision, where one eye is used for distance vision and the other for near vision. With this lens, the near eye can now see near and far distances. This significantly improves from traditional monovision, allowing for better vi-



Donald Downer

sual acuity at all distances. Patients who previously could not tolerate monovision due to changes in their distance vision can now benefit from this type of vision correction.

This is because the IC-8 lens maintains distance vision, which was previously compromised with traditional monovision. Overall, the IC-8 lens provides a promising option for patients who are seeking improved vision correction and quality of life.

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### Two owls inspire former Superintendent Ben Wortham

ORANGE PARK – For Clay County Superintendent Ben Wortham and his wife, Sylvia, noticed two owls recently sitting in a willow tree near their sunroom. Their backyard is next to a lake and wetlands. "They were beautiful," the couple said. "They reminded us of the short poem ... 'A wise old owl sat in an oak, the more he listened, the less he spoke. The more he heard ... Why can't we be more like that old bird!'"

## Navy

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terrence is the Nation's ultimate insurance program. As a member of the submarine force, Dionysius is part of a rich history of the U.S. Navy's most versatile weapons platform, capable of taking the fight to the enemy in defense of America and its allies.

Serving in the Navy means Dionysius is part of a team taking on new importance in America's focus on strengthening alliances, modernizing capabilities, increasing capacities and maintaining military readiness in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"The Navy is our strongest asset in protecting America," said Dionysius. "It

allows us to have a presence everywhere in the world and it's amazing to be a part of it. It also makes me happy to be able to protect my family. I have nieces and nephews and I hope they all join the Navy someday."

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to trained sailors and a strong Navy. Dionysius and the sailors they serve with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

"My biggest accomplishment has been completing nuclear school and scuba dive school," said Dionysius. "They're hard programs, challenging both mentally and

physically, but there's so much history in each of these programs. I'm just so proud to be a part of it."

As Dionysius and other sailors continue to train and perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the U.S. Navy.

"I feel a sense of pride that I'm protecting my family and helping to defend the country," said Dionysius. "I feel like I'm really doing my part to protect my country."

Dionysius is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I'm definitely grateful to my sisters, Gabrielle, Danielle and Abigail," added Dionysius. "They have always lifted me up and motivated me to push myself and be adventurous. They've taught me many good life lessons. I would not be able to be this courageous without their love and support. They've made me feel like anything is possible."

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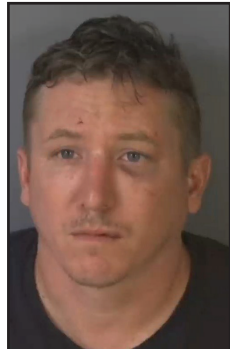
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## Police Briefs

### Man charged with murder after argument ends with shooting

ORANGE PARK – An argument on June 10 between two men ended with one dead and the other in the Clay County Jail facing second-degree murder charges.

John Robert Thigpen, 34, of Jacksonville, was arrested after the Clay County Sheriff's Office was called to a home on Constitution Drive about a shooting. According to the arrest report, Thigpen told deputies he shot his friend, Napoleon Brown, during an "altercation." Clay County Fire Rescue declared Brown dead at the scene after suffering multiple gunshot wounds to his head and body.



John Thigpen

Investigators determined Thigpen shot Brown several hours before he called 911. He also said the two argued before the shooting.

Deputies found two spent round next to the body, suggesting at least two of the shot came after he was face down on the floor.

Through their investigation, detectives learned that Thigpen shot the victim hours before he reported the incident to authorities. Thigpen and the victim are known to each other, and there was a dispute between them prior to the shooting.

Thigpen will remain in the Clay County Jail without bond until his next court appearance on July 18.

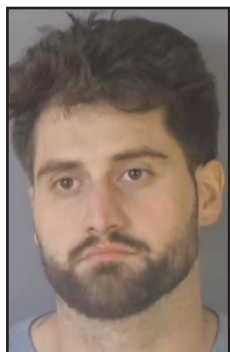
Sheriff Michelle Cook expressed gratitude to the patrol officers for their prompt response and commended the detectives and CSTs for their dedicated work in thoroughly investigating the case. Cook also expressed her condolences.

"It's unfortunate that an incident like this between two friends has cost a person their life," she said.

### CCSO: High-speed chase ends with traffic, drug charges

OAKLEAF – After leading the Clay County Sheriff's Office on a high-speed chase on June 7, a Jacksonville man was caught and will face additional drug charges.

Clay Matthew Greer, 29, ran from the sheriff's office on Blanding after they responded to a man they suspected violated his injunction for domestic violence.



Clay Greer

Greer was charged with racing down

Blanding Boulevard and onto the First Coast Expressway, Challenger Drive, Oakleaf Plantation Parkway and Orbit Court at speeds reaching 120 mph in a 45-mph zone. According to the arrest report, he eventually crashed into a ditch after striking another car, but he escaped into some nearby woods.

Deputies found methamphetamine and fentanyl in his abandoned truck.

Greer was discovered walking along Havenwood Road, where he was arrested.

When questioned, CCSO said he claimed he didn't remember leading them on a high-speed chase.

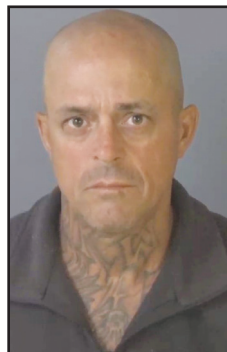
Greer, who was charged with leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, failure to stop to render aid following an accident, resisting arrest, aggravated fleeing with property damage and possession of methamphetamine and fentanyl, is in the Clay County Jail with a \$600,016 bond.

### Man charged with taking rod, reel from Lake Asbury garage

LAKE ASBURY – A suspicious Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy arrested a man for stealing a rod and reel after he was swerving lane-to-lane on a bicycle along Russell Road on June 7.

Michael Louis Norris, 53, of Jacksonville, was charged with burglary and grand theft after the deputy noticed the salt-water rod and reel strapped to his bicycle. Norris said he took it from a man who owed him money in the Rolling Hills neighborhood. The victim said the rod and reel, valued at \$2,200, were leaning against a wall inside his garage.

Bond was set at \$35,006. His next court appearance will be on July 11.



Michael Norris

### Couple busted for trafficking methamphetamine during traffic stop

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A traffic stop for running a stop sign and a passenger not wearing a seatbelt resulted in a significant drug bust on June 8 for the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

According to the arrest report, the car was stopped at the corner of Swarthmore Drive and Dennison Avenue after the dep-



Danny Boree

uty saw Danny Ray Boree, 37, of Keystone Heights, sitting in the passenger seat without a seatbelt.

During the stop, the deputy noticed a hatchet on the dashboard. According to the arrest report, when Boree was asked if there were any other weapons in the car, he said, "There might be."

When Boree exited the car, the deputy said they saw him "manipulate and object in his waistband" that contained methamphetamine. CCSO also found three smaller baggies containing fentanyl and cocaine in his front pocket.

Boree was sitting on a bag when the car was stopped, and CCSO found a handgun inside it.

The driver, Angela Denee Lynch, 47, was charged with trafficking 28.4 grams of methamphetamine after deputies found methamphetamine stuffed in her bra. Her bond was set at \$250,003.

Boree was charged with trafficking 26.3 grams of methamphetamine and one gram of cocaine, possession of a concealed weapon by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of cocaine. His bond is \$425,012.

According to Florida Statute, possession of 14 or more grams of methamphetamine constitutes trafficking.

### Wrong way ticket turns into trafficking methamphetamine charge

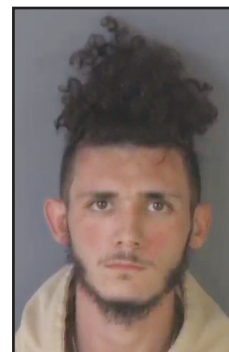
ORANGE PARK – A Jacksonville man was arrested and charged with trafficking methamphetamine after he was stopped by a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy for driving the wrong way on June 10 at the Parkland Apartments.

Noah Isaiah Thompson, 20, was charged with committing a first-degree felony with a weapon, trafficking methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and a firearm and ammo by a convicted felon after the deputy became suspicious when he saw Thompson reach under the passenger seat.

According to the arrest report, the deputy stopped the car after it also ran a stop sign to pull onto Wells Road. When the deputy turned on his emergency lights, he saw Thompson throw a plastic bag out of the passenger window.

As he approached the car, he saw Thompson reach under the seat. After additional deputies arrived, Thompson was "messing with his pants" while he was being handcuffed.

The driver, Harry Richard Smith, had a black bag strapped to his chest. K-9 Odin



Noah Thompson

then alerted deputies to the likely presence of illegal narcotics in the car.

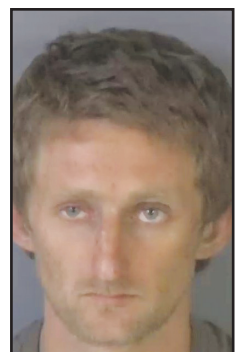
Deputies found marijuana in the plastic bag thrown from the car. They also found a handgun under Thompson's seat, methamphetamine and a scale. They also found methamphetamine inside the bag strapped to Smith's chest.

Thompson's bond was set at \$103,511, while Smith was jailed with a \$10,003 bond.

### Enraged man charged with hitting deputy with motorcycle

MIDDLEBURG – According to the arrest report, a Fleming Island man was arrested on June 8 after he ran his motorcycle into a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy while trying to flee.

Jared David Tyler, 29, was charged with resisting law enforcement with violence, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, two counts of driving with a suspended license and riding with an improperly displayed license tag after CCSO was called to issue a no trespassing order for a towing company on Joe Johns Road.



Jared Tyler

A deputy researched Tyler and learned he had two driving with a suspended license warrants. According to the arrest report, when he arrived, Tyler tried to escape on his motorcycle, including riding under a dump trailer. When the deputy tried to block his path with his weapon drawn, Tyler hit him with his motorcycle.

Tyler then fought with two CCSO deputies before he was finally restrained.

One of the deputy's gun was destroyed after it was struck by the motorcycle.

The event caused Joe Johns Road to be shut down during the investigation.

Tyler's bond was set at \$329,010.

### OPAA softball coach pleads guilty to child pornography

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Attorney Roger B. Handberg announced Andrew Lynn Overheul, 43, Orange Park, pleaded guilty to two counts of production and attempted production of child sexual abuse material. Overheul faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years, up to 60 years, in federal prison. A sentencing date has not been scheduled.

According to the plea agreement, on Sept. 17, 2022, the parent of a 12-year-old child contacted the Clay County Sheriff's Office to report finding a cellular phone recording her changing clothes and using

# 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 13

Theodore W. Mooney, 29, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, loitering/prowling

Sessions A. Byrd, 43, Orange Park, DWLSR

Christopher E. Williams, 33, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon

Julian E.M. Alvarez, 38, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license

Keith L. Rowell, 45, Green Cove Springs, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia

Hereman P.P. Otero, 57, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Sean N. Kelly, 34, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery

Sean D. Letterle, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-controlled substance, VOP-possession-marijuana

Maria E. Castro, 52, Green Cove Springs, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT

Scott E. Bowen, 55, Keystone Heights, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, vandalism

Zachary G. O'Connell, 33, Orange Park, stalking

## Monday, June 12

Deann L. Turner 53, Middleburg, VOP-possession-methamphetamine

Terrell L. Cannon, 59, Middleburg, domestic battery

Darrick L. Young, 45, Green Cove Springs, battery on jail deputy/facility/staff

Anhmyle McKenzine, 58, Middleburg, shoplifting

Bonnie L. Scobie, 38, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail

## Sunday, June 11

Kennison J. Wilson, 31, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Robert S. Rawlins, 38, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Matthew D. Smith, 43, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Anthony L. Williams, 30, Green Cove Springs, FTA-loitering/prowling

Jeffery S Wilson, 57, Melrose, domestic battery

Graeson J. Rich, 19, Orange Park, shoplifting

Emanuel A. Kelly, 18, Orange Park, shoplifting

James J. Williams, 45, Green Cove Springs, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

John R. Thigpen, 34, Orange Park, murder

Alexis S. Sanders, 25, Orange Park, DWLSR

Omar A. Giraldo, 38, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-drug paraphernalia, violation of concealed weapon law, alter/destroy/remove physical evidence

Terrance D. Alexander, 21, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia

## Saturday, June 12

Edward A. Westberry, 37, Melrose, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon

James D. Felton, 55, Fleming Island, DWLSR

Robert G. Tyre, 20, Orange Park, battery

Zainal A. Uddien, 57, Middleburg, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Jason A. Daniel, 32, Middleburg, FTA

Kyle M. Greene, 28, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR

Harry R. Smith, 29, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance

Noah I. Thompson, 20, Orange Park, commit first-degree felony with weapon, trafficking-amphetamine/methamphetamine, possession-marijuana, alter/destroy/conceal physical evidence

Abigail L. King, 31, Keystone Heights, possession-controlled substance

Austin P. McCoy, 34, Keystone Heights, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon

## Friday, June 9

William T. White, 31, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia

Thomas B. Reed, 50, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Thomas J. Wilken, 38, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DUI, FTA-refusal to submit to BAL test

Joshua D. Stanley, 26, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-uttering/altering false bank note

James P. Mack, 18, Orange Park, DUI with property damage/injury

Humberto J.S. Narvaez, 41, Green Cove Springs, battery

Duramus A. Simpson, 24, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Alanna F. Moore, 25, Middleburg, DUI

## Thursday, June 8

Stetson L. Garnett, 30, Keystone Heights, possession-fentanyl

Charlotte A. Adams, 39, Keystone Heights, possession-controlled substance, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Jared D. Tyler, 29, Middleburg, resisting law enforcement with violence, aggravated battery with deadly weapon, two counts FTA-DWLSR

Charles A. Dukes, 60, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-drug

paraphernalia

Danny R. Boree, 37, Keystone Heights, trafficking amphetamine/methamphetamine, possession-cocaine, possession-ammo/firearm by convicted felon, possession-concealed weapon by convicted felon

Angela D. Lynch, 47, Keystone Heights, trafficking-amphetamine/methamphetamine

Clayton K. Roberts, 45, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Cyrstal S. Cooks, 27, Orange Park, shoplifting

Brian A. Sullivan, 44, Middleburg, domestic battery, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

William G. Wallace, 66, Middleburg, uttering forged instrument

Ronnell D. Bailey, 43, Orange Park, FTA-violation of attached registration

Ricardo L. Thomas, 43, Orange Park, domestic battery

## Wednesday, June 7

Chet S. Harris, 33, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Melissa S. Piper, 37, Keystone Heights, FTA

Judith H. Northup, 80, Lawtee, DUI

Maria M. Burns, 49, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DUI

Michael L. Norris, 53, Green Cove Springs, burglary, grand theft

Darryl W. Baker, 61, Orange Park, vandalism

Christopher A. Bell, 42, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft

Clay M. Greer, 29, Middleburg, aggravated attempting to flee/elude law enforcement with property damage/injury, possession-fentanyl, possession-methamphetamine, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, failure to stop after crash with injury/property damage

Orentheious Redding, 39, Middleburg, trespassing

## Police

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the shower in the bathroom at her softball coach's house. CCSO responded that same night and interviewed the parent and victim.

The parent and the girl said they were at Overheul's home in Orange Park on Sept. 17 for a softball team family party. At the time, Overheul was the child's softball coach at the Orange Park Athletic Association.

The children decided to have an impromptu group sleepover at Overheul's home. Overheul told the girl she could take a shower in the master bathroom since another girl was showering in the other bathroom then. The victim spotted a phone on the bathroom countertop propped between two boxes, with the camera facing the shower. Upon closer inspection, the girl discovered the phone was actively record-

ing and immediately grabbed the phone and stopped the recording. The girl reviewed the video and discovered that it depicted her, so she deleted the video, placed the phone back on the counter, and called her parents to pick her up from Overheul's residence.

The victim's parent sent a text message to Overheul at 8:17 p.m. indicating they were on their way to pick the girl up and would tell Overheul about it when they got there. At 8:44 p.m., Overheul responded by text message, "Hey we talked with the girls. No one is admitting [sic] to playing a joke. The others that were in that bathroom said they saw my phone charging but no other phones."

After interviewing the parents and the girl, CCSO detectives responded to Overheul's residence in the early morning hours of Sept. 18, 2022, and interviewed Overheul, during which he acknowledged he was the only person that used or had access and control of his cellphone. He

further acknowledged his cellphone was in the bathroom and claimed he had placed it there to charge.

Agents obtained a federal search warrant for Overheul's cellphone and a forensic review of the device found two photos of several minor females on the softball team wearing swimsuits and sitting on the floor in Overheul's living room, dated Sept. 17, 2022, with a time stamp of 5:36 p.m. Forensics also showed that, at 7:38 p.m., a search for "Canon remote app" was conducted on the cellphone, and then the Canon Camera Connect app was installed a few seconds later. This app allows a camera to record remotely with live view imaging of the camera from a smartphone. Forensics also revealed a search in the evening of Sept. 17, in the Google Play Store on Overheul's cellphone for two applications, which were downloaded, and can be used to delete information from a person's phone.

On Nov. 18, 2022, Homeland Security

Investigations executed a federal search warrant at Overheul's residence and seized numerous electronic devices. Agents discovered hundreds of photos and videos of minors that appeared to have been taken surreptitiously without their consent.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office and Homeland Security Investigations investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Ashley Washington is prosecuting it.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.justice.gov/psc](http://www.justice.gov/psc).

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## Mayhem in Middleburg Southern Social hosts arm wrestling extravaganza

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - A trip down County Road 220 for a beer and a burger would have been delayed Saturday afternoon at the Southern Social Whisky Bar as nearly 250 Popeye-looking athletes converged on the local eatery to test out a little mano-a-mano machisimo.

"Chuck Westberry has been hosting this tournament; the Mayhem in Middleburg Florida Armwrestling League Invitational, for nearly six years and this one is the biggest ever in Florida," said Florida Armwrestling League president Brandon Morris. "Mayhem in Middleburg is the peak of a 12 event series around Florida that finishes with a \$10,000 final prize to the best armwrestler in Florida. There is a ton of national talent here."

Morris cited a NASCAR-like points system that arm wrestlers compete within to gather points toward the League's final



event. Morris said the tournament is round robin style action with each armwrestler facing off once against however many competitors signed in for the tournament in six weight classes; 154 pounds, 176 pounds, 198 pounds, 220 pounds, 242 pounds and 242-plus pounds, with a 30 second recovery period between matches.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

The eyes of the athletic world; including left, competitor Kirby Paulk, were at the Southern Social Whiskey bar in Middleburg as the local eatery hosted the Mayhem in Middleburg Florida Arm Wrestling League invitational on Saturday with nearly 300 competitors. Above: Cody Anderson and Ford Canary battle in one of the epic battles of the day.

"If you show up and 15 guys are in the weight class, you wrestle 14 guys and the best record after it's over is the winner," said Morris. "It's pretty easy and rapid fire up there; just one on one all day; 12 events and a championship event in December."

Four more events remain on the schedule with stops in Spring Hill, Daytona

Beach and Deland before the championship event with a location yet to be determined.

Westberry, the coach and leader of Team Jacksonville Armwrestling based out of Westberry's home in Middleburg, and tournament partner Michael Newman, who

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The Fleming Island High football big boys were in the weight room as summer workouts have started with area football squads.

## FIHS's Parker using some wrestling tactics on gridiron

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High football head coach Chad Parker was instructing his summer practice athletes on a bit of wrestling tactics Monday afternoon with the intent of teaching some body leverage and control.

"I want them to be able to know where their opposing guy is and how to move him effectively," said Parker, who coached wrestling at Orange Park and also at Bar-

tram Trail high schools with state champions produced at both. "We don't want to be aggressive at the point of attack, but to control that point of attack."

Parker, who opened his tenure as a Golden Eagle with an impressive spring game output against Middleburg High saw an offensive display of firepower and strength, said that his summer will be to improve conditioning and build more team camaraderie.

"We had some dumb penalties out

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Under the watchful eye of St John's Country Day School girls soccer coach Mike Pickett, left, the North Florida Soccer Academy Elite camp featured players from around the country converging at the St John's campus to learn high level soccer skills and to have scrimmages against some of the best players in the country, below.

# NFSA hosts Elites of soccer

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - St. Johns Country Day School girls soccer coach Mike Pickett strides in and out of soccer drills amongst 40-50 elite level athletes at his recent summer Elite Soccer Camp endlessly correcting, encouraging and fine-tuning players from around the nation and even worldwide.

"We do soccer camp differently here because we get the best girls together and don't just put a ball on the field and let them play," said Pickett. "My goal is to teach the minutiae of skills needed to be successful on the soccer field."

Pickett, considered one of the best ever soccer coaches in Florida, if not the United States with his 11 state titles and handfuls of Gatorade and Florida Dairy Farmers players of years, including his daughter Carson, now a professional in the National Womens Soccer League with the Racing Louisville (KY) FC team.

"The key is what players do on their own," said Pickett. "Elite players do the work on their own. Carson, starting in eighth grade, would get 1500 touches before she went to school at 5 A.M. every day."

Pickett's camp included several ball skill drills that were targeting exact ball movement skills in game time.

"Even at this level of soccer camp, the ball skills needed to be successful can still be taught here," said Pickett. "Something as simple as a proper head ball directed



a certain way is critical at the elite level."

Pickett noted that ex-Spartan goalie Sarah Voigt, who excelled at Notre Dame, was on hand for his goalie campers with a handful of ex-players for Pickett, including Jamaica National Team standout Ashley Simms. Assistant St. Johns coach Brad Schmidt is also on the field.

Pickett pointed out players from Flagler Palm Coast, Gainesville and, even Texas, that have come to St. Johns to get soccer coaching.

"I don't recruit anyone for our program here, but players come here to be properly trained," said Pickett. "Under the microscope we live under as recruiting goes, I don't go after kids. Ironically, we get some of the best kids from programs around the nation, but they don't ever play here. They



just want to get better then they go home and excel. We give them the little things to win."

Pickett had players executing a "smother trap" skill that involved taking an overhead ball, much like a football wide receiver catching passes over head, snapping it to a controlled stop and allowing a pivot and reverse field attack in the opposite direction.

"This is a skill that is never taught," said Pickett. "It's a very high level skill that is never taught."

Pickett encouraged the practice to push each other.

"There is no playing around," said Pickett. "We want to simulate real game situations so that the skill can be learned then when they see it in the game, it's muscle

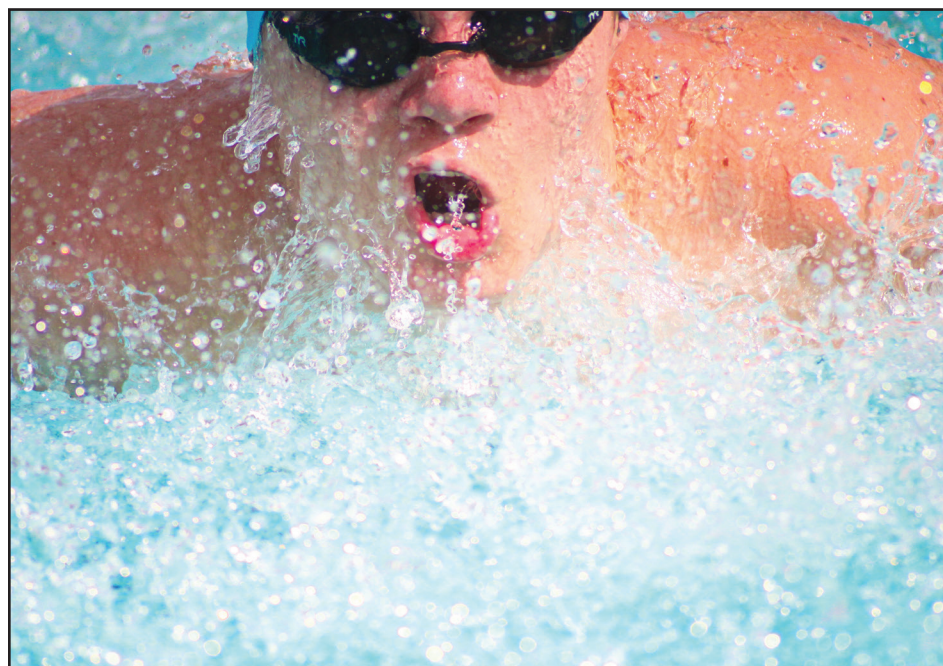
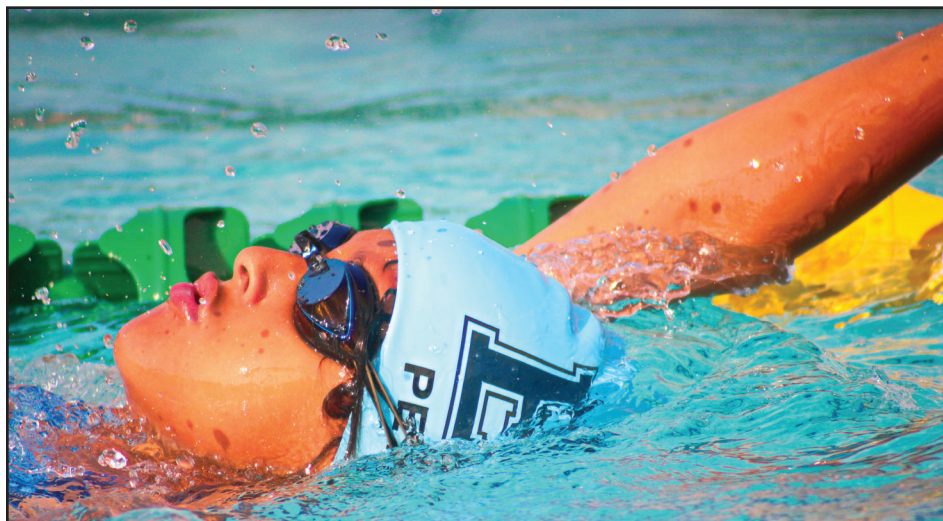


memory. It's up to the players to make it difficult here."

Pickett's elite camp started on Saturday with an afternoon skills session that was followed by an 8 p.m. scrimmage that wound up a 0-0 score with the very high skill and speed level very apparent.

"All I do is teach them soccer stuff that they were never taught when they were this tall," said Pickett, putting a hand about waist high. "Other countries put their best coaches with their youngest kids so they get taught the basics very early. That's why we have our elementary program here. We get 30-40 pre-K, kindergarten, first graders and second graders for nine weeks twice a year and all we do is touch the ball, we don't scrimmage. We get them comfortable with the ball first."





# Eagle Harbor Screaming Eagles





Action was fast and furious at the Mayhem in Middleburg Florida Armwrestling League Invitational held Saturday at Southern Social Whiskey Bar under the director of owner and Team Jacksonville Armwrestling coach Chuck Westberry. Left: Athletes got strapped in for battle if a proper grip was unattainable. Right: Top three finishers in 165 pounds, from left, second place Michael Newman, third placer Kirby Paulk and champion Jeremy Pappy.

## Arm wrestling

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is a former Fleming Island High wrestler (2013) as well as a top ranked armwrestler nationally, welcomed the numerous ranks of life that compete in the sport.

"I've been arm wrestling for 30 years," said Westberry, who boasted about his two also-ranked daughters. "The people who armwrestle for us include a retired Federal judge, AC guys, salesmen, you name it, everyone knows about arm wrestling," said Westberry. "What's funny is this gives the older guy who may have been a college athlete or high schooler a reason to compete."

Westberry says the draw to the sport is growing each year.

"This tournament has been primarily a local event that gives the guys from around here to get together and throw down for

an afternoon," said Westberry. "One name, Dalton Price, a former Middleburg High football player, is one of the names that pops in as a legendary figure from the area in armwrestling."

Newman, ranked second in Florida prior to the Mayhem event with two trips to the World Armwrestling Championships where he was second and fifth, pointed out one of the top competitors at Mayhem in Middleburg as Russian champion Artem Taranenko, 28, the best in the building at 198 pounds.

"He's the cat today," said Newman, who would finish second in his weight class on the day. "He eats and sleeps this sport and is the guy we all look up to as the best in the sport."

For the women, Newman named Swedish multiple national champion Sarah Backman, 31, and eight times world champion, now in Brooksville, as the top female



Fleming Island High wrestler Michael Newman, left, has been a Florida Armwrestling League member for nearly 10 years and has won a handful of national titles and world championship invitations.

competitor.

"She's in the mens category because there is no female here capable of chal-

lenging her," said Newman. "She's the real deal."



A tournament opening challenge match started the action with Wiz Bermudez, left, battling challenger Rene. Right: Kris Zykinsky puts the pressure down on challenger Cody Anderson in match in 165 pound weight category.

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Fleming Island offensive tackle Braden Cunningham will be one of the top members of a strong offensive line for first year head coach Chad Parker.

## Parker

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there and one that cost a touchdown," said Parker, "Overall, I liked what I saw but we always want better. Our discipline and our self discipline are two things we have to

work. I understand it was kind of a rivalry game, but some things we did are not acceptable."

Parker was coy about his Middleburg game and the explosiveness of his offense.

"I wasn't too much surprised because I see that everyday at practice," said Parker. "We weren't at full strength and the conditions (rain) were not perfect, plus we had some guys who couldn't play but will help us out in the fall. We knew what we were capable of. Whether we execute that capable of on game day is the key."

For the total game, Parker liked his run game; Tracy Burney and Tyler Beverly both ran amuck on the mopy turf.

"Beverly, a state champion weightlifter, that we knew was strong had like three carries for 120 yards," said Parker, who was concerned of the loss of seniors Sam Singleton (FSU) and Musthafa Marshall. "We knew he would be strong, but holy cow. We were firing on all cylinders; 21-0 at half, should have been 28-0."

On defense, Parker liked the game of freshmen Sebastian Crews and Demir-Jackson.

"We moved Ladarius Jackson back to linebacker, but Jackson was a stone cold missile out there," said Parker. "The whole defense did a great job. Crews had a nice interception."

Parker will travel to Southeastern University for a team camp in mid July after competing on June 23-24, along with Ridgeview and Oakleaf, in a huge 7 v 7 FHSAA State Championship tournament at the Villages.

"We'll get a whole bunch of games out there (Villages) against a lot of great teams," said Parker. "The Jaguars will host a 7 v 7 program on the following Tuesday, so we'll be busy in July."

Parker was reminded daily on that initial first rivalry game against the Clay High Blue Devils.

"That's what people talk about all the time," said Parker. "The Middleburg game was intense as a first game."



Fleming Island head football coach Chad Parker watches as two combatants; Ladarius Jackson, left, and Matthew Newman grapple in the grass during summer workouts on Tuesday.



Former Fleming Island soccer and track star Emily Surgeoner, left, is teaming up with Fleming Island football coach Chris Otero, her former track coach, after graduating from Duke University School of Physical Therapy and becoming Dr Emily Surgeoner DPT, CSCS.

## Fleming Island soccer, trackster Surgeoner back on track

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - A recognizable face has been roaming the Fleming Island High football practice fields and it's not a former gridiron great, but one of the school's finest track and soccer female athletes.

Emily Surgeoner, a 2016 400 meter, 200 meter and long jump specialist and a standout soccer player while a Golden Eagle, has completed her medical studies and is now called by her professional name of Dr. Emily Katherine Surgeoner, DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy), CSCS (Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist).

Surgeoner, 25, who recently completed her studies at Duke University and also University of Florida is on hand for the summer as an intern at Preferred Physical Therapy with Allen Weiss in Fleming Island.

"I'm doing a little coaching with speed and development with coach Otero (FIHS football coach Chris Otero) while I study for my boards (exams)," said Surgeoner. "I'm not as fast as I was in high school. It all goes downhill after 22."

Surgeoner's journey to become Dr. Surgeoner, which her Dr. to Surgeoner last name has created some raised eyebrows, recently finished with graduation in just three years from Duke University's doctoral physical therapy program.

"The program is year round so the three years is three years 365 days straight," said Surgeoner.

Surgeoner started the journey with four years at University of Florida's Kinesiology and Physiology program.

"I played club soccer at Florida and got to travel around a bit of the country with the team," said Surgeoner. "At Duke, I worked with the football team. I used to kick field goals when I was on the field waiting for the team to start game warmups. I have a video of me kicking a



field goal at Wake Forest (home to Ryan Smenda, another FIHS grad, now a Los Angeles Ram in the National Football League)."

Otero welcomed Surgeoner's expertise at his side as he prepared the football team's cardio vascular aspect of summer training.

"I'm learning a lot more from her than she is from me," said Otero, who recently stepped down from track to return to the football sidelines.

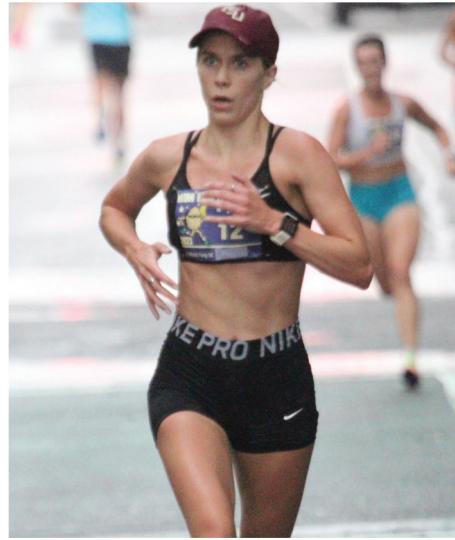
"Her wealth of knowledge even back in high school was tremendous and now she's even smarter."

Surgeoner plans to start a new job at the Memorial Hermann Rockets Sports Medicine Institute in Katy, Texas.

"I will just say that my future is a TBD (to be determined) based on my experiences from here," said Surgeoner, who luckily did not have any major injuries herself as an athlete except a few concussions from soccer. "I have an interest in concussions or ACL (knee tears), but I'm not ready to make that decision. My dream job would be with the Women's National Soccer Team and possibly the Olympic team from there."

Otero noted Surgeoner's powerful athletic build aided her career in avoiding injuries.

"She was always working on the preparation for her sports," said Otero. "She was a special athlete for this school. I'd hire her tomorrow if she wanted to come



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UNF steeplechaser Mac Franks, top left, emerged as the winner despite a two minute head start to the women competitors in the run for the pies 5K elite race. Right, former FSU miler Jessica Lima overtook early women's leader Kelsey Pontius to take the women's title despite being passed by Frank's in the last quarter mile in the Run for the Pies 5K elite race.

# Franks' surge wins Pies 5K

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - A thunderstorm and 30 minute delay may have caused some anxiety among the elite runners of the Run For the Pies 5K staged Saturday night in downtown Jacksonville, but it was patience that rewarded overall winner Mac Franks who bested a two minute head start for the win.

"With the delay and the weather, it was all matter of racing my race and then slowly reeling her in," said Franks, who recently just missed a spot at the NCAA Track and Field Championships at Texas A & M by one spot in the steeplechase. "The two girls up front ran a great race and I didn't make up the two minutes until about 500 yards left in the race."

Franks, who ran 8:48 for 11th place at the 3K steeplechase at the NCAA region track championships last week at UNF, completed his senior season with the University of North Florida as a student out of Washington and Western Washington University. Franks also won his age group at the Gate River Run 15K in March.

The Run for the Pies 5K utilized a cash Equalizer bonus of \$100 in a race situation that has been unique to the annual River Run 15K American championship race in March that gave women runners a sizeable head start (six minutes in River Run, two minutes for Pies 5K).

For the top three women of the race; eventual top female Jennifer Lima,

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# Ridgeview's summer plans: Remain connected, bonded

By Kayden Zamor  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – It's a bond like no other. As the Ridgeview Panthers embark on the 2023-2024 season, the focus for the team is to keep the bond between them on and off the field.

One of the senior edge rushers, Hunter Creech's main focus during the summer is "to be connected to the team and to really

bond with each other over the summer and get bigger and stronger to be able to play Friday night."

Flipping to the opposite side of the ball, senior running back Rayhn Hutchinson is coming off a solid junior season with more than 400 rushing yards on offense and defensively having more than 50 tackles.

Hutchinson looks to have more looks toward a 1,000-yard season.



Ridgeview senior linebacker Hunter Creech is full tilt ready to go after a broken collarbone last year put him on the sidelines. Creech should be a top tackler in the county as well as on the Panther defense.



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Senior running back Rayhn Hutchinson was a top ball carrier for the 2022 Ridgeview Panthers and coach Bryan Arnette will be looking to his senior power back to take on the leadership role on offense

The Panthers' spring game was shorted due to a running clock, but the team still caught a glimpse of the talent they have in store."

"A lot of young wide receivers had to step up like Micah Burdetsky, Smith, De-shun Green, and Christan Felder," said coach Bryan Arnette. Played in a jamboree style, Ridgeview faced Keystone Heights in the first half and Santa Fe second. Keystone won the half, 8-0, but the Panthers

earned a 14-14 tie with Sante Fe. "Our potential is maximized when our guys play for each other," Arnette said.

With the 24 class leading the way with guys like Jak Jones, JJ Moore, Hunter Creech, and Rayhn Hutchinson, Ridgeview is in good hands. The 25 class with guys like Alex Fennell, Wain Sulph and Gavin Huey "and the Views" future also looks bright.

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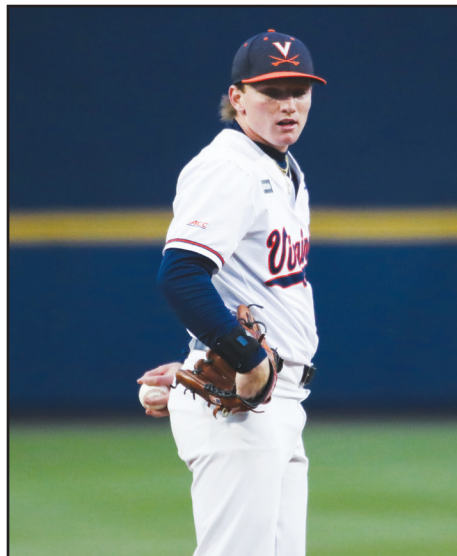
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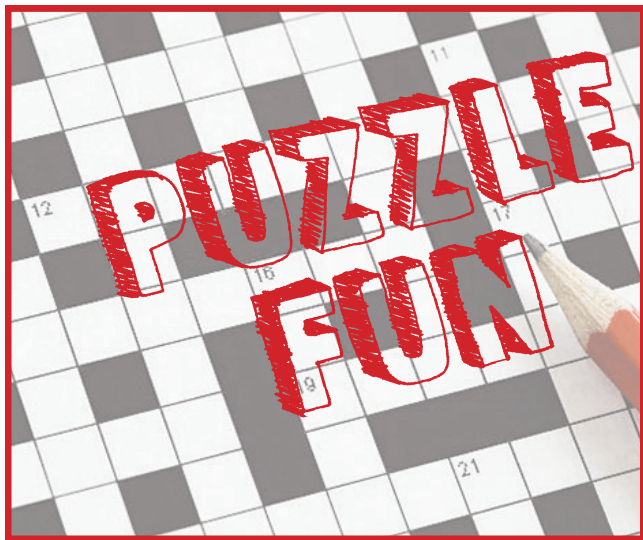
Fleming Island High track coach Jessica Zayakosky stands in front of the four Presidents of Mount Rushmore in South Dakota on recent summer trip.



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Former St. Johns Country Day School baseball standout Bradley Hodges, now a freshman at the University of Virginia, will be in the dugout as the Cavaliers enter the NCAA World Series Championship Tournament. Hodges, a left handed pitcher for the Cavaliers, was a Florida Class 2A Player of the Year with the 2A Runnerup Spartans three years ago under coach Tom Lucas. For the Virginia season, Hodges held a 2-0 pitching record with a 4.41 ERA and 39 strikeouts in 19 games (32.2 innings pitched).





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# Pies

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runnerup Kesley Pontius and third placer Payton Capes-Davis, the chase makes the race more interesting.

"I was concentrating on staying with Kelsey who took the lead from the start and maintained a good pace to keep ahead of us by about 10-15 yards," said Lima, 24, who eventually caught Pontius on the final of four laps around a downtown Jacksonville circuit, to finish in a final time of 17 minutes, 17 seconds. "The funny thing was that I knew the guys were coming behind us because the crowd was getting louder each lap. That's the fun part."

Lima, an East Lake High graduate out of Tampa and now competing at Florida State University, had bests of 17:25 for a cross country 5K and a 4:44 mile for track for the Seminoles. Lima was twice a top five finisher in Class 3A track in Florida in the 800, 1600 and 3200.

Pontius, who led the entire race for nearly the entire 3.1 mile trek, ran for Dominican College in California and ran a 1:17.00 half marathon in March in New York.

For Franks, 24, his chase with eventual mens runnerup Jonathan Besselink, 25, who was linked at the shoulder to Franks through most of the race, was challenging enough including the chase of the top women still in front of them.

Franks would win in 15:07 with Besselink in his wake just three seconds behind and third placer John Bowers, 23, in at 15:39. Lima would be third overall finisher.

Also in the elite race locally were local runners Crystal Davis, 29, who was fifth female in 17:55 as well as former Fleming Island High track coach and a Clay High state track champion Karen Moritz, 39, who was eighth female in 18:59.

In the open 5K that followed, former Ridgeview High cross country standout James Snipes, 20, won his age group in 19:25. Kira Roberts, 12, was fourth in her age group in 28:34 with Florida Striders' teammate Eve Schlotthauer, 12, just ahead of her in third in 25:03.

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