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## NATIONAL FRIED CHICKEN DAY July 6<sup>th</sup>

Scottish immigrants brought their tradition of deep-frying chicken in fat to the southern United States. After its introduction to the American South, fried chicken soon became a staple. Happy National Fried Chicken Day!

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### Our Country Day ignites Fourth of July festivities in Keystone Heights

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – More than 1,000 Lake Region residents continued one of Northeast Florida's longest-standing Independence Day traditions with the 55th Our Country Day celebration. Tuesday started with a 5K run and ended with a fireworks show over Lake Geneva. During the day, residents could shop from 50 different vendors, listen to live music, participate in holiday festivities and swim at Keystone Beach. See photos page 12.

### A cut above



The American flag hangs adrift outside of Modern Barber and Style Shop. Walk inside, and you will find vintage photographs of planes and ships that were hand-picked and hung by customers of the military.

### Iconic barber shop embraces Southern charm since 1956

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – Tucked away in the heart of the town is a true hidden gem: the Modern Barber and Style Shop. Since opening its doors in 1956, this small-town barber-shop on Kingsley Avenue has become an iconic fixture, capturing the lifeblood of Southern Americana culture.

Faye Wallace, the shop's manager, has been a loyal employee since 1992, when she was hired on the spot by former owner, William "Bill" Mann, a U.S. Marines veteran.

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### Keystone's Jay Murphy becomes rock star at making guitars

His American Flag guitar was featured during National Anthem at Jaguars-Titans game

By Don Coble  
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Jay Murphy always dreamed of being a rock star, but he soon realized he had a better hand for making guitars than playing them.

The Jacksonville Jaguars-Baltimore Ravens game in London on Sept. 24,

2017, changed the musical landscape for Northeast Florida after Murphy became incensed by players from both teams who knelt during the National Anthem.

"I said that was it. I needed to find something else to do instead of watching football," he said.

"I said, 'Start making guitars like you used to like to do when you were a teenager,'" his wife, Terri, said.

That's when he created Jay Murphy

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# Residents get chance to tell county how to spend grant money

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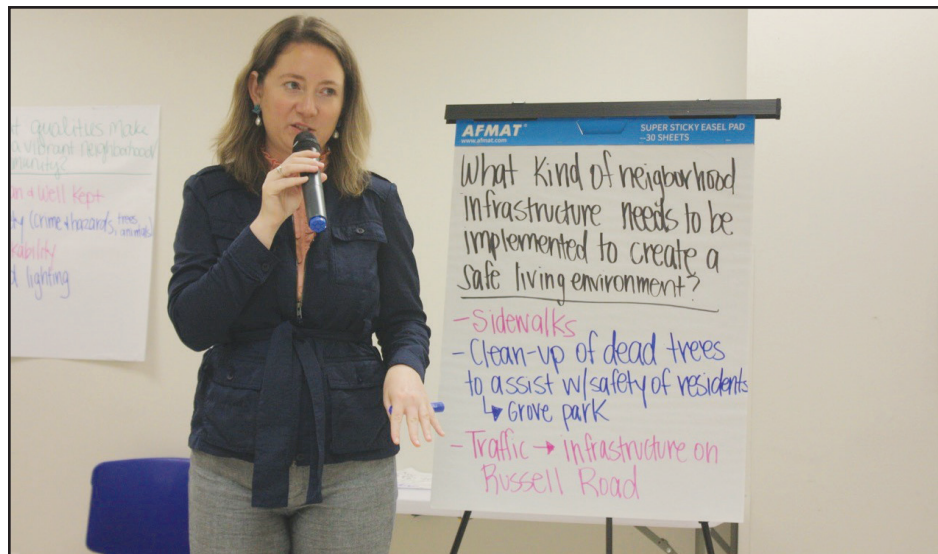
ORANGE PARK – Residents heard a presentation about the County's Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan and were allowed to voice their opinions, ask questions and provide suggestions.

While the meeting was at the Orange Park Library, most of the conversation focused on the rapid growth and needs of residents living in the Lake Asbury area.

Among factors they said would be the right recipe for a vibrant neighborhood community are clean and well-kept, safe, walkable and good lighting.

For infrastructure improvements, residents said sidewalk improvements needed to be made, along with the clean-up of dead trees to assist with the safety of residents, particularly in the Grove Park neighborhood. One resident said traffic on busy roadways like Russell Road and others was a major concern, and traffic infrastructure improvements needed to be made to address those issues.

The most important portion came when residents commented on the grant entitlement funding budget.



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Megan Mosley, Grants Manager for the County, guided county residents during the meeting, answering their questions and taking their suggestions.

Suggestions were compiled on three pieces of poster paper and taped on the wall.

Recommendations included re-prioritizing funding for code enforcement from housing rehabilitation, providing more accessible transportation in rural areas that would benefit from improved infrastructure, and focusing on smaller projects to

reach more individuals in housing rehabilitation. The construction of more stay-well facilities, such as yoga and community centers and community nonprofits like the YMCA and Boys and Girls clubs were suggested. Targeting need areas for low- to moderate-income residents and families, addressing infrastructure concerns on roadways such as Henley Road, and Coun-

ty Road 220 – such as broken sidewalks and potholes – enhancing walkability in rural areas, increasing public transportation options like buses, controlling pests including feral cats and raccoons, conducting more drug rehabilitation outreach programs in the community and placing a greater emphasis on roofing repairs were recommended.

Clay County Grants Manager Megan Mosley, Director of Community and Social Services Gabrielle Gunn led the meeting. Assistant County Manager Troy Nagle provided comments and answered questions.

Residents were given three stickers and asked to vote for the projects they wanted the most. The stickers were labeled No. 1-3, with No. 1 denoting the item of most importance., but residents had the option to place all three stickers on infrastructure. Infrastructure, which will be budgeted at \$523,450, received six votes, followed by housing rehabilitation (\$350,000) and code enforcement (\$50,000) with five votes each. This was the final of five meetings for the action plan. The plan will be adopted during the Board of County Commissioners meeting on July 25 in the Administration Building in Green Cove Springs.

# County, firefighters union continue overtime discussions

By Lee Wardlaw  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County rejected The International Firefighters Association Local 3362B's proposal for the wording of overtime pay for battalion chiefs during a crucial meeting where the two sides are negotiating their collective bargaining agreement, which expires on Sept. 30, 2024.

Representatives from both sides exchanged their views, with the county rejecting overtime pay for battalion chiefs, emphasizing it plans to limit instances when chiefs would work overtime.

In response, the Firefighters Union sought clarification, expressing concerns about whether the decision would eliminate all overtime for battalion chiefs. The union also inquired about the county's current practice of using step-ups, where the



Lorin Mock



Representatives from the local chapter of the International Association of Firefighters, Clay County Rank and File Collective Bargaining and Battalion Chief Collective Bargaining to define overtime language ahead of the next agreement

No. 603 shift for captains is used to cover vacancies. The union wanted to ensure opportunities for overtime were still avail-

able.

Fire Chief Lorin Mock, representing the county, acknowledged there would be over-

time. But he suggested overtime needed to be defined when internal staffing resources are used during duty hours.

The Firefighters Union said it hadn't seen much overtime for battalion chiefs. However, they did acknowledge battalion chiefs had worked overtime during "swap time," which occurred when three chiefs were appointed and the remaining personnel was promoted.

They suggested if openings were available, safety captains should be allowed to step into battalion chief positions, while any remaining vacancies could be filled by following overtime procedures.

A union representative proposed adding new wording, specifically requesting the battalion chiefs be eligible for overtime when performing step-up duties. However, Mock rejected the suggestion, citing the management's prerogative and unwillingness to grant latitude in defining position qualifications.

During the two-part meeting, which addressed the Clay County Public Safety Rank and File's Collective Bargaining and Battalion Chief's Collective Bargaining, they also discussed holidays, paid time off, and more.

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# V Pizza's move to U.S. 17 designed to enhance dining experience

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FLEMING ISLAND – V Pizza, a popular local chain with seven locations Northeast Florida, has nearly completed a significant move to cater to the demands of their loyal customers in Clay County.

The decision to relocate from County Road 220 to U.S. Highway 17 was driven by popular demand and a desire to offer the community an exceptional dining experience, according to CEO, David Villmow.

“We wanted to give Fleming Island a much better experience, something (more valuable) than leasing a space that existed previously,” he said.

In response, V Pizza seized the opportunity, with shovels breaking ground on the 6,000-square foot for the approximately \$3 million building with contractor Urban Partners in June 2022.

Now the project is all but completed, pending on approval of final permits and county inspections.

The move is a two-phase process, Villmow said.



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW  
David Villmow has been CEO at V Pizza for nine years. He said he was excited to bring more visibility to his U.S. Hwy 17 location.

V Pizza's lease at their old location on County Road 220 expired on June 30, and staff was working diligently to ensure the opening of the new location by July 1, Villmow said.

Villmow admitted that permitting factors are beyond his control and may impact the project's timeline, but that his team is ready to hit the ground running as soon as



The outdoor bar will serve more than 50 varieties of fresh beer, with 60-66% being locally sourced in Florida.

the red tape is lifted.

Whenever opening date will be, he said customers should be amazed by V Pizza's “new digs.”

The large, spacious, modern state-of-the-art dining area with high ceilings is a work of wonder, and the design was a collaborative effort between the company's management and employees, the vision a “brainchild” between the two groups.

“We generally come up with a vision of how we want to make things look, and then we come up with the design,” Villmow said.

The bar will have 50 or more beers on tap, with 60-66% of the beverage selections being sourced locally from brewer-

ies, he said.

V Pizza's new location at 4477 U.S. 17 will also include a green space for children while parents enjoy their wide-ranging selection beers from a covered bar area, which will available both indoors and outdoors.

The green space, which will allow children to play and adults to relax, will be one of the few available green areas in Fleming Island, the CEO said.

Villmow expressed enthusiasm for the new location. The new location will offer the restaurant greater visibility to passing customers.

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## Third-party voter registration organizations win in court

By A.G. Gancarski  
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A federal judge has issued a preliminary injunction targeting aspects of changes to election law passed by the Legislature this year, after a hearing last week in which plaintiffs argued that the changes violated the Constitution by stopping third-party voter registration organizations from doing their work.

Judge Mark Walker of the Northern District of Florida ruled in favor of the plaintiffs – including the Florida State Conference of Branches and Youth Units of the NAACP, Equal Ground Education Fund, Voters of Tomorrow, Disability Rights Florida, Alianza for Progress, Alianza Center, UnidosUS and Florida Alliance for Retired Americans – against provisions in SB 7050, which restricts what third-party voter registration groups are able to do.

Walker’s order focuses on the bill “barring non-citizens from registering to vote,” and “exposing individuals working for third-party registration organizations to felony prosecution for retaining voter information without telling them to whom the prohibition applies, what they can retain, and when they can retain it.”

“The Free State of Florida is simply not free to exceed the boundaries of the U.S. Constitution,” Walker writes.

Walker agreed with the plaintiffs that the “citizenship requirement” in the law violated the First and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, saying SB 7050 is an “omnibus election bill that imposes harsh new restrictions and penalties on 3PVRs engaging in voter registration and voter engagement activities and makes it harder for eligible Floridians – and in particular voters of color and voters with disabilities – to participate in the State’s elections.”

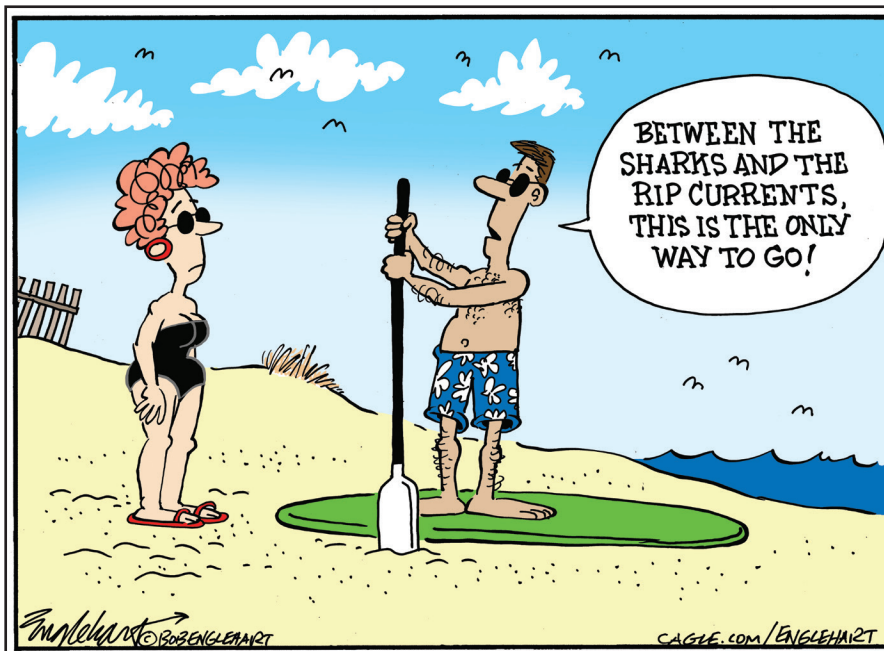
Walker rejected the defendants’ pleas to defer the ruling until September, arguing that it could allow “retroactive punishments” of 3PVRs.

“Removing the threat of enforcement – the risk of a \$50,000 fine, automatic cancellation of the 3PVRs’ registrations, and further civil enforcement by the Attorney General – would directly redress Plaintiffs’ injuries. In other words, they could continue the voter registration work they have been hired to do, without fear of Defendants penalizing their organizations with devastating fines, automatic cancellation of their registrations, and other civil enforcement actions.”

Walker also contends the law is a solu-

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## OPINIONS



## Skynyrd Nation take notice: Rock history will be preserved at Hell House

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – I spent more than two days listening to SiriusXM’s Classic Vinyl Top 400 songs voted internationally by fans last weekend, and I was happy with the outcome – especially since Lynyrd Skynyrd was the only band with two songs in the Top 10.

“Sweet Home Alabama” finished in ninth, and “Free Bird” was voted fourth. Those choices deserve a standing ovation.

Led Zeppelin’s “Stairway to Heaven,” the Eagles’ “Hotel California” and Queen’s “Bohemian Rhapsody” were voted as the top three, and I can’t say I disagree. But it shows Skynyrd has a place among the most popular bands of all time.

Other Skynyrd songs to make the list included “Simple Man” in 35th, “Gimme Three Steps” in 74th, “Tuesday’s Gone” in 182nd, “That Smell” in 205th, “Call Me the Breeze” in 253rd and “The Ballad of Curtis Loew” in 302nd.

That’s why it troubles me to say the historical marker is gone – for now – from the site known as Hell House, the shanty where most of Skynyrd’s songs



Don Coble



were crafted. An Edgewater Landing’s Home Owners’ Association Board member ordered it to be removed because he believed non-residents didn’t have the right to be inside the gated community.

But they have the right to see the sign from Peters Creek. Edgewater Landing doesn’t own the creek. That’s why we installed the marker at the dock. That has public access, and the marker couldn’t be seen from the street.

It’s sickening when someone has little regard for history or the law. Their sense of importance consumes them so much that they forget the significance of what happened on that lot more than 50 years ago.

The fledging band Lynyrd Skynyrd moved their practices to the shack in the woods where they could play from sunrise to sunset without bothering anyone. The shack, known as Hell House

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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.

**Yarborough:** (YAR-bu-ruh) a noun that means a hand of bridge with no cards higher than a nine.

“Jake was hoping to get a yarborough in his weekly card game.”

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2018

- Former Clay County Sheriff’s Office Homicide Detective Mark Andrews is charged with two misdemeanor counts for filing a false report and leaving the scene of an accident following at New Year’s Eve hit-and-run in Keystone Heights.
- The validity of nearly 3,000 voters are under scrutiny as the Supervisor of Elections Office delves into the specifics of mail forwarding services.
- School Board member Janice Kerekes questions the reappointment of an Oakleaf High teacher.

### 10 years ago, 2013

- Jacksonville Jaguars offensive tackle Tony Boselli is hired as the point man for a multi-sport complex known as Big League Dreams.
- A job fair at Middleburg High attracts more than 1,000 seeking hospital jobs at Ascension St. Vincent’s Medical Center Clay County.
- Legendary musician Dewey “Slim” Whitman, who sold more than 120 million records, is buried at Middleburg United Methodist Church Cemetery.

### 20 years ago, 2003

- L. Thomas McAnnally is selected as the “Citizen of the Year” by the Green Cove Springs Rotary Club.
- Jason Elijah Bird is formally charged with nine counts of arson related to a series of fires in the Eagle Harbor neighborhood.
- Teen Court funding is threatened by

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### Opinions ...

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# Skynyrd

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because it didn't have air conditioning, is where songs like "Gimme Three Steps," "Tuesday's Gone," "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Free Bird" were written, practiced and perfected.

Apparently, one man didn't care. What bothers me most is he didn't have a problem with the construction and pool companies who used the historic lot as a garbage can. There are piles of concrete and rocks on the lot. And until two weeks ago, there was a port-a-john there. Pallets of sod have been stored there. Empty boxes of wiring have been discarded there. Residents also throw their lawn debris, especially branches, over the fence and onto the lot.

No beer cans, fast food trash or liquor bottles have been left on the lot. Nobody has spray-painted graffiti or stolen property. The man said unwanted Skynyrd fans were driving down the cost of the properties in the development. That's not true. I checked with the property appraiser's office.

I know about the lot because I mow it each week as a favor to the family of the

man who bought it two years ago. Adam Hartle paid \$7,000 for the marker, but he died unexpectedly of a heart attack weeks before it was delivered. He was 41.

Music historian Bob Kealing and I made sure Adam's wish to identify the history of the lot was honored when we had the marker installed near what's known as Ronnie's dock.

The man called the association's property management company and had the sign removed. He didn't go to a judge and get an order. The Clay County Sheriff's Office didn't deliver an order to have it removed.

Home Owners' Associations aren't above the law. Nobody can enter private property and take something that doesn't belong to them. The sheriff's office can't do it, so what makes anyone believe an HOA can do it? If you think an HOA has that right, I'm glad you don't live near me.

We decided not to make an issue of one man's ill-advised decision because the majority of other owners there don't deserve to be criticized. That's why we ask that you don't approach the lot from the street and don't do anything to disrespect the neighborhood. The sign will return.

Somebody has to act reasonably in this matter. And it will be Lynyrd Skynyrd fans.



Members of Lynyrd Skynyrd often played 12 hours a day at Hell House while writing and perfecting their music that made them one of the most iconic Southern Rock bands of all time.

# Vote

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tion in search of alleged problems. "The State of Florida is correct to seek integrity in our electoral system. Sound election laws ensure the people are heard without distortion from negligent and bad faith actors. Here, however, Florida's solutions for preserving election integrity are too far removed from the problems it has put forward as justifications," the order adds.

An appeal is inevitable, in keeping with many of Walker's initial rulings against the state of Florida, whose defendants, in this case, include Secretary of State Cord Byrd, Attorney General Ashley Moody, and the state's Supervisors of Elections.

SB 7050 imposed sweeping changes but arguably received more publicity for clarifying Florida's "resign to run" law ensuring Gov. Ron DeSantis could run for President without resigning. The plaintiffs' filing did not address that or the judge's ruling.

Meanwhile, Florida Democrats did not hesitate to celebrate the preliminary injunction.

"This is a huge win for the people of Florida," said Florida Democratic Party Chair Nikki Fried. "Our democracy works best when everyone has access to the ballot box, and I applaud the court for recognizing that and actively protecting the rights of Floridians."

Continued Fried: "Ron and his sidekicks in the legislature, to quote the injunction, struggle with 'governing within the bounds set by the United States Constitution' – a struggle driven by their endless and unquenchable thirst for power. I don't know what's more embarrassing – his recent scorecard in the courts or his cratering poll numbers."

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# History

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the repealing of a \$3 surcharge counties were allowed to add to traffic tickets.

## 30 years ago, 1993

- The Green Cove Springs Fire Department practiced their skills during a controlled burn to prevent forest fires.
- The Riverview Restaurant at the Clay County Port sustains \$143,000 in damages by fire.

## 40 years ago, 1983

- The Board of County Commissioners voted to deny rezoning the land across from Clay High for a second convenience store and gas station.
- The BCC also voted to pay for the legal fees for Clay County Supervisor of Elections L.H. Lancaster's defense in a lawsuit for sexual harassment.

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  - Emits coherent radiation
  - Actor O'Neill
  - Smallest interval in western music
  - Not lower
  - Revolves



# Dreams Come True: King Buster becomes more than a fishing tournament

By Lee Wardlaw  
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JACKSONVILLE BEACH – The King Buster Fishing Tournament attracts anglers from all over, but it's about more than just fishing.

Last week, 141 boats launched from Marine Max at Jacksonville Beach Marine, and all eyes focused on hooking prized kingfish. Then, 190 children participated in the junior tournament, with 98 taking home a prize for catching a fish.

Children caught lots of fish, but King Buster is also about focusing on family, supporting a charitable cause, "Dreams Come True."

"This year was all about the kids. It's heartwarming to see families getting on the water together," said Orange Park's Don Dingman, host of the popular fishing television show "Hook the Future" and longtime King Buster Fishing Tournament director.

Dingman's TV show takes children fishing worldwide, instills the value of environmental stewardship, and allows them to become the prime movers of the action,

from captaining the boat to landing fish as big as they are. He said he focuses on "the kids," whether through his tournament, on the show or in life.

The junior tournament is called the "Brian Dingman Memorial Junior Angler Tournament" in honor of Dingman's late son, who died 19 years ago. It aims to provide children with an unforgettable fishing experience.

In addition to the thrill of competition, the young anglers won many prizes, including fishing gear, a boat (Carolina Skiff 16JLS), a motor (75 horsepower Suzuki) and a trailer.

King Buster teams up with Dreams Come True to put on the tournament, the First Coast's only locally-based dream-granting organization dedicated to bringing hope and joy to children battling life-threatening illnesses.

"We make sure the kids from Dreams Come True don't miss out on the fishing experience. These children, facing significant challenges, get to enjoy a day on a nice, big center console boat, catching big fish and creating cherished memories," he said.



Tyler Grant (left) poses with father, Steve, and their 23.6-pound kingfish, which was good enough for 18th place.

The tournament's collaboration with Dreams Come True goes beyond providing a remarkable fishing experience. Dingman and his team donate any remaining funds from the tournament to the nonprofit organization. The generosity ensures that

Dreams Come True can continue fulfilling dreams for children with needs.

The tournament's roots in Clay County also run deep. Several local anglers par-

ticipated from the tournament to the nonprofit organization. The generosity ensures that

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# Lake Region Kiwanis committed to improving lives of children

By Natalie Gilstrap  
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Lake Region Kiwanis Club has been actively serving its community and the surrounding youth for more than 30 years. Established in 1989 as a non-profit service organization and part of Kiwanis International, their mission is to serve children in local communities and around the world.

“The Kiwanis International is a global organization of clubs that are dedicated to improving the lives of children one community and one child at a time,” said Tina Santillo, President of the Lake Region Kiwanis. “We’re united all over the world in combating different issues that children and families may have such as hunger, homelessness, literacy and guidance. Any need that we see, we are able to try and work on a solution.”

Through the years, the local Kiwanis club has actively supported the youth and continues to do so through their programs. Programs such as their K-Kids Program, Builders Club and Key Club allow students to learn leadership skills and good character traits. They also recognize elementary students who demonstrate good behavior through their Terrific Kid Program. In addition, they provide college scholarships to high school seniors and run concession stand during high school games to raise funds for the athletic program.

However, Lake Region Kiwanis is also



The Lake Region Kiwanis Club recently hosted its first mini-golf tournament that supports youth projects in the area.

actively involved in its community. Fundraisers such as their 5k Race, annual golf and mini-golf tournaments are some of the ways they help with needs in the community. The group also supports the local food bank, Lake Area Ministries, through their Easter Sunrise Service, as well as hosting the Christmas and Fourth of July parade.

“Sometimes it feels like we do a lot, but then other times it feels like we aren’t doing enough. So, we’re always looking for new things to do and new needs to address,” Santillo said.

Lake Region Kiwanis serves the Keystone Heights and Melrose area. They have more than 30 members and are always welcoming like-minded people to join them. As of now, the Lake Region Kiwanis is working towards making their presence further known in the community. In addition, they are making plans for future fundraisers. “We want people to know we’ve been around for a while and that we’re going to be around for a while,” Santillo said.

To learn more about Lake Region Kiwanis visit [lakeregionkiwanis.org](http://lakeregionkiwanis.org).



Alyson and Chip Foreacre

## Yoga Den to stretch its franchise footprint

By Natalie Gilstrap  
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Since 2002, Alyson and Chip Foreacre have shared the world of yoga through their Yoga Den studios.

It all started in Mandarin as a neighborhood program. At first, the couple did not plan to open a yoga studio, but after seeing the program’s growth and the need to relocate the couple decided to open their own studio. In 2016, Yoga Den had expanded into eight locations, including Keystone Heights, Fleming Island and Oakleaf, and the couple decided to turn it into a franchise.

“Over the last 21 years we have re-

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# Obituaries

## Shawn M. Thomas

Shawn M. Thomas, 47, died on June 27, 2023 in Washington, D.C. He was born on November 4, 1975 in Jacksonville, FL, the son of Larry and Kathy Thomas of Orange Park, FL.



Shawn Thomas

Shawn was a member of Orange Park High School, Class of 1994, and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from University of North Florida, Class of 2000. After various jobs in Florida, he moved to Washington D.C. and worked with the Department of Commerce as a Budget Analyst with the following teams: GM Office of Budget (2017-2023), International Trade Administration (Select USA; 2014-2017), U.S. Economic Development Administration (2008-2014).

In his school years, Shawn was active in drama, chorus and photography. During the pandemic, Shawn rediscovered his love for art and became an accomplished abstract artist. He was com-

missioned to design artwork for various buildings in D.C. and beyond, and shared his love of painting with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Joe and Odessa Chiappini; maternal grandmother, Pearl Osburn; cousin, Allen Shellenberger; uncles, Aaron, Charles and Harold Shellenberger.

Shawn is survived by his parents; brothers, Scott Thomas (Genelle) and Randy Thomas (Amanda); nephews, Austin Carder and Aiden Thomas; nieces, Lela Thomas and Campbell Thomas; uncles, Paul Shellenberger and James Thomas (Betty); aunts, Sandy Shumate (Pete), and Janet, Diane and Jan Shellenberger, and numerous cousins and friends.

The Funeral Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 7, 2023 at Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made in Shawn's name to Cathedral Arts Project. Please make donations at capkids.org or by mail to Cathedral Arts Project, 207 N. Laura Street, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

# District recognizes 118 newly retired employees

By Lee Wardlaw  
lee@claytodayonline.com

FLEMING ISLAND – The school board met to recognize 118 employees on their retirement from Clay County District Schools with an honorary slideshow.

The outstanding employees completed 2,571 years of combined service in the county. The slideshow featured a photograph of each employee, the school where they worked and the position they held.

“We have such great employees, and I wish we could have more time (to recognize them) and that all 118 of them were here, but I think some of them are already on a boat or have their toes in the sand somewhere,” said Brenda Troutman, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, before the slideshow began.

The school board also approved their strategic plan for 2023-2028, which will serve as the guiding document for all departments during the next five years. The plan was prepared by district leadership during the last eight months, a process which included conducting surveys, town hall meetings and receiving stakeholder and focus group input.

The targeted goals and strategies will serve as bench makers for the district's



Brenda Troutman, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, thanked 118 of the School District's teachers and employees who just retired for their hard work and dedication Clay County's students.

schools. In other news, a Methods of Administration agreement between the Department of Health, Clay County, the state of Florida and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement will result in 11 additional contracted nurses. Monies for the nurses will be provided by a grant from the Cooperative Agreement.

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## Den from page 7

received an overwhelming amount of love for Yoga Den, and that has also created an organic growth in franchising our studios.” Alyson Foreacre, the president and lead instructor, said.

Serving in Clay, Duval and Nassau counties, Yoga Den offers something to everyone whether it involves relaxation, therapy or intense yoga. Individuals can enjoy a variety of yoga classes such as Mind Body, Sun Power, Fusion, Floor Base and Yin that focus on different aspects of the body and mind. Individuals also can feel at ease as the classes offer a non-judgmental environment and encourage people to listen to their bodies.

“We offer lots of modifications and variation. It's not the traditional yoga of ‘you have to look this way, or you have to make the shape just like this way.’ It isn't that at

all,” Alyson said.

The Yoga Den offers a place for people to meet new friends and contribute to the communities through their fundraisers.

Overall, the couple are looking forward to expanding their franchise and sharing the world of yoga with others. As of now, they have nine studios in Northeast Florida and plan to include 10 additional studios by the summer of 2024. In addition, they just expanded their leadership team with the partnerships of Stephen Joost, a former partner of Firehouse Subs, and John and Leyda Cooksey, who were former co-owners of the McCall Services.

The franchise is planning to target Ponte Verde Beach, St. Augustine and Middleburg for potential locations. “I truly believe yoga equals more peace, and now we can offer peace and convenience through more locations,” said Foreacre said.

For more information visit [yoga-den.com](http://yoga-den.com).

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# Salvation Army launches Backpack Outreach program

For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – Salvation Army of Clay County Captain Mike Chamberlain announced it will collaborate with Clay County District Schools Project Reach for the seventh annual Backpack Outreach.

The project raises awareness about the needs of and services available for children and families of Clay County. It will be at The Salvation Army Corps at 2795 County Road 220 on July 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While supplies last, children will get a free backpack filled with school supplies and Ascension St. Vincent's Mobile Health Outreach will be providing free school and sports physicals. Call (904) 276-6677 for questions or to make an appointment. The following will also be available:

- Onesight Vision will provide free eye exams.
- School Board Transportation will provide transportation for families in need.
- Free shoes from Soles for Tots.
- Free haircuts.
- Free hot dogs.

"I wish to express my thanks to the Clay County Community," Chamberlain said. "They are a community that gives their time, donations, and encouragement. That is what makes our community strong.



They desire to make a positive impact in people lives who are experiencing crisis situations, housing transition, and are food insufficient.

"The parents/caregivers have hope and know that they have a community that cares! Families are going through very tough times. We want to thank everyone for their continued generosity and support of this Outreach!"

Many other vendors will provide valuable information for parents and caregivers.

## Thrasher-Horne Happenings

### The Rat Pack to relive Las Vegas experience next March

ORANGE PARK – Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr. return to stages all across America as our three critically acclaimed entertainers resurrect the famous and infamous Rat Pack.

Sinatra, Martin and Davis were the kings of Las Vegas Swing and formed The Rat Pack as their nightly on-stage party. Relive those amazing nights on March 16 at the Thrasher-Horne Center with their international star performers.

Featuring a live orchestra and the fabulous Swinging Showgirls, The Rat Pack – One More Time! is an uncanny trip back in time when Vegas was at its hottest. This show is the real deal. You'll feel like you're back at the Sands Hotel with a smooth martini in one hand and a top-notch show in front of you. Love ya, baby!

For tickets, visit [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

### Jay White's Sweet Caroline Tour headed to Thrasher-Horne

ORANGE PARK – The Sweet Caroline Tour is a Neil Diamond Concert celebration starring the No. 1 Diamond performer in the world – Jay White. It is the most authentic Neil Diamond Concert Experience on the planet.

Conceived in response to Diamond's retirement from the concert stage and the

huge demand from audiences worldwide to enjoy the music of the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame icon in a live music setting, Jay and the dynamic Sweet Caroline Tour Band pays homage to Neil Diamond by performing the hits and beloved gems with the same energy and artistry Diamond delivered during his incredible 50-year career.

White will bring his legacy tour to the Thrasher-Horne Center on Aug. 13.

During the past three decades, White has performed more than 10,000 concerts worldwide, reflecting the stage persona of an American Music Legend. Jay is grateful that his years of dedication and devotion has convinced tens of thousands of Diamond fans that he is the closest thing to the Real Deal – and he's also humbled to have been acknowledged and embraced by Neil, Neil's family and Band for performing the Brooklyn-born singer/songwriters' music live in concert in the most respectful, convincing way possible.

"Neil's kindness and acceptance has always been greatly appreciated and I'm honored to have appeared with him on his 'Stages' Box Set DVD. Now, more than ever, I will continue to pay homage, through each and every performance, to the man who has meant so much, to so many, for so long. Especially me," White said.

Tickets, which start at \$29, are available at [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

### TOWN OF ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	General	Capital Project Sales Tax	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes	\$ 5,464,440	\$ 1,302,027	\$ 935,796	\$ 7,702,263
Permits, Fees, and Assessments	1,178,789	-	277,761	1,456,550
Intergovernmental	2,485,842	-	-	2,485,842
Charges for Services	1,339,166	-	38,079	1,377,245
Fines and Forfeitures	1,046,946	-	10,945	1,057,891
Investment Income (Loss)	(146,628)	(19,024)	(4,488)	(170,140)
Miscellaneous	95,222	-	-	95,222
Interfund Charges	457,676	-	-	457,676
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>11,921,453</b>	<b>1,283,003</b>	<b>1,258,093</b>	<b>14,462,549</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government	2,716,379	-	105,098	2,821,477
Public Safety	6,092,885	-	14,292	6,107,177
Public Works	1,613,637	3,118	-	1,616,755
Culture and Recreation	229,880	-	-	229,880
Capital Outlay	901,079	1,020,459	380,455	2,301,993
<b>(Total Expenditures)</b>	<b>(11,553,860)</b>	<b>(1,023,577)</b>	<b>(499,845)</b>	<b>(13,077,282)</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>367,593</b>	<b>259,426</b>	<b>758,248</b>	<b>1,385,267</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers in	531,000	229,000	-	760,000
Transfers (out)	(229,000)	-	(78,000)	(307,000)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>302,000</b>	<b>229,000</b>	<b>(78,000)</b>	<b>453,000</b>
<b>Net Changes in Fund Balance</b>	<b>669,593</b>	<b>488,426</b>	<b>680,248</b>	<b>1,838,267</b>
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>7,573,111</b>	<b>866,224</b>	<b>1,270,591</b>	<b>9,709,926</b>
<b>Fund Balances, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 8,242,704</b>	<b>\$ 1,354,650</b>	<b>\$ 1,950,839</b>	<b>\$ 11,548,193</b>

### TOWN OF ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Water and Sewer	Stormwater	Total
<b>Operating Revenues</b>			
Charges for Services	\$ 4,695,885	\$ 399,888	\$ 5,095,773
Other Income	100	-	100
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>4,695,985</b>	<b>399,888</b>	<b>5,095,873</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Personnel Services	808,363	138,562	946,925
Utilities	323,306	-	323,306
Supplies, Materials, and Other	199,742	31,882	231,624
Professional and Contractual Services	64,585	60,095	124,680
General and Administrative	457,678	-	457,678
Depreciation and Amortization	1,578,103	35,949	1,614,052
Repairs and Maintenance	465,880	35,241	501,121
Insurance	57,762	-	57,762
<b>(Total Operating Expenses)</b>	<b>(3,955,419)</b>	<b>(301,729)</b>	<b>(4,257,148)</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>740,566</b>	<b>98,159</b>	<b>838,725</b>
<b>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>			
Intergovernmental	-	735,169	735,169
Investment Revenue	(57,936)	(14,675)	(72,611)
<b>Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>(57,936)</b>	<b>720,494</b>	<b>662,558</b>
<b>Income Before Capital Contributions and Transfers</b>	<b>682,630</b>	<b>818,653</b>	<b>1,501,283</b>
<b>Transfers (out)</b>	<b>(453,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(453,000)</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>229,630</b>	<b>818,653</b>	<b>1,048,283</b>
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>29,287,737</b>	<b>1,590,852</b>	<b>30,878,589</b>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 29,517,367</b>	<b>\$ 2,409,505</b>	<b>\$ 31,926,872</b>

Copies of the Town's September 30, 2022 Audited Financial Statements are available for inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm



# Reparation Earth: Putting the 'fresh' back in fresh foods

By Kyla Woodard  
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – When thinking about “natural” food, it is common to assume dirt is involved.

Dangerous pesticides and GMOs have become common when consuming farm-grown fruits and vegetables. But one local business is putting the “fresh” back in fresh foods.

Reparation Earth aims to get back to the “roots” of Earthly nourishment and provide all-natural, freshly grown food to customers in Northeast Florida.

“We have to do a better job of being efficient... there’s just more and more people. So, what’s a better way that we can produce food for everyone? In an all-natural way, where we’re not dependent on chemicals,” said farm owner Joe McCarthy.

The greenhouse farm uses both aquaculture and hydroponics to carry out a process that alters how food is traditionally grown. Aquaculture consists of farm-raising aquatic animals, while hydroponics consists of growing fruits and vegetables using solely water-based techniques.

This combined approach, dubbed aquaponics, allows the farm to recycle filtered wastewater produced by their farm-grown fish to supply nutrients to the above-ground plants. The wastes from the fish convert ammonia and nitrite into nitrate, feeding the plants and growing the food.

With roughly 70 fish in each 200-gallon tank, McCarthy said that by using the waste from the fish, the farm could bypass the worry of possible pathogens in the food.



“Fish are cold-blooded animals. So we don’t have to worry about warm-blooded pathogens meaning your listeria [and] E. coli. So, we don’t have those pathogens in our food,” McCarthy said.

The farm recycles its water for continued use by utilizing deep water culture and a nutrient film technique. According to Reparation Earth, one continual cycle allows crops to grow 365 days a year.

In addition to fish, the farm also raises chickens to produce fresh eggs.

Aquaponics dates back centuries, however, McCarthy said it has grown a lot more popular in recent years due to its benefits.

“It’s just become a lot bigger currently. Just because, again, you get your protein, you get your produce. So, it’s just like that self cycle, so, it’s [an] all closed environment,” McCarthy said.

The farm produces romaine, butter and



PHOTOS BY KYLA WOODARD

Reparation Earth owner Joe McCarthy displays rows of different lettuces that are grown without pesticides and GMOs by using aquaculture and hydroponic techniques in Green Cove Springs.

leafy lettuce all year round. Their fresh herbs include basil, thyme, oregano, rosemary and lemon balm. Seasonally, the farm produces veggies such as cucumbers, kale, green beans, cherry tomatoes, squash and collards.

As extras, the farm offers frozen tilapia, frozen pesto, fresh eggs, honey and loafahs.

Produce Manager Stephanie Scarborough said she had never heard of the technique before she started working at the farm. Scarborough said the method is something essential for food production.

“Because in traditional farming, we’re using a lot of pesticides, we’re using a lot of water to water those crops. Especially here in Florida, even though we have wet seasons, we also have dry seasons. I do believe it is the future of farming and sustainability. That way, we’re not using up our resources as much and as quickly,” Scarborough said.

From feeding the fish to cleaning the

water and packing the produce for sale, McCarthy’s days of farming consist of constant effort. However, his passions only make him work harder.

Growing up, McCarthy said he always had an interest in farming. Originally from Illinois, McCarthy said he had the opportunity to raise a pig and pick up rocks in fields for \$10 an hour when he was younger. The experience was great for McCarthy. However, he said he can remember thinking the corporate world was his only calling.

“It’s just I was always ‘Oh, I’m going to go to college and get the tie and go off to work,’” McCarthy said.

Starting as a banker, McCarthy said his passion for being in the service-oriented industry propelled him to the forefront of change.

Officially taking severance with the bank, McCarthy faced many career options. Taking a leap of faith, he and his wife

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Jenifer Strickland of Keystone Heights, has been a barber and stylist at Modern Barber and Style Shop for 16 years.



Faye Wallace, manager, worked in the industry for several years before walking into this gem of the shop, which is the oldest of its kind in Clay County. Former owner, William "Bill" Mann, a U.S. Marine veteran, hired her on the spot in 1992, and she hasn't looked back since.

## Barber from page 1

"I was working someplace else, and another girl quit. I found out about the job. I came over to talk to him, and he hired me on the spot. That was in July of 1992, and I enjoyed working with the man because he was quite comical. After he passed away, I just continued to work here because it was a great job," she said.

Wallace said her time with Modern Barber and Style has been nothing short of extraordinary.

"Great job, great customers, great people that come in," she said.

She's served four generations of some families.

"It's a pretty nice place. We enjoy our people," Wallace said.

The barber shop, which is the oldest in Clay County, is a cherished institution in Orange Park. It's not just a place for haircuts, but instead, a hub for stories, memories and community fellowship.

"It's been in the same location, and people know it's here. That's why we have generations of people that kept coming in," she said. The shop, pro-military and patriotic, is adorned with photographs of fighter planes and warships on its walls, some of even which pre-date the shop's storied 67-year history in the town.

"We used to cut hair for a lot of guys from Cecil Field before it closed, including the Blue Angel pilots and most of the people from the base," she said.

Step inside the shop, and you'll be greeted with a sweeping feeling of nostalgia.

From the barber chairs to the old photographs to the hidden backroom with a giant aerial shot of Mayport and the old Coca-Cola machine, to the antiques, toys and treasures like the old coffee mugs, miniature American flags, and vintage signs such as the one that reads "Corvette: America's Only Authentic Sports Car," you'll feel as if you literally stepped into a time machine and returned to the 1970s.

The photographs feature fighter planes,

warships and a spaceship. Many of them were hand-picked by Modern Barber and Style's military customers that once piloted or sailed those vessels.

"All of the military guys would bring in the pictures and things and say, 'was on that plane, I was on that ship,'" she said.

The shop's modest and homey red brick structure, three-chair, two-room set-up, which is filled with antiques and old treasures, captures the spirit of a bygone era.

For employees and customers alike, the shop isn't just a place for haircuts, but rather a home away from home.

"It's a really great place to work. You come in, do your job, talk with folks, and go home," she said.

You'll never find Jenifer Strickland, a 16-year employee and resident of Keystone Heights, not smiling.

Strickland echoed her boss's sentiment: "It's a good place, and we hope it stays for a long, long, time, and even more," she said.

The shop's historical significance to the town and county is undeniable, and the staff is eager to preserve Modern Barber and Style's unique, enthralling and nostalgic heritage.

Wallace believes that the shop is well-qualified candidate to be added to the U.S. Register of National Historic Places.

"We would like to (apply). I think it's a historical building to still be the same business as long as it has been. That's pretty good. There's not too many businesses that can say that anywhere. But for us to continue to stay in business is a testament to our work and love of our customers," she said.

The shop has a fan-like following, and customers are treated like family once they walk in. Wallace, Strickland and the rest of the Modern's hardworking staff know the ins and outs of their customers' lives.

Tom Lilly became a regular customer 13 years ago. He said the shop's warm, friendly atmosphere and unique charm keep him from coming back, along with the fact that they give the best haircut in town.



"These are the friendliest, nicest people you'd ever want to meet. They're down to earth, and they'll tell you to your face whether you're right or wrong. That's the way we need to live. This (shop) is just America right here," he said.

He didn't bring the photograph, but Lilly's USS Saratoga CV-60 from the 1960s is adorned on the "wall of fame" as well.

"You've got a picture of my ship in your shop. I think that's wonderful," he said.

The shop's strong mettle was heavily tested during the COVID-19 pandemic, but they survived through struggles due to their loyal customers, Wallace said.

"Thank you for helping me out during COVID. Those were rough times," she said.

During the pandemic, Wallace and her staff would make house calls to provide a

much-needed trim.

Strickland was especially amazed.

"We got through it because of our customers. They cared about us," she said.

She received checks in the mail, and one customer even donated her a bicycle when she made a home visit. He offered other items, as well. She sold the bike for \$50.

"We just have a lot of wonderful customers," Strickland said.

Wallace, Strickland, and Lilly all agree Modern Barber and Style Shop is a true "hometown barber shop."

"I'm so glad I found this barber shop, for real. I don't know if there are any other ones. They may be around, but this is 'it,'" he said. In an ever-changing world, the shop remains a landmark of the yesteryear – and a symbolic staple of the community.

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# OUR COUNTRY DAY 2023

## One of NE Florida's longest celebrations continues in Keystone Heights

By Natalie Gilstrap  
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The City of Keystone Heights celebrated its 55th Annual Our Country Day celebration on the Fourth of July.

The event started in 1969 when Mayor Ray Starnes gathered the community to celebrate the national holiday. This year, the city continued the tradition with an all-day event that families could enjoy.

“Our Country Day is Keystone Heights’s annual celebration of America’s independence, and all the great things represent that America’s value and Clay County’s values,” said Brandon Ludwig, city spokesman.

The celebration kicked off with the Keystone Heights Freedom 5K. Locals could jog or walk along the winding downtown streets and raise scholarship money for the Keystone Heights High seniors.

Our Country Day featured 50 unique vendors and food trucks. And nearly 1,000 residents lined Lawrence Boulevard for the 11 a.m. for Lake Region Kiwanis Parade. This year’s theme was “Volunteers, the Heart of Our Community.”

After the parade, activities such as a Dunk Tank, Johnny’s BBQ Hot Dog Eating Contest, Keystone Heights Heritage Commission’s Pie and Cobbler Contest and a classic car show were available to the community.

Fireworks and a concert featuring the Dewey Via Band concluded the daylong festival.

The celebration was a success as the community enjoyed themselves.

“We love the event. We come here every year,” one resident said.

There were more than 200 runners 5K race.

Patriotic-clad families cheered as the parade passed, featuring floats from organizations and business such as Community Christian Church, Keystone Heights Woman’s Club, Lake Area Small Engine and Keystone Heights Rotary Club.



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Orange Park's Chris Terifay, left, won the Arkansas Trucking Association's championship on the trailer track. The UPS employee also was selected as the rookie of the year.

# OP's Chris Terifay s Earn Top Honors at Arkansas Technician Championship

For Clay Today

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – UPS Chris Terifay and Anthony Nunez won the grand champion titles in the Arkansas Truck Technician Championship and Arkansas Trailer Technician Championship respectively held June 23 at the Rogers Convention Center. The event is hosted by the Arkansas Trucking Association.

Terifay won Rookie of the Year honors. He competed in eight technical classes on the trailer track, winning first place in the electrical, fasteners and fittings and FMCSA regulations stations. He also completed a written exam and scored the most cumulative points in the trailer contest. Terifay has worked for UPS for the last seven years of his 15-year career in the industry. He lives in Orange Park and has been identified as a Ford Master Technician and Chrysler Certified Master Specialist since he graduated from the Universal Technical Institute in 2008 with a 4.0. In September, Nunez and Terifay will represent Arkansas in the National Technician Skills Competition, SuperTech 2023, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Nunez and Terifay led the team of eight technicians from UPS to win the best overall team award for having the best overall team average score.

"The commercial vehicles that travel millions of miles across the state and nation every day are complex and require

incredible technical expertise and skills to operate safely and keep our economy moving forward. This competition is a chance to see how much technicians know and do for our industry," said Shannon Newton, president of the Arkansas Trucking Association. "The professionals who compete in this annual event represent trucking well. Anthony, Christopher and all the competitors have made their companies proud. We applaud their dedication to keeping our trucks and the communities they visit safe."

Nunez, a first-time competitor in a state competition, participated in 14 technical classes and completed a written exam. He claimed the second-place trophies for the FMCSA regulations, service information and wheel end stations. As Truck Technician Grand Champion, he scored the most cumulative points across all the truck classes and written exam.

Nunez has served the industry for six years and worked for Arkansas Trucking Association member company UPS for the past three years. He resides in Plainfield, N.J.



To the victor goes the spoils: Chris Messer finished the Brian Dingman Memorial Junior Angler Tournament with a fish weighing in at 50.05 pounds.

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anticipated and contributed to the event's success. Dingman was born and reared in Clay, and his children attended Orange Park High.

"This event holds a special place in my heart, and it's fantastic to see so many Clay County anglers involved," he said.

Jacqui Grant and her husband, Steve, are from the county and play vital roles in organizing the tournament annually. Volunteer Josh Hargis helped provide crucial assistance for King Buster.

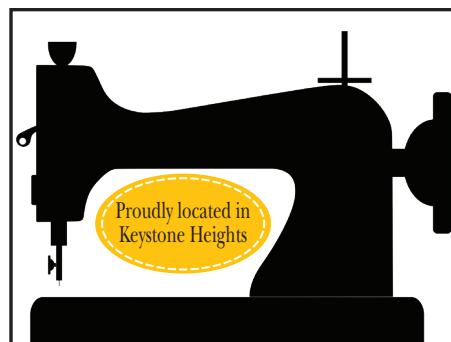
Steve, employed with Hi-Liner Fishing Gear and Tackle in Green Cove Springs, said his company had been a sponsor since he began working there. He and Jacqui's

son, Tyler, also landed a 23-pound kingfish during the youth tournament.

"He was ecstatic," Grant said.

The number or size of fish or prizes awarded does not solely measure the success of King Buster. It is instead a celebration of community, compassion and joy that brings together children and families. Through the tournament's partnership with Dreams Come True, organizers continue to touch the young lives facing challenging circumstances, ensuring that dreams come true for brave children.

"It's a lot more than fishing. When you're fishing with kids, you're not talking about chores or homework or my job. Are you doing the same thing together? How often does that happen nowadays?" Dingman said.



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# Guitar

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Custom Guitars.

He still works as a salesman, but his real passion is turning old, beat-up, out-of-tune guitars into musical masterpieces. One, a classic guitar painted with an American flag, gained worldwide notoriety when Paul Wane electrified a sellout Jaguars crowd with the “Star-Spangled Banner” ahead of their regular-season finale against Tennessee in January.

“It’s come full circle with the Jaguars,” Murphy said.

Wane’s performance was “liked” on social media more than 3,000 times and shared more than 400 times within three hours of his performance. Murphy already was spending every spare moment in his shed tinkering with old guitars. Now he’s thinking he may retire three years earlier than planned to devote his full attention to his handiwork. It wasn’t easy to realize his guitar-playing ability was above average but not exceptional. But he found an outlet every bit as rewarding as playing an encore at Madison Square Garden.

“I love music; I love the sound of a guitar,” Murphy said. “I wanted to be a rock star. I’m not a rock star, but I love to see people play my guitars on stage. I live vicariously through them. I get that rock star feeling.”

## The Jaguars’ patriotic protest

Murphy said he used to spend weekends watching football and golf on television, but that changed when players from Jacksonville and Baltimore knelt at London’s Wembley Stadium.

The display turned off many fans – especially in an area where the military is the No. 1 employer. And it prompted the Jaguars President Mark Laming to send a letter of apology to the Jacksonville Director of Military Affairs two weeks later.

“They did it on foreign soil,” he said. “Being a military brat, that hit me hard. I



Paul Wane played a Jay Murphy Custom guitar during one of the most memorable National Anthems in the NFL last year.

turned off the TV and said, ‘I’m done.’ I’ll never watch a game again. I still haven’t.”

He found a better way to “not waste my time.”

“The Jaguars were the ones who made this happen,” Terri said. “Then we ended up at the Jaguars (with the guitar). It’s been full circle.”

Murphy had two free tickets to Wane’s performance, but “I wasn’t going all the way to Jacksonville to watch a 90-second song and leave,” he said.

Murphy said the Jaguars hired Wane because they didn’t expect the team to be competitive at the end of the year. Not only did the team surprise the experts by winning the division, but Wane’s “Star-Spangled Banner” became the NFL’s most-watched National Anthem on YouTube last season.

“The cool thing was when they hired Paul to do that, he was some local guy,” Murphy said. “They expected the Jaguars to be terrible, especially at the end of the season. They figured there might be 20,000-30,000 people in the stands. They were getting a discount by having this local guy. Then the season progressed the way it did. They won their last (five regular season) games, so the game was essentially a play-

in for the playoffs. It was a sold-out stadium and turned out to be a nationally-televised game.

Murphy created the guitar, and Running Barefoot Farm’s Jackie Strickland added the artwork. The procedure is called pyrography. It involves burning the wood and drawing the flag with colored pencils. Murphy then added 13 coats of lacquer.

“We didn’t expect the National Anthem to be televised with all the controversy. They (networks) quit showing it. When the telecast came on, the teams would already be out on the field.”

The Murphys were at Amvets Post 86 in Keystone Heights during the performance. Wane’s rendition was quickly labeled “pure Jacksonville.”

“My mom and my sisters called and said they just saw it on ESPN,” he said. “It went viral. The funny thing is, a lot of the country, they were making fun of us and laughing at us. And we’re like, ‘This is who we are. We don’t care.’”

## Murphy’s guitar business keeps rocking along

Wane was impressed with Murphy’s work as soon as he picked up one of his guitars. “He started coming up to my open mic a couple of years ago to Howlin Wolf and just asked if he could bring guitars up and display them and let people play them,” Wane said. “He did that so he could work the bugs out of anything that needed to be done. To him, because a lot of times with a new build, it will tell you what you need after it’s been played a few times.”

The first time the two met, Murphy asked him to play one of his custom-built guitars. Wane was so impressed he played it all night.

“I asked him how much he wanted for it, and I took it home,” Wane said. “Now, just about everyone in a band around here has a Jay Murphy Custom Guitar. I have four. I also take him my other guitars and have them worked on.”

Murphy quickly attracted an extensive customer base of more than 25 local musi-

cians.

“It’s a cool way to get business, whether it’s a way for somebody to bring in a guitar to get fixed up or somebody who wants to buy one,” he said. “People don’t realize how much better a guitar like this is compared to one you buy off the shelves somewhere. I’ve got some customers who have three custom builds. They buy one. Then they want another. And another.”

Travis Bryan, another dedicated customer, plays beside Wane with Duval County Line. Bryan used to put new guitars through the paces and provide Murphy with helpful tips. One of Murphy’s guitars was recently played by Austin James at Wane’s “Jumpin’ and Jivin’ Juneboree, a day-long festival of games and music to benefit Wane’s Rising Star: Give a Kid a Guitar program that provides free instruments to children as an outlet from trouble and sitting behind a computer screen.

“Dozens and dozens and dozens” of the nearly 300 guitars given away have been refurbished by Murphy.

“We have to buy parts every once in a while, but other than that, Jay’s never charged a dime for this,” Wane said.

Murphy often looks for old guitars in pawn shops and brings them back to life. A lot of them wind up in Wane’s musical non-profit.

“We still get a lot of beat-up old guitars and some that are in great shape – somebody bought a guitar, played it for three months, stuck it in their closet. Five years later, they’re pulling stuff out of their closet, and they find it,” Murphy said. “They need a little attention to bring them back to life. They need to be freshened up, cleaned with new strings, a new setup.

“You can buy a guitar at a big box store, but it won’t be set up well. The cheaper guitars are often terrible right out of the box. I’ll take a little nicked-up guitar, beat up, and set it up where a kid can play it and enjoy it.”

By his admission, Jay Murphy never grasped his dream of becoming a rock star. The musical community would disagree.

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# Baby jaguar named Banks at zoo

For Clay Today

JACKSONVILLE – Meet Banks. Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' 12-week-old jaguar cub received his name Friday.

After a week-long submission period and a one-day public poll, Banks was chosen as the winning name for the cub born on April 7, 2023. The "Name That Jag" naming contest began on June 21, 2023 in partnership with the Jaguars Foundation and received nearly \$11,500 in donations from 700 submissions.

Banks was one of four names chosen by Zoo staff and the cub's care specialists for the 24-hour public poll on June 29 on the Zoo's Instagram and Twitter. Banks, an homage to the St. Johns River and the home of the Jacksonville Jaguars, received 2,185 votes, or 30% of the total votes. Zuco (ZOO-CO), a combination of the cub's paternal grandparents' names, Zassi and Tuco, came in second with 2,174 votes, or just over 29% of the total votes. Duwey, a play on Duval County and the Jacksonville



Jaguars' rally cry "DUUUVAL!", took third place with 2,164 votes, or 29% of the total votes. In fourth place was Tobai (TAH-BY), short for "Ah Tabai," which is the Mayan god of the hunt and protector of animals, receiving 816 votes, or 11% of all votes cast.

"Banks has captivated our community's attention since he was born, and the success of this contest is a testament to Jacksonville's passion for jaguars, both on and off the field," said Nikki Smith, Chief Philanthropy and Community Engagement Officer at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. "We are beyond grateful for the support and generosity the cub and Zoo have received throughout the naming process, and we look forward to introducing him to his fans later this summer."

It costs more than \$10,000 to provide annual medical exams and food for the jaguars at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, and to support Jacksonville's newest jaguar, the Jaguars Foundation agreed to match up to \$10,000 in donations through the naming contest, bringing the total funds raised to \$21,494. The public can watch Babette and Banks on video at the Zoo's Range of the Jaguar exhibit. Admission tickets can be purchased at [jacksonvillezoo.org](http://jacksonvillezoo.org).



## Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register  
True Life Church  
Clay County

### Let Freedom Ring!

This week we celebrated our nation's independence! We celebrate FREEDOM! We celebrate the founding of our nation and the sacrifices that made it happen. Independence Day is a time to remember what makes our country great. It's also a fun day filled with family, fireworks, food, and hopefully beautiful weather.

Part of what we celebrate is our country's heritage. One Nation, Under God! Ronald Reagan once said, "If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

Freedom in our spiritual lives comes by way of the Holy Spirit, God's gift to every believer. 2 Corinthians 3:17 says, "Now the Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." The Holy Spirit is a gift from God, promised by Jesus, to everyone who calls upon His name.

Acts 2:38 reads, "And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

The Holy Spirit is not a gift for only certain believers with certain callings. He is a gift received by every individual that calls upon the name of Jesus. God does not withhold the power of the Holy Spirit from any believer. No matter who we are or where we come from, the Holy Spirit can radically transform our lives.

Acts Chapter 2 chronicles Peter's first sermon on the day of Pentecost. More than 3000 people came to faith in Jesus that day, and the Holy Spirit entered them all. It happens the same way when we call on His name today. The Holy Spirit enters us as well.

The Holy Spirit is an inseparable part of the Christian faith. That's why it is so essential that we learn to walk with Him throughout our days. When we do, we will be living in the freedom God desires for us all. This week we celebrated freedom here in the USA. Remember to let the truth of spiritual freedom resonate in hearts and minds as well.

You can write the Pastor at [pastorbilly@findtruelife.com](mailto:pastorbilly@findtruelife.com).

## Help NEFAR clean up Knight's Boat Ramp at Black Creek

For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – On Saturday, July 8, members of Northeast Florida Association of REALTORS and their families will take to the shores of the St. Johns River to take part in a state-wide waterway clean-up project sponsored by Florida Realtors. The clean-up has been organized by NEFAR's Community Affairs Task Force, and members of the public are invited to join in.

One of the cleanups will be at Knight's Boat Ramp at Black Creek.

"Clean and safe waterways have been a NEFAR priority for many years," said 2023 NEFAR President Diana Galavis. "This year we are expecting a large turnout of community residents and business owners to join our REALTORS as they endeavor to keep our waterways clean and safe. NEFAR is proud to share what started as a grassroots effort and has grown into an annual event with many volunteers and several host site locations."

"The goal is to collect 10 tons of trash," said NEFAR clean-up organizer Mark Feagle. The massive clean-up project will take place at eight local boat ramps and the riverwalk in downtown Jacksonville,



Volunteers will join members of NEFAR on Saturday to clean the banks of the St. Johns River and Black Creek at Knight's Boat Ramp.

spanning the distance from Mayport to Palatka.

In addition, three pontoon boats, hosted by NEFAR's event sponsors, real MLS, Golden Dog Title & Trust, and Watson Realty Corp., will leave from Jax Boat Rentals, 8920 San Jose Blvd., in Jacksonville at 9 am. They will head northwest to clean up hard-to-reach places near the Riverside Arts Market.

Meanwhile, a convoy of individual boaters will gather at the same time at Arlington's Lions Club Boat Ramp, 4322 Richard Denby Gatlin Road in Jacksonville.

Their mission is to use their watercraft to clean up portions of the river's shoreline that are inaccessible by land, particularly in the area near JAXPort, near the Dames Point Bridge and under the Mathews Bridge.

A barge supplied by Current Problems, a nonprofit based in Gainesville that seeks to restore and protect the wetlands and waterways of Florida, will be available to assist in the trash disposal. Boaters are, of course, responsible for caring for their own vessels and following all U.S. Coast Guard regulations.

Each clean-up and boat convoy site will be marked by a NEFAR flag. Snacks and water, rubber gloves and grabbers will be available to all participants.

Each participant will also receive a special T-shirt commemorating the event and two free drink tickets to use at the Afterparty at the NEFAR Resource Center, 7801 Deercreek Club Road in Jacksonville.

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## Police Briefs

### Chase ends with arrest following 2 PIT maneuvers, use of spike strips

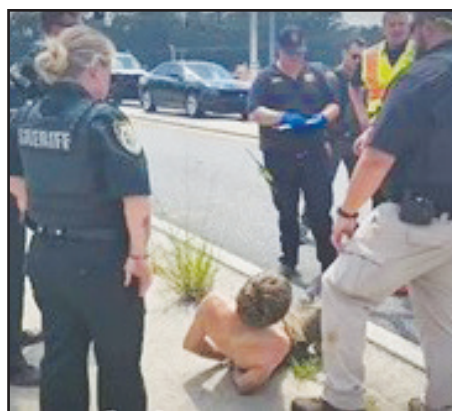
MIDDLEBURG – The Clay County Sheriff's Office needed to use spike strips and two PIT maneuvers mid-afternoon on June 28 to stop a man who had already rammed a CCSO squad car while trying to evade capture.

Kenneth H. Morrison, 39, of Jacksonville, was charged with aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest, attempting to flee or elude law enforcement with lights and siren active, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and driving with a suspended license after a deputy noticed the Honda Morrison was driving had been reported stolen.

The deputy followed Morrison when he pulled into a driveway on Pine Tree Lane. According to the arrest report, when the



Kenneth Morrison



deputy stepped out of his car, Morrison put his car in reverse and ran into the squad car.

Morrison then led deputies on a chase on Blanding Boulevard. A deputy managed to spin Morrison around with the first PIT maneuver, then another deputy was able to cause damage to Morrison's right-side tires by deploying stop sticks. CCSO said Morrison drove erratically on Blanding, striking two more cars before he was finally arrested following the second PIT maneuver.

Morrison's next court appearance will be on July 24. Until then, he will remain in the Clay County Jail with a \$126,514 bond.

### Nursing home manager charged with stealing patient's money

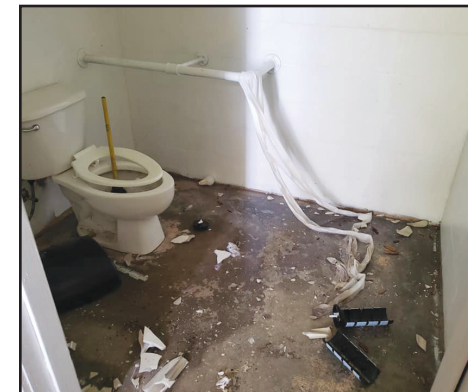
ORANGE PARK – A joint investigation by the State Attorney's Office and the Orange Park Police Department led to the arrest of the former office manager at The Palms Nursing and Rehab at Orange Park.

Priscilla M. Sluder, 34, of Jacksonville, was charged with grand theft after an audit revealed \$29,504 of the residents' Patient Trust Fund was missing. Investigators with OPPD and Attorney General Ashley Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit said Sluder took the money from Dec. 19, 2019, and May 5, 2022, and used it for her own gain. The fund was set up for patients to make cash purchases.

Sluder turned herself into the Clay County Jail on June 30. She was released after posting a \$10,003 bond. Her next court appearance will be on July 24.

"Florida seniors should not have to worry about their personal funds being stolen, especially from a manager of a nursing facility who is supposed to be looking out for them. The defendant's actions are shameful, and I am grateful for my Medic-

aid Fraud Control Unit stopping this grand theft," Moody said.



### Vandals force closure of Keystone Beach Pavilion

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Restrooms at Keystone Beach will be closed until further notice. The city has cameras and it is working with the Clay County Sheriff's Office to identify the suspect(s). Due to the damage done to these restrooms, water to the park, including drinking fountains, has been cut off. Pavilion rentals also will be suspended until further notice.

## 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.

### Monday, July 3

Trenton T. Bourque, 32, Middleburg, domestic battery  
 Roger B. Coker, 43, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine  
 Dalton J. Clark, 27, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
 Linda P. Behnejad, 59, Middleburg, FTA  
 Faith L. Jones, 39, Orange Park, DWLSR  
 Judith E. McDonald, 48, Orange Park, child neglect, possession-methamphetamine  
 Francisco E. Quinones, 18, Orange Park, DWLSR  
 Michael W. McDonald, 49, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia

### Sunday, July 2

Justin M. Lackey, 30, Orange Park, domestic battery  
 Caleb M. Moore, 32, Green Cove Springs, FTA, VOP-community control, non-support  
 Mark S. Tahtinen, 63, Orange Park, DUI  
 Garrett W. McCarthy, 54, Middleburg,

### FTA-DWLSR

Karl T. Whitlow, 29, Middleburg, shoplifting  
 Gary W. Gill, 42, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions against domestic violence  
 Yosvel G. Torres, 46, Fleming Island, child neglect, DUI  
 Moses Shepherd, 20, Orange Park, grand theft auto  
 Dwight D. Robinson, 42, Orange Park, grand theft auto

### Saturday, July 1

Cody A. Carpenter, 30, Keystone Heights, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence  
 Shaquanna R. Tate, 35, Middleburg, shoplifting  
 Michael L. Channell, 43, Keystone Heights, VOP-community control  
 Maximilan Lockwood, 29, Orange Park, domestic battery, child abuse  
 Natalie M. White, 27, Middleburg, DUI  
 Joshua D. Barfoot, 33, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia  
 Tyler R. Digiacomo, 25, Middleburg, trespassing  
 Diondre E. Bennett, 24, Middleburg, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT. Trespassing

### Friday, June 30

Alton C. Huntsinger, 40, Middleburg, DUI  
 James A. Reddel, 59, Orange Park, domestic battery

Brooke D. Maynard, 35, Middleburg, battery  
 Paige M Cheatham, 36, Middleburg, domestic battery  
 Dana O. Jordan, 60, Orange Park, DUI with property damage/injury  
 William G. Lee, 30, Middleburg, obtain groceries with intent to defraud  
 Reggie L. Glover, 35, Keystone Heights, battery, violation of pretrial release conditions against domestic violence, FTA-battery  
 Trayon O. Fussell-Dumas, 26, Middleburg, fraud/uttering false bank note/check/draft

### Thursday, June 29

James A. Thornton, 25, Green Cove Springs, aggravated battery on pregnant woman  
 Robert S. Warren, 49, Orange Park, non-support  
 David H. Moore, 33, Orange Park, petit theft  
 Tatianna L. Pettit, 23, Green Cove Springs, FTA  
 Kristin M. Woods, 24, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
 Dartrell T. Jones, 18, Green Cove Springs, three counts VOP-burglary  
 Forrest T. Booth, 25, Orange Park, trafficking-methamphetamine  
 Priscilla M. Sluder, 34, Green Cove Springs, grand theft  
 Jeffrey B. Michocki, 40, Orange Park, shoplifting  
 Tony S. Wills, 31, Keystone Heights, criminal mischief, trespassing

### Wednesday, June 28

Walter L. Jones, 44, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine with intent to sell/manufacture/distribute, possession-cocaine with intent to sell/manufacture/distribute, possession-drug paraphernalia  
 Matthew J. Williams, 19, Middleburg, domestic battery  
 Britiney A. Carpenter, 27, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia  
 Kenneth H. Morrison, 39, Middleburg, aggravated assault on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement with lights/siren active, leaving scene of accident with property damage, DWLSR, reckless driving  
 Kyle A. Terrill, 42, Green Cove Springs, writ of attachment  
 Eric M. Frock, 50, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
 Addiel A.H. Vazquez, 27, Green Cove Springs, FTA-failure to register vehicle





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### New dining hall opens at Penney Retirement Community

PENNEY FARMS – Penney Retirement Community residents got their first peek at a new dining hall Tuesday and were also served a free breakfast featuring blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage. The new building can seat as many as 400 guests, replacing the old dining hall that could only accommodate 200 diners. The hall serves about 500 meals a day, and that doesn't include the assisted living center, which has a separate commissary.

## Pizza

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The stunning aesthetics of the new establishment aren't quite as visible from the front entrance, but the dining area and the towering glass wall between the inside, outdoor bar, and green space should turn

plenty of heads for customers.

The big-ticket investment should create an inviting environment for patrons to relax and spend quality time while enjoying beer and fresh-to-order pizza, which is only made with the highest quality of ingredients.

"It's meant to be a place that you can

actually sit down and enjoy and spend some time in. We're not expecting people to eat and run," he said.

Villmow also highlighted V Pizza's convenient location next door to The Church of Eleven22, a place that holds special significance to several staff members.

"That's almost family to several mem-

bers of our crew," he said.

With high-quality, imported ingredients from Italy, including ovens, flour, San Marzano tomatoes, and Buffalo mozzarella being combined with what should be a new and improved environment, Fleming Island's new V Pizza location promises to be a hit for hungry customers.

## Earth

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moved to Florida and dived right into the food-producing industry.

"Everything I told people not to do when I was in the bank, I did. So, really just knowing that I wanted to produce something and be part of where the food comes from," McCarthy said.

As a child, McCarthy recalled the loads of genetically modified foods he encountered. In seeing the effects that the modifications caused, he wanted to find a safer way to grow and consume the food.

"I'd rather just grow something from all-natural, and then just know where it comes from, produce something, and then go from there," McCarthy said.

So, he did. Reparation Earth made its home at 5968 County Road 209 in 2018 and has proudly serviced Clay County residents since.

The small farm sits on the city's outskirts, surrounded by nothing but trees and a peaceful atmosphere. With so many

frequent customers, the quaint farm has become a trustful source of fresh food in the area.

Since they first opened, the farm has partnered with local businesses such as the Elks Lodge and the Penney Retirement Community. However, just recently opening its doors to the general public back in January, the farm is working to give residents confidence in what they put in their bodies.

Now with an open market on the property, residents can order their veggies for pickup or come right to the farm for a fresh pick.

Customer Christine Klausser said she gave up buying her lettuce from the grocery store. She cited the bitter taste as the main reason for the switch to fresher options. Now Klausser said she shops at the farm to get her produce.

"I go down there probably once every two weeks or so, sometimes shorter than that. [I] get three heads of lettuce, I usually get their butter lettuce, a romaine and usually a red leaf," Klausser said.

Customer Martha Mangus said it's im-

portant to bring this type of farming to the local area to bring confidence to residents and their food choices. Mangus said she's thankful the farm shares its ways with the community.

"We need to know where our food comes from. And, to make sure it's grown ethically and responsibly. I think Joe definitely does that," Mangus said.

Mangus added that it's important to have the farm available for the food and the experience. Mangus compared the farm to bringing a version of EPCOT's "Living with the Land" to the local community.

"It's just so sustainable, and it makes sense. It's fantastic, it makes you feel like you're at Disney World, but even better," Mangus said.

For the future of Reparation Earth, McCarthy has a lot in store. First up is the expansion of the farm by adding another greenhouse. Breaking ground within the next six months, McCarthy said with the new greenhouse, he hopes to add more room for growing heads of lettuce even more efficiently.

McCarthy noted during the summer,

lettuce shrinks due to high temperatures. In the next greenhouse, he hopes to fix that.


"So, we're going through those planning stages of 'okay do we do something different, do we do this, do we do NFT throughout the whole greenhouse. A lot of people think that's scary, but I think it's exciting," McCarthy said.

Reparation Earth also hopes to expand its produce options. McCarthy said the farm is looking to start growing fruit trees. Currently, the farm's bee hive occupies the space. However, McCarthy said citrus trees would soon reside next to it.

"Our wheels are always spinning. So, we'll see where [we] get," McCarthy said.

For now, McCarthy said he hopes to continue building a strong relationship with the community, bringing quality food to the masses, and teaching about techniques to change how food is grown.

"I think we bring a lot to the area once we get up and running. And [I'm] kind of looking forward to just teaming up with the community and getting involved," McCarthy said.





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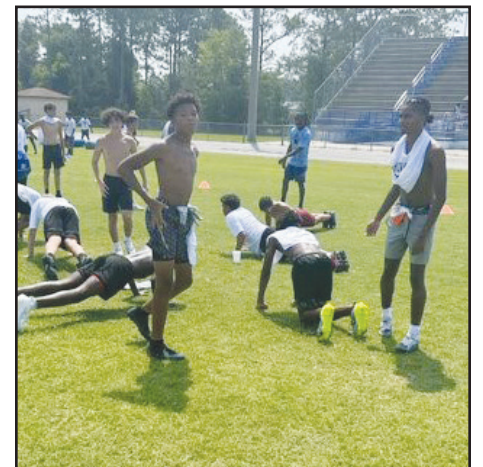
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## Ridgeview High hosts 80 summer football campers

ORANGE PARK – Nearly 80 boys gave up their Saturday morning last weekend to work up a sweat – and be given important skills – at Ridgeview High’s free Summer Youth Football Camp. Players, ages 5-14, were provided helpful training tips and all went through a series of drills at the school’s football field. The event organized by Panthers junior varsity assistant Darrius Marshall and it included coaches from the Clay Chargers, Clay PAL, Fleming Island, Keystone Heights, Oakleaf and Orange Park highs and the Oakleaf Renegades.





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## Oakleaf 'heavies' take Jags OL title



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Oakleaf High offensive lineman Muykel Mayo barrels down the path of the weight sprint at the Nike-11 Offensive Linemen challenge at Everbank Field in Jacksonville. Mayo was part of Knights' linemen challenge title.

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - Oakleaf High first year football coach Chris Foy had just had a conversation about his offensive line has been training for explosiveness and power off the ball prior to their invite to the Jacksonville Jaguars Offensive line challenge on Tues., June 27 at Everbank Field, home to the NFL Jacksonville Jaguars.

"I always tell them it's not how much weight you can lift, but how much you can move," said Foy. "We want athletes; big, strong and fast up front, then the football will come."

For Oakleaf High football squad that joined Fleming Island High and a handful of northeast Florida programs for the Nike 11-On 7 v 7 invitational, the battle was won with challenges like the disc pull, tug

SEE OAKLEAF, 20



Fleming Island High's newest playmaker, former Middleburg High safety Aiden Postemski makes a diving touchdown grab for Golden Eagles at the Nike-11 7 v 7 challenge hosted by the Jacksonville Jaguars in Everbank Field. Postemski's score led Golden Eagles to win over two-time Class 1A champion Hawthorne High.

SEE STRONG, 23



Fleming Island Dreadnaught youth football standout Conner McKay got a hug after being interviewed by Clay Today Sports Editor Randy Lefko as he battled with a lethal brain tumor. McKay succumbed to the tumor about a year after his diagnosis but his legacy nearly won a national title for his 12-Under teammates.

## #ConnerStrong legacy gains national attention

Special to Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island Dreadnaughts youth football player Conner McKay's battle with a lethal brain tumor and the community rapport the 10-year old had in the Fleming Island football atmosphere garnered more attention with the story written by Clay Today Sports Editor Randy Lefko just days after McKay passed away from his ailment has earned the Association of Community Publishers Best of Best national award for best sports article, according to a press release after Thursday's Awards Presentation in Virginia.

"I called Sean McKay, Conner's dad, and we cried a bit before I thanked him for sharing his son's story with me and allowing me to write about his bravery and courage in the shadow of death," said Lefko, noting McKay passed from the DIPG brain

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Above: Oakleaf' heft; offensive linemen, from left, Chase Johnson, Chris Jules, JJ Marsh-Mensie, Mykel Mayo and Quory Ambrose, here with coaches, from left, Mark Michaels, Bubba Horne and, center, head coach Chris Foy, show off championship belt after winning the Nike-11 offensive line challenge at Everbank Field, new home to the Jacksonville Jaguars.



# Oakleaf

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of war, weight carry sprints and a linemen read and react drill that featured garbage cans acting as defensive positions in one of the more unique ideas in recent history.

The Knights competing in the big man competition were Chase Johnson, Chris Jules, JJ Marsh-Mensie, Muykel Mayo and Quory Ambrose; all near the 300-pounds plus range.

For Fleming Island, the heft came from Braden Cunningham, Joey "Shark" Couch, Khalil Matthews, state weightlift champion Kevin Reyes, Nate Van Hof

"This is a four day event that has, I believe, been the biggest for NFL cities and the biggest for my three years here in Jacksonville," said Adriel Rocha, vice president of community impact for Jacksonville Jaguars. "Because we had 26 teams sign up, we had a 10-team field on Monday, a huge FHSAA 7 v 7 state championship event in The Villages over the weekend, a girls tournament (250 athletes) here on Saturday and we go to the Panhandle later this week."

Rocha's enthusiasm for the flag football event and it's auxillary challenges is by way of keeping football on the front burner in anticipation of the upcoming fall season.

"All the kids come in and want to look their best and have great performances because there is a lot of media here and every bit of film will help in the recruitment process later for some of the athletes here," said Rocha, noting Georgia high school powerhouse Lowndes County High won the Tuesday event. "Our content, the competition and also the gear we give out, let alone being able to play inside an NFL stadium is huge. The level of competition in general just in Florida has always been impressive."

In the 7 v 7 lineups, Oakleaf opened up with St. Augustine and Baldwin while Fleming Island faced off against two-time Class 1A champion Hawthorne in the searing heat of the day.

Oakleaf, though tagged with a third pass interception, got good possession behind quarterback Brandon Wallace, Jr., with soccer player turned wide receiver Keinde May Parker a prime target while Fleming Island got a 21-6 win over Hawthorne behind some threading-the-needle passes from quarterback Cibastian Broughton to wideouts Calvin Johnson and newcomer Aiden Postemski, a former Middleburg High standout. Fleming Island finished against St. Augustine.

On the defense, Fleming Island got a nifty deflect and interception from Sebastian Cruz off a tip from Kaylib Singleton.

Oakleaf got some tips from freshman Denereo Jacobs against St. Augustine, who got downfield and scored on seam passes after a Final Four finish at the state championship event at The Villages.

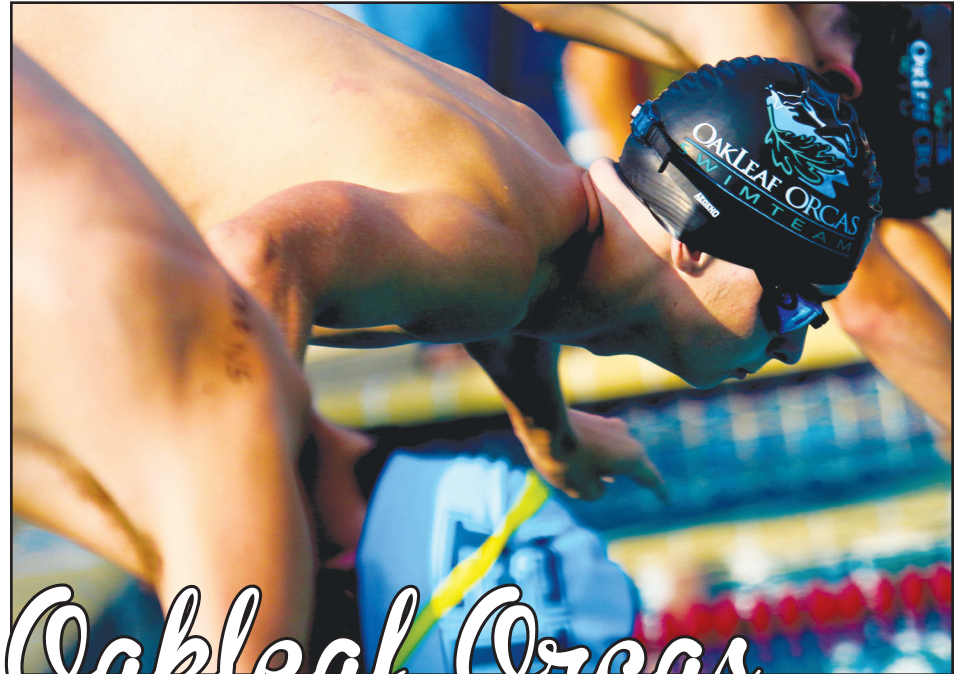
Teams will relax for the the first week of July then gear up against for the August push and the start of the 2023 season.

Action around Everbank Field included a tug of war, catches from Fleming Island's Calvin Johnson, tight defense from DB Kaylib Singleton, efficiency from Oakleaf QB Brandon Wallace, Jr., and heft from Fleming Island tackle Braden Cunningham.





*Eagle Harbor vs.*

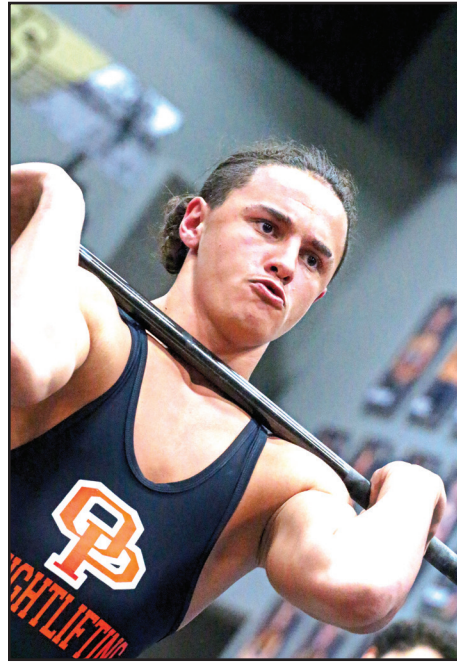


*Oakleaf Orcas*





# BEST OF Orange Park









**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 170.07, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY THE CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL PURSUANT TO SECTION 197.3632(4)(b), FLORIDA STATUTES, BY THE CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Cross Creek North Community Development District ("District") will hold public hearings on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cross Creek North Amenity Center, 2895 Big Oak Drive, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, to consider the adoption of an assessment roll, the imposition of special assessments to secure proposed bonds on benefited lands within the District, a depiction of which lands is shown below, and to provide for the levy, collection and enforcement of the special assessments. The streets and areas to be improved are depicted below and in the District's *Supplemental Engineer's Report for the Capital Improvements for Series 2023 Project*, dated April 3, 2023 ("Improvement Plan"). The public hearing is being conducted pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*. A description of the property to be assessed and the amount to be assessed to each piece or parcel of property may be ascertained at the office of the District's Manager, located at 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614; Ph: (904) 436-6270 ("District Manager's Office").

The District is a unit of special-purpose local government responsible for providing infrastructure improvements for lands within the District. The infrastructure improvements ("Improvements") are currently expected to include, but are not limited to, stormwater management system, roadway improvements, water and sewer utility systems, recreation improvements, wetland mitigation, and other infrastructure, all as more specifically described in the Improvement Plan, on file and available during normal business hours at the District Manager's Office.

The District intends to impose assessments on benefited lands within the District in the manner set forth in the District's *Preliminary Supplemental Special Assessment Allocation Report, Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2023* dated June 13, 2023 ("Assessment Report"), which is on file and available during normal business hours at the District Manager's Office. The Assessment Report identifies each tax parcel identification number within the District and assessments per parcel for each land use category that is currently expected to be assessed. The method of allocating assessments for the Improvements to be funded by the District will initially be determined on an equal assessment per acre basis. The methodology is explained in more detail in the Assessment Report. Also as described in more detail in the Assessment Report, the District's assessments will be levied against all assessable lands within the District. Please consult the Assessment Report for more details.

The annual principal assessment levied against each parcel will be based on repayment over thirty (30) years of the total debt allocated to each parcel. The District expects to collect sufficient revenues to retire no more than \$12,195,000 in debt to be assessed by the District, exclusive of fees and costs of collection or enforcement, discounts for early payment and interest. The proposed schedule of assessments is as follows:

Product Type	Maximum Debt Allocation	Per Unit Annual Installment
Single Family 40'	\$34,744	\$3,130
Single Family 50'	\$34,744	\$3,130

The assessments may be prepaid in whole at any time, or in some instances in part, or may be paid in not more than thirty (30) annual installments subsequent to the issuance of debt to finance the improvements. These annual assessments will be collected on the Clay County tax roll by the Tax Collector. Alternatively, the District may choose to directly collect and enforce these assessments. All affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and the right to file written objections with the District within twenty (20) days of the publication of this notice.

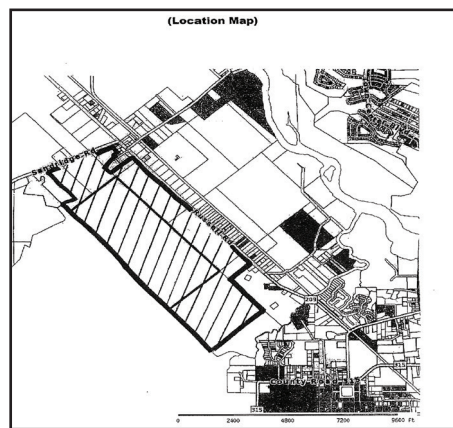
Also on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cross Creek North Amenity Center, 2895 Big Oak Drive, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, the Board will hold a regular public meeting to consider any other business that may lawfully be considered by the District. The Board meeting and hearings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for commu-

nity development districts. The Board meeting and/or the public hearings may be continued in progress to a date and time certain announced at the meeting and/or hearings.

If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearings, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the meeting or hearings because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District office.

Lesley Gallagher  
District Manager



RESOLUTION 2023-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS; DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID; DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT AND A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; ADDRESSING THE SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND ADDRESSING CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Cross Creek North Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under and pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, install, equip, operate, extend, construct, or reconstruct roadways, sewer and water distribution systems, stormwater management/earthwork improvements, landscape, irrigation and entry features, conservation and mitigation, street lighting and other infrastructure projects, and services necessitated by the development of, and serving lands within, the District; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2018-07, the District has previously established the original Project as described in the *Engineer's Report* dated March 21, 2017 ("Original Project"), adopted an estimated cost of the Project, and levied a special assessment to support bonds issued by the District to fund the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, due to rising costs, the District previously adopted the *Supplemental Engineer's Report* dated January 18, 2022, which adopted revised Project costs, but did not revise the master assessment lien imposed by Resolution 2018-07; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs of the Original Project have continued to increase, and the District hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the additions to the District's overall capital improvement plan as described in the

District's *Supplemental Engineer's Report*, dated April 3, 2023 ("Project"), which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the District to pay for all or a portion of the cost of the Project by the levy of special assessments ("Assessments") using the methodology set forth in that *Master Special Assessment Allocation Report*, September 18, 2023, as supplemented by the *Preliminary Supplemental Assessment Allocation Report* which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, incorporated herein by reference, and on file with the District Manager at c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc., 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614 ("District Records Office");

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

**1. AUTHORITY FOR THIS RESOLUTION; INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Florida law, including without limitation Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*. The recitals stated above are incorporated herein and are adopted by the Board as true and correct statements.

**2. DECLARATION OF ASSESSMENTS.** The Board hereby declares that it has determined to undertake the Project and to defray all or a portion of the cost thereof by the Assessments.

**3. DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENTS.** The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Project are described in Exhibit A, which is on file at the District Records Office. Exhibit B is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.

**4. DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID.**

**A.** The total estimated cost of the Project is **\$10,888,660** ("Estimated Cost").

**B.** The Assessments will defray no more than \$12,195,000, which is the anticipated maximum par value of any bonds and which includes all or a portion of the Estimated Cost, as well as other financing-related costs, as set forth in Exhibit B, and which is in addition to interest and collection costs. On an annual basis, the Assessments will defray no more than \$1,098,474 per year, again as set forth in **Exhibit B**.

**C.** The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in **Exhibit B**, as may be modified by supplemental assessment resolutions. The Assessments will constitute a "master" lien, which may be imposed without further public hearing in one or more separate liens each securing a series of bonds, and each as determined by supplemental assessment resolution. With respect to each lien securing a series of bonds, the special assessments shall be paid in not more than (30) thirty yearly installments. The special assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad-valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non ad-valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law, including but not limited to by direct bill. The decision to collect special assessments by any particular method – e.g., on the tax roll or by direct bill – does not mean that such method will be used to collect special assessments in future years, and the District reserves the right in its sole discretion to select collection methods in any given year, regardless of past practices.

**5. DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED.** The Assessments securing the Project shall be levied on the lands within the District, as described in **Exhibit B**, and as further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

**6. ASSESSMENT PLAT.** Pursuant to Section 170.04, *Florida Statutes*, there is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed certain plans and specifications describing the Project and the estimated cost of the Project, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.

**7. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL.** Pursuant to Section 170.06, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in Exhibit B hereto, which shows the lots

and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS DECLARED; DIRECTION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARINGS.** Pursuant to Sections 170.07 and 197.3632(4)(b), *Florida Statutes*, among other provisions of Florida law, there are hereby declared two public hearings to be held as follows:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Date: July 26, 2023  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Location: Cross Creek North Amenity Center  
2895 Big Oak Drive  
Green Cove Springs,  
Florida 32043

The purpose of the public hearings is to hear comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District improvements as identified in the preliminary assessment roll, a copy of which is on file and as set forth in **Exhibit B**. Interested parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the hearings at the District Records Office.

Notice of said hearings shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the County in which the District is located (by two publications one week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher's affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of this hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

**9. PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION.** Pursuant to Section 170.05, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within the County in which the District is located and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

**10. CONFLICTS.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.

**11. SEVERABILITY.** If any section or part of a section of this resolution be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force, and effect of any other section or part of a section of this resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of a section of this resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part of a section so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**12. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 13th day of June, 2023.

**CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**



CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: FIG 20 LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
**Certificate No.:** 2129/2021  
**Legal Description:** LOT 26 BLK 25 MEADOWBROOK 11 AS REC O R 1874 PG 585  
**Parcel ID No.:** 010425-011758-182-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$10,334.11  
**Physical Address:** 245 AQUARIUS CONCOURSE, ORANGE PARK  
**Classification:** SINGLE FAMILY  
**Name in which assessed:** OLGA ABU-LASAN  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **23rd day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 30th day of June, 2023**  
 TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea

Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 74531 Published 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023, 7/20/2023 and 7/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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**Certificate No.:** 1890/2021  
**Legal Description:** LOT 231 OAK FOREST AS REC O R 1405 PG 1977  
**Parcel ID No.:** 330724-006919-316-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$3,549.43  
**Physical Address:** 5890 INDIAN TRL, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** MARIO M & LILIAN V ABELARDO  
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**Dated this 30th day of June, 2023**  
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 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
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**Certificate No.:** 933/2021  
**Legal Description:** PT OF SE1/4 S24T8R23 A/K/A LOT 10 WEST MCRAE UNREC AS REC O R 1540 PG 749 & 1868 PG 1956  
**Parcel ID No.:** 240823-004629-001-38  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$24,088.45  
**Physical Address:** 5375 COUNTY ROAD 214, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
**Classification:** MOBILE HOME  
**Name in which assessed:** HUBERT EDENFIELD, MICHELLE EDENFIELD  
 Said property being in the County of Clay,

State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **23rd day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 30th day of June, 2023**  
 TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 74529 Published 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023, 7/20/2023 and 7/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:**

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 07/31/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at FIRST COAST TOWING INC - 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.  
 1B4HR2BY3XF680351 1999 DODG 4A3AK34Y2TE14451 1996 MITS JF1GJAA60DG034379 2013 SUBA  
**Legal 74527 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 2023CP000333**  
**Judge Don H. Lester**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF ARCHIE I. OBMASCA, Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of Archie I. Obmasca, deceased, whose date of death was April 9, 2023, and the last four digits of whose social security number are -9427, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer 1866, Clay County Courthouse, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
 The date of first publication of this notice is July 6, 2023.  
 Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 Amy C. Kelley, Esq.  
 Florida Bar Number 119148  
 KELLEY & KELLEY, P.L.  
 Attorney for Petitioner  
 43 Cincinnati Avenue  
 St. Augustine, Florida 32084  
 Telephone: (904) 819-9706  
 Facsimile: (904) 819-9707  
 amy@kelleyandkelley.com  
 sean@kelleyandkelley.com  
 pleadings@kelleyandkelley.com  
 Personal Representative:  
 Cynthia Obmasca  
 4115 Heatherbrook Place  
 Middleburg, FL 32068  
**Legal 74378 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DARNELL EPPS, DECEASED; DERICK DARNELL EPPS; FOREST HAMMOCK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., et al. Defendant(s).  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 7, 2023, and entered in 2021CA000632 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY COUNTY, Florida, wherein ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DARNELL EPPS, DECEASED; DERICK DARNELL EPPS; FOREST HAMMOCK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com, at 10:00 AM, on August 9, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATE IN CLAY COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, VIZ.: LOT 181, FOREST HAMMOCK AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION - UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 55, PAGES 10 THROUGH 41, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
**Property Address: 429 WILTON CT ORANGE PARK, FL 32065**  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 8 day of June, 2023.  
 Tara S. Green  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: Gracie Moore  
 As Deputy Clerk

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
**Legal 74376 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**SANDRIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

**Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting**

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

DATE:	July 25, 2023
HOOR:	2:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Holiday Inn and Suites 620 Wells Road Orange Park, Florida 32073

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2023/2024"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessments") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

**Description of Assessments**

The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget. Pursuant to Section 170.07, Florida Statutes, a description of the services to be funded by the O&M Assessments, and the properties to be improved and benefitted from the O&M Assessments, are all set forth in the Proposed Budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

The proposed O&M Assessments as stated include collection costs and/or early payment discounts, which Clay County

Land Use	Total # of Units / Acres	EAU Factor	Proposed Annual O&M Assessment (including collection costs / early payment discounts)
Residential Unit	238	1.00	\$518.00
Undeveloped Land	89.02	5.99	\$3,101.48

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



For Fiscal Year 2023/2024, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments imposed on certain developed property and will directly collect the assessments imposed on the remaining benefitted property by sending out a bill prior to, or during, November 2023. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title, or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

**Additional Provisions**

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Proposed Budget, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, Ph: 877-276-0889 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

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

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

District Manager

Legal 73256 published in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper on June 29 and July 6, 2023.

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 10-2022-DP-0000098  
 DIVISION: JV-E  
 IN THE INTEREST OF:  
 S.S.  
 MINOR CHILD  
 THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
 TO:  
 Britiany Sims, Mother  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child, S.S., who was born on October 25, 2022. You are hereby commanded to appear before the **Honorable Angela M. Cox**, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of **2:00 p.m. o'clock on August 8, 2023 A.D.** You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.  
**FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.**  
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crtntrp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
 WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 29th day of June, 2023.  
 Tara S. Green  
 as Clerk of Said Court  
 By: Denise Haselwood  
 As Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 74377 Published 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023, 7/20/2023 and 7/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
 CASE NO. 2021CA000632

**NOTICE: DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY / LOST OR ABANDONED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Florida State Statute 705.105 Lost or Abandoned Property the following items were found within Clay County between the dates of 8/26/22 and 01/9/23. This property listed below is described in a manner reasonably adequate to permit the rightful owner of the property to claim it. Any Lost or Abandoned Property not claimed within 14 days of this notice will be disposed of in accordance with this statute. To claim, please call the Green Cove Springs Police Department Evidence unit at 904-297-7324.  
 Gaming System  
 Vitacci ATV  
 Smith & Wesson Pistol  
 Heritage Rough Rider Revolver  
 City of Green Cove Springs Erin West, City Clerk  
 321 Walnut Street  
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
 L. Steve Kennedy, City Manager  
**Legal 74375 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**Clay County Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDES NOTICE OF THE CLAY COUNTY CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FY 2023-2024, ALONG WITH THE 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD. THE PROPOSED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN WILL BE ADOPTED DURING A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023. Clay County has completed the Draft FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan which is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order for the County to receive Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Annual Action Plan is the one-year planning document which describes the amount of CDBG funds expected to be available and the proposed use of those funds for the upcoming CDBG Program year. The Annual Action Plan will be available for public review and comment as set forth below.  
**THE PLAN DOCUMENT:** The Draft FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the County's Website at



## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

www.claycountygov.com/business/economic-development and at the following locations between June 9, 2023, and July 8, 2023:

Clay County Administration Building, Department of Economic & Development Services between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at 477 Houston St., 3rd Floor, Planning & Zoning Division, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Clay County Library Locations listed below between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday.

- Fleming Island Library- 1895 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island, FL 32003
- Green Cove Springs Library- 403 Ferris Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
- Keystone Heights Library- 175 Oriole Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
- Middleburg-Clay Hill Library- 2245 Aster Avenue, Middleburg, FL 32068
- Orange Park Library- 2054 Plainfield Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073

**Plan Summary:** The Annual Action Plan serves as the application of funding for the CDBG Program and describes the activities/projects that will be undertaken during the next fiscal year. Activities/projects are selected for funding in accordance with the priorities established in the County's 2021-2025 CDBG Consolidated Plan and in accordance with the primary objectives of the CDBG Program. Funded activities must serve one of the three CDBG National Objectives: 1) to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, 2) to aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight, and 3) to meet a community development need of urgency. The FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan includes the four activities/projects listed below to be funded under the CDBG Program.

**The County's CDBG entitlement for FY 2023-2024 is \$1,020,627**

Proposed CDBG activity/project allocations are as follows:

- 1) Housing rehabilitation \$350,000.00
- 2) Code Enforcement \$50,000.00
- 3) Public Infrastructure \$523,450.00
- 4) Program Administration \$97,177.00

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The 30-day public review and comment period is **Friday, June 9, 2023 through Saturday, July 8, 2023.** Comments from the public are encouraged and will be accepted during this period at the Department of Economic & Development Services, 477 Houston St., 3rd Floor, Planning & Zoning Division, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Comments can also be given by calling 904-541-3814 or be sent by email to cdbg@claycountygov.com.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**  
Public Hearing #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Purpose: To obtain final comments and adopt the Annual Action Plan.  
Date: **Tuesday, July 25, 2023**  
Time: 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard

Place: BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, FL

**Non-English-Speaking Persons:** Special arrangements for a translator will be made by the County. A citizen requiring a translator should send a request at least two (2) business days before the event.

**Special Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities:** Special arrangements for a sign language interpreter will be made by the County. A request should be sent to the County at least two (2) business days prior to the event. Recorded events will be posted with closed captioning for those hard of hearing.

**Access to records/recordings:** A recording of the public meetings and hearings will be made public for those who are not able to attend. Minutes of the public meetings and hearings will also be taken. Citizen input will be summarized and documented in the minutes. The recordings and minutes will be posted on the County's website at <https://www.clay-countygov.com/community/community-services/cdbg>.

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

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing. Those persons attending the public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners may be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to the FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

**Legal 74374 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO: 2023-CP-323  
DIVISION: B  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GIOVANNA R. WRIGHT, deceased.

The administration of the estate of GIOVANNA R. WRIGHT, deceased, whose date of death was December 16, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 6, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: MARY C. COBB, Esquire  
The Cobb Law Firm, P.A.  
431 Stowe Avenue  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
(904) 269-5800  
Florida Bar No.: 23972  
Email: maryc.cobb@gmail.com

Personal Representative: DOUGLAS K. WRIGHT  
2482 Larchwood Street  
Orange Park, FL 32065  
**Legal 74251 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the purpose of considering entry into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase by the County of a certain parcel of real property being particularly described as follows:

**A portion of Tax Parcel No. 29-05-26-014441-000-00, consisting of approximately 4,378 square feet.**

This notice is given pursuant to Section 125.355, Florida Statutes, and Clay County Ordinance 99-65. A copy of the Agreement is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal holidays, in the Office of the County Attorney located on the 2nd Floor of the Clay County Administration Building at the foregoing address.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, any person who desires to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations will need a record of the proceedings, and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

Board of County Commissioners  
Clay County, Florida  
**Legal 74236 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## PUBLIC AUCTION

On July 16, 2023, at 9:00 AM, an auction will take place at 1046 Airpark Rd, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

The vehicles which will be auctioned include:

J53TX92VX64105217 2006 SUZU  
**Legal 74234 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 2023-CP-000319  
Division B  
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARION DALE PADGETT, Deceased

The administration of the estate of MARION DALE PADGETT, deceased, whose

date of death was April 7, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is July 6, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR., LL.M.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Florida Bar Number: 887950  
Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.  
Attorneys at Law, P.A.  
1543 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 5  
Orange Park, FL 32073

Telephone: (904) 264-8800  
Fax: (904) 264-0155  
Primary email address: [grady@floridaidelder.com](mailto:grady@floridaidelder.com)

Secondary email address: [renee@floridaidelder.com](mailto:renee@floridaidelder.com)

Personal Representative: KELLIE PADGETT WIGG  
4527 Junction Drive  
Middleburg, Florida 32068  
**Legal 74233 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO.: 23-CP-335  
DIVISION: B  
IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL LUTZEN, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of PAUL LUTZEN, deceased, whose date of death was October 23, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: July 6, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: TARA FORREST, ESQUIRE  
[tforrest@rtlaw.com](mailto:tforrest@rtlaw.com)  
Florida Bar No.: 1019353  
ROGERS TOWERS, P.A.  
1301 Riverplace Boulevard, Suite 1500  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
(904) 398-3911

Personal Representative: DIANE M. LUTZEN  
4220 Cedar Road  
Orange Park, FL 32065  
**Legal 74231 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## LEGAL NOTICE

A request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located at 2183 Park Avenue between Milwaukie Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. The parcel number is 41-04-26-018940-000-00. The Town Council and Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park will hold public hearings regarding this requested amendment. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public. The Planning and Zoning Board public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 13,

2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue.

The Town Council public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. also in the Town Council Chambers.

Information regarding the application and proposed changes is noted below:

**Application No: CP-10-2023**  
**Acres: 0.924 +/-**  
**Current Land Use Category: Commercial Low Intensity (CLI)**

**Proposed Land Use Category: Commercial Medium Intensity (CMI)**  
**Owner: Bailey's Real Estate, LLP**  
Current or previous use: Medical Equipment Sales

Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of the application may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. by appointment.  
Courtney Russo, Town Clerk  
**Legal 74229 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## LEGAL NOTICE

A request for rezoning has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located at 2183 Park Avenue between Milwaukie Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. The parcel number is 41-04-26-018940-000-00.

The Town Council and Planning and Zoning Board will hold public hearings for the proposed rezoning application. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public.

The Planning and Zoning Board public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue.

The Town Council public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September, 5 2023 at 7:00 P.M. also in the Town Council Chambers.

Information regarding the proposed change is noted below:

**Application No.: R-10-2023** **Acres: 0.924 +/-**

**Current Zoning District: Commercial Neighborhood (CN)**  
**Proposed Zoning District: Commercial General (CG)**

**Owner: Bailey's Real Estate, LLP**  
Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. by appointment.  
Courtney Russo, Town Clerk  
**Legal 74227 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 10-2023-CA-001018  
DIVISION: CV-A  
O.S.C. PROPERTIES, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff,

vs.  
CYNTHIA ALVAREZ, an individual;  
LEAVY ALVAREZ, an individual;  
GERARD SERVICES, INC., a Florida for-profit Corporation; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; and UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

To the following Defendants:  
**CYNTHIA ALVAREZ**  
**7489 Hilltop Street**  
**Keystone Heights, Florida 32656**  
**OR**

**Whose residence is unknown**  
**LEAVY ALVAREZ**  
**7489 Hilltop Street**  
**Keystone Heights, Florida 32656**  
**OR**

**Whose residence is unknown**  
**UNKNOWN TENANT #1**  
**7489 Hilltop Street**  
**Keystone Heights, Florida 32656**  
**UNKNOWN TENANT #2**  
**7489 Hilltop Street**  
**Keystone Heights, Florida 32656**  
**ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES**  
**7489 Hilltop Street**  
**Keystone Heights, Florida 32656**  
**OR**

**Whose residence is unknown**  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property:

**Lots 60 and 61, of "SUNRISE PARK" ADDITION NO. 4, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 6, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Together with that certain 1971 HOLI mobile home bearing identification number 7118776 and Florida title number 4455216, situated thereon; permanently affixed thereto, which have been retired pursuant to Florida Statutes 319.261, in O.R. Book 4262, Page 1458, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.**

**Together with an undivided 1/500 interest in and to the following Lot 6-B, Block 32, TOWN OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 40; and SUNRISE PARK COMMUNITY BEACH, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page**

**44, all of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. a/k/a 7489 Hilltop Street, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656.**

Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Theresa Carl Pontieri, whose address is Jimerson Birr, P.A., One Independent Drive, Suite 1400, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before thirty (30) days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice:**

**In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crintrp@coj.net](mailto:crintrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.** WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 27th day of June, 2023.

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

As Clerk of the Court by:  
By: Gracie Moore

As Deputy Clerk

**Legal 74090 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the purpose of considering entry into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase by the County of a certain parcel of real property being particularly described as follows:

**Tax Parcel No. 29-04-25-008064-006-00, consisting of approximately 4.24 acres.**

This notice is given pursuant to Section 125.355, Florida Statutes, and Clay County Ordinance 99-65. A copy of the Agreement is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal holidays, in the Office of the County Attorney located on the 2nd Floor of the Clay County Administration Building at the foregoing address.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, any person who desires to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations will need a record of the proceedings, and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

Board of County Commissioners  
Clay County, Florida  
**Legal 74083 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at [lockerfox.com](http://lockerfox.com) on Tuesday the 25th day of July, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 996 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL, 32065 RICHENDOLLAR, Tyler 243 Metal foldable chairs, Totes, Christmas inside-outside decorations, Fishing poles, roasting pan w lid, Tool cases, Tools, Kinchen, Michael 945 Misc Furniture, Computer, Totes, Boxes of misc, Baby gates, Foldable table, Computer towers, Printers, Pictures, Rocking chair w ottoman, Weigh bench, Santiago, Jesse 521 Letters, Drain pan, Ropes, Dream catcher, Riding Lawn Mower, Shower doors, Headboard w footboard. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

**Legal 74082 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at [lockerfox.com](http://lockerfox.com) on Tuesday the 25th day of July, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Williams, Brielquianne 665 Couch, Tire, Bedding, Clothes, Bags, Mini Fridge, Boxes, Suitcase, Hand Weights, Misc Items. Shemeca Williams 542 Misc Furniture, Flat Screen TV, Patio Chairs, Totes, Mattress, Fan, Basket, Dining Room Table wChairs, Stroller, Picture, Plastic Drawers. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

**Legal 74080 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at [lockerfox.com](http://lockerfox.com) on Tuesday the 25th day of July, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL, 32003 Clay County Ruplinger, Stacey A037 pictures, suitcases, bags of misc, totes. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

**Legal 74074 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

**Certificate No.: 792/2016**  
**Legal Description: LOT 9 BLK 67 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3144 PG 477**

**Parcel ID No.: 220823-003590-000-00**  
**Opening Bid Amount: \$1,925.96**  
**Physical Address: 7202 SALEM DR , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**

**Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL**  
**Name in which assessed: CRYSTAL I LLC**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **23rd day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.**

**Dated this 27th day of June, 2023**  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 74072 Published 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023, 7/20/2023 and 7/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 2023-CP- 000223  
Division B  
IN RE: ESTATE OF SAMUEL LUCKY DONOHOO, III Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Samuel Lucky Donohoo, III, deceased, whose date of death was April 10, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims



CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

LICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is July 6, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: Simon D. Rothstein Attorney Florida Bar Number: 109025 ADAMS ROTHSTEIN & SIEGEL 4417 Beach Blvd. Suite 104 Jacksonville, Florida 32207 Telephone: (904) 398-1419 Fax: (904) 398-1395 E-Mail: SkipLaw@ARSJaxLaw.com Secondary E-Mail: skiplaw68@gmail.com Personal Representative: Jacqueline Donohoo 962 Hacienda Drive Benton, Arkansas 72019 Legal 74069 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

DIVISION: A JANE DILORETO INSURANCE INC., a Florida Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, as Receiver for Peoples First Community Bank, Defendant, and CARL EUGENE COUNTRYMAN, JR., a married man, and ABAS L. ISSA, individually, and HOMES & LAND REALTY COMPANY OF PALM COAST, a Florida Limited Liability Company, and REGIONS BANK, Defendants. TO: HOMES & LAND REALTY COMPANY OF PALM COAST, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 17 OLD KINGS ROAD, SUITE M PALM COAST, FLORIDA 32137 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title and for reformation covering the following real property described as follows: A parcel of land situated in the West 1/2 of Lot 22, Section 8, Orange Park, Clay County, Florida, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 23, of the public records of said county, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the west line of said Lot 22 with the north line of Kingsley Avenue; thence on said north line, North 87 degrees 54 minutes

03 seconds East, 188.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 02 degrees 07 minutes 57 seconds West, 200.00 feet; thence North 87 degrees 54 minutes 03 seconds East 100.00 feet; thence South 02 degrees 07 minutes 57 seconds East 200.00 feet to said north line of Kingsley Avenue; thence on said North line, South 87 degrees 54 minutes 03 seconds West, 100.0 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to an easement for right-of-way over the westerly 12 feet thereof. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court and to serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney: Dale S. Wilson, PO Box 1808, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, Telephone: (904) 284-5618, Facsimile: (904) 284-5937, within 30 days after the first publication, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Witness my hand and official seal of this Court on June 26, 2023. Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Gracie Moore Deputy Clerk In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings, at Debra Marchant, Human Resources Manager, (904) 255-1695. If hearing impaired call 711. Legal 74066 Published 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023, 7/20/2023 and 7/27/2023 in

Clay County's Clay Today newspaper  
**FICTITIOUS NAME**  
Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **American Boat Lift Specialists** located at 1136 Silver Spur Ct, in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 26th day of June 2023. BROAD & ASSOCIATES LLC Legal 73942 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PURCHASE CONSIDERATION OF 2770 RUSSELL ROAD BY THE CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**  
The Clay County School Board is considering the purchase of 95 acres, more or less, of property in the Lake Asbury Mas-

ter Plan located at 2770 Russell Road, Green Cove Springs, Florida. This property will be used for a future school site. The School Board will hold a public meeting to consider the purchase of this property at the regular School Board meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the Fleming Island High School TTC, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island Florida. For additional information please contact Lance Addison at lance.addison@myoneclay.net or (904) 336-6852. Legal 73938 Published 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023, 7/20/2023 and 7/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2023CA001044 ALLED FIRST BANK, SB DBA SERVBANK, Plaintiff, vs. ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, CREDITORS AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST LINDA D. CALDWELL, DECEASED, ET AL, Defendants. To the following Defendant(s): ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, CREDITORS AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST LINDA D. CALDWELL, DECEASED (Last Known Address: 496 Bienville CT, Alford, FL 32420) YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose based on boundaries established by acquiescence, on the following described property: LOT 10, WELLS LANDING UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGES 76 AND 77 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 617 WELLS LANDING DR, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to, to, on Ghidotti Berger LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1031 North Miami Beach Boulevard, North Miami Beach, FL 33162 on or before a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Clay Today and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2010-08. "IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR AT (904) 255-1695 OR CRTINTRP@COJ.NET AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 711." WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 26th day of June, 2023. TARA S. GREEN As Clerk of Court By Jennifer Brosky As Deputy Clerk Legal 73930 Published 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** JWAVEST-ED LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: **Certificate No.: 923/2017** **Legal Description:** LOT 8 BLK 102 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2497 PG 1977 **Parcel ID No.: 160823-004355-000-00** **Opening Bid Amount: \$1,860.70** **Physical Address: 6213 OLGETHORPE AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS** **Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: ARLANDE LEGER & JEAN MONESTIME** Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **23rd day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.** Dated this 26th day of June, 2023 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk Legal 73925 Published 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023 and 7/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY. CASE NUMBER: 2023-CA-1068

**CREEKVIEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

**Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting**

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

DATE: July 25, 2023  
HOUR: 2:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Holiday Inn and Suites 620 Wells Road Orange Park, Florida 32073

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2023/2024"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessments") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

**Description of Assessments**

The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget. Pursuant to Section 170.07, Florida Statutes, a description of the services to be funded by the O&M Assessments, and the properties to be improved and benefitted from the O&M Assessments, are all set forth in the Proposed Budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

Lot Type*	Total # of Units	EAU Factor	Current Annual O&M Assessment (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)**	Proposed Annual O&M Assessment (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024)**	Change in Annual Dollar Amount
Unplatted Lands	747.50	1.98	\$0.00	\$792.51	\$792.51

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

For Fiscal Year 2023/2024, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments imposed on certain developed property, and will directly collect the assessments imposed on the remaining benefitted property by sending out a bill prior to, or during, November 2023. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title, or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

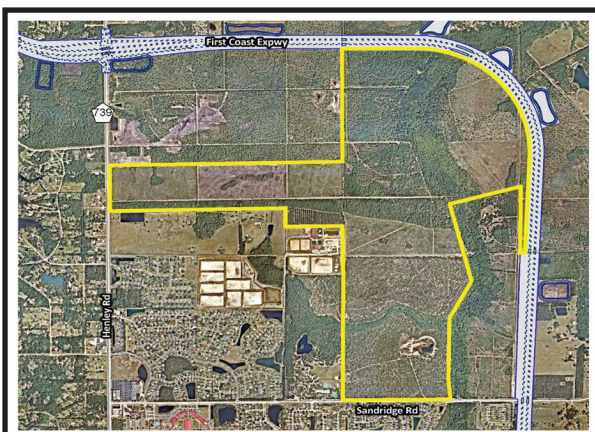
**Additional Provisions**

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Proposed Budget, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, Ph: 877-276-0889 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

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

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

District Manager



Legal 73258 published June 29 and July 6, 2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** JWAVEST-ED LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: **Certificate No.: 802/2020** **Legal Description:** LOT 6 BLK 70 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3148 PG 1147 **Parcel ID No.: 220823-003635-000-00** **Opening Bid Amount: \$1,921.26** **Physical Address: 7244 LEHIGH DR , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS** **Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: DENTON II LLC** Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **23rd day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.** Dated this 26th day of June, 2023 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk Legal 73924 Published 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023 and 7/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2021-DR-000055 DIVISION: F IN RE: THE FORMER MARRIAGE OF JEREMIAH CERCY, Petitioner/Farmer Husband, and MACKENZIE CERCY, Respondent/Former Wife. TO: MACKENZIE CERCY **YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action for Supplemental Petition for Modification has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on David M. Merritt, Esquire, of KENNY LEIGH & ASSOCIATES, Husband's attorney, whose address is 414 Old Hard Road, Suite 201, Fleming Island, FL 32003, on or before August 10, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this court at Judge William A. Wilkes Judicial Complex, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, either before service on Father's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. **WARNING:** Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. DATED this 26th day of June, 2023. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Gracie Moore Deputy Clerk Legal 73919 Published 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023 and 7/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** JWAVEST-ED LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: **Certificate No.: 883/2021** **Legal Description:** LOT 19 BLK 71 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 1736 PG 526 & 1865 PG 1230 **Parcel ID No.: 220823-003656-000-00** **Opening Bid Amount: \$1,705.41** **Physical Address: 7231 LEHIGH DR , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS** **Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: AUNDREA L STROJNY & MELISSA M MORRIS** Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **23rd day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.** Dated this 26th day of June, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk Legal 73927 Published 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023, and 7/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** JWAVEST-ED LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: **Certificate No.: 2022CA000759** **Legal Description:** LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JORDAN A. ADAMS; SARAH M. ADAMS, et al.



CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2023, and entered in 2022CA000759 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICES, LLC is the Plaintiff and JORDAN A. ADAMS; SARAH M. ADAMS are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on July 31, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOTS TWO (2) AND THREE (3), SUNNY ACRES, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** Property Address: 4886 HWY 17 S GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 1st day of June, 2023. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Jennifer Brosky As Deputy Clerk **IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 73911 Published 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2022CA001051 SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, Plaintiff, V. MICHAEL A. ROTHEMEYER; JESSICA L. ROTHEMEYER; AZALEA RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF CLAY COUNTY, INC.; CLAY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT AND COMPTROLLER; ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment dated June 16, 2023 entered in Civil Case No. 2022CA001051 in Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, Civil Division, wherein SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, Plaintiff and MICHAEL A. ROTHEMEYER; JESSICA L. ROTHEMEYER; AZALEA RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF CLAY COUNTY, INC.; CLAY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT AND COMPTROLLER are Defendant(s) Tara S. Green, Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 10:00 AM at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on August 14, 2023 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: **LOT 185, AZALEA RIDGE UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 57, PAGE 24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** Property Address: 1915 High Prairie Ln, Middleburg, FL 32068

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED. THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ENLARGE THE TIME OF THE SALE. NOTICE OF THE CHANGED TIME OF SALE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED HEREIN. Tara S. Green CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Clay County, Florida Leigh Lucroy Deputy Clerk of Court Legal 73910 Published 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 07/27/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 3052 JOE JOHNS RD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. F140168109 1974 TOYT 1B4HS28N41F511800 2001 DODG 1CANJPF7DD166610 2013 JEEP Legal 73403 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2014-DP-98 DIVISION: E IN THE INTEREST OF: D.M. MINOR CHILD THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM OFFICE TO: Gordon Miller, III 9102 Northeast Glisan Street Portland, Oregon 97220 Last Known Address **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by The GUARDIAN AD LITEM OFFICE for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above named child, D.M., who was born on April 27, 2010. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on August 1, 2023. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. **FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PETITION FILED IN YOUR DEPENDENCY CASE.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crtntrp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 20th day of June, 2023. Tara S. Green as Clerk of Said Court By: Denise Haselwood As Deputy Clerk Legal 73278 Published 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023 and 7/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2022CA000229 FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF, VS. JAMIE INGOGLIA; PHILIP FLAHERTY; RAVINES CROSSING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL., DEFENDANTS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 16th day of June, 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022CA000229, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and JAMIE INGOGLIA; PHILIP FLAHERTY; RAVINES CROSSING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on-line at www.clay.realforeclosure.com at 11:00 AM on

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The online bidding and auction for Storage Rentals of America, 369 Blanding Blvd. will be held online at lockerfox.com through July 20, 2023, at 11:00AM. The entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien and other charges according to FL Statutes 83.801.

PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Unit # Tenant or Business Name AOI JOSHUA ROBERTS A02 LISA ROBERTS GIO STEVE FISHBEIN K15 RICHARD DERNICK Total Units: 4 Sale being held to satisfy Landlords' lien. The seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. CASH ONLY. Contents to be removed within 48 hours. Storage Rentals of America 369 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32073 904-977-6400 Legal 73404 Published 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003 July 25, 2023, at 10:00am Rachel Bland Household Items The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storageandtreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. Legal 72968 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 16th day of June, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Jewel Baskin Deputy Clerk Legal 72962 Published 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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**SOUTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

**Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting**

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

DATE: August 8, 2023  
TIME: 6:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Eagle Landing Residents Club  
3975 Eagle Landing Parkway  
Orange Park, Florida 32065

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2



## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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Dated this 16th day of June, 2023

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 72961 Published 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 988/2020  
Legal Description: PT OF N1/2 OF SW1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SW1/4 S26T8R23 A/K/A AS PT PRLCL 13 AS REC O R 3835 PG 2131: 4027 PG 272 & 4145 PG 1181

Parcel ID No.: 260823-004656-002-14

Opening Bid Amount: \$2,393.72

Physical Address: FOREST HILLS, MELROSE  
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: MARIE THERESE VILLETTE

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

Dated this 16th day of June, 2023

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 72960 Published 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NUMBER: 2023CA-001120

DIVISION: OPULENT CONCEPTION, L.L.C., A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

MARCUS ANTHONY and any unknown spouse, heirs, beneficiaries, legatees, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns of MARCUS ANTHONY; and any other claimants by through or under MARCUS ANTHONY,  
Defendants.

To: MARCUS ANTHONY and any unknown spouse, heirs, beneficiaries, legatees, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns of MARCUS ANTHONY; and any other claimants by through or under MARCUS ANTHONY, claiming by or through them, if alive or dead and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouse, heirs, beneficiaries, legatees, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against those unknown natural persons; and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, or any other person claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity named or later named as a Defendant; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named Defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the properties hereinafter described.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title and for rescission of deeds to the following property in Clay County, Florida: Lot 1, Block I, Grove Park, Unit No. 7, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 11, Page(s) 16 through 18. of the Public Records - of Clay County, Florida;

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on D. Randall Briley, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1525B The Greens way, 2nd Floor, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250, on or before July 20, 2023, or within 35 days of the first date of publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint of Petition.

Dated this 16 day of June, 2023.

TARA GREEN  
AS CLERK OF THE COURT  
By: Leigh Lucroy

Legal 72608 Published 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## INTENTION TO LEASE

Pursuant to Section 373.093, Florida Statutes, the St. Johns River Water Management District ("District") gives notice of its intention to lease a half-acre of property, whose address is 5703 Green Road, Middleburg, FL 32068, located in the Black Creek Ravines Conservation Area, in Clay County, Florida to be used as a security residence. The property is anticipated to

be leased August 1, 2023 at approximately 2:00 pm at District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL, 32177.

Legal 72461 Published 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 07/21/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 3052 JOE JOHNS RD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 1FTRF12275NB3997 2005 FORD  
Legal 72152 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 07/20/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 3052 JOE JOHNS RD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 1GCEK14T5X2152162 1999 CHEV 1GCEC14W2YE150868 2000 CHEV 3MZBM1U70GM306503 2016 MAZD 3N1AB7AP8GY228527 2016 NISS  
Legal 72150 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE# 23-DR-806

Division F

David V. Smith Jr.

Petitioner

and

Alexis N. Smith

Respondent.

TO: Alexis N. Smith

4901 Sunbeam Rd, Apt 101

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Temporary Custody of Minor Child has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on David V. Smith Jr. whose address is 739 Sunny Stroll Dr, Middleburg, FL 32068, on or before July 27, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

825 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

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

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

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

Dated: June 12, 2023.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Jennifer Brosky

Legal 72011 Published 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 840/2021  
Legal Description: LOT 7 BLK 98 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3148 PG 1051

Parcel ID No.: 210823-004280-000-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$1,936.28

Physical Address: 7165 DUKE ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: CRYSTAL I LLC

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

Dated this 12th day of June, 2023

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 72009 Published 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 879/2020  
Legal Description: LOT 6 BLK 89 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2828 PG 1993

Parcel ID No.: 210823-004101-000-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$1,932.32

Physical Address: 6253 EMORY AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: AMERICAN LAND INVESTORS CORP

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

Dated this 12th day of June, 2023

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida

By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 72008 Published 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 796/2020  
Legal Description: LOT 13 BLK 67 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2571 PG 1179

Parcel ID No.: 220823-003594-000-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$1,678.25

Physical Address: 7218 SALEM DR, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: SUJATA J PATEL

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

Dated this 12th day of June, 2023

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida

By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 72005 Published 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 864/2021  
Legal Description: LOT 6 BLK 66 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3148 PG 1127

Parcel ID No.: 220823-003575-000-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$1,693.40

Physical Address: 6099 HARVARD AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: CRYSTAL I LLC

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

Dated this 12th day of June, 2023

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida

By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 72003 Published 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 876/2016  
Legal Description: LOT 2 BLK 95 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2901 PG 963

Parcel ID No.: 210823-004196-000-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$1,774.33  
Physical Address: 7181 WHEATON ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: NOISUFNOC LLC (TRUSTEE)

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

Dated this 12th day of June, 2023

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida

By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 72002 Published 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 832/2016  
Legal Description: LOT 4 BLK 80 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2853 PG 868

Parcel ID No.: 210823-003862-000-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$1,983.40

Physical Address: 6129 JUILLIARD AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: ANAMARIA FRAGA & OSVALDO J CODESIDO JR

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

Dated this 12th day of June, 2023

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida

By: Jewel Baskin  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 71989 Published 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 836/2018  
Legal Description: LOT 17 BLK 89 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2621 PG 1297

Parcel ID No.: 210823-004112-000-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$1,908.21

Physical Address: 6219 EMORY AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: IRINA TITUEVA

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

Dated this 8th day of June, 2023

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 71476 Published 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 780/2016  
Legal Description: LOT 13 BLK 64 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3148 PG 1065

Parcel ID No.: 210823-003540-000-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$1,699.49

Physical Address: 6133 HARVARD AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
Name in which assessed: CRYSTAL I LLC

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

Dated this 7th day of June, 2023

TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea

Deputy Clerk  
Legal 71341 Published 6/15/2023, 6/22/2023, 6/29/2023 and 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 2023-CA-001096  
Division: A  
491 DEVELOPMENT LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

JON-MICHAEL STONE, JAMES RANDOLPH FOSTER, THE ESTATE OF JAMES RANDOLPH FOSTER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES RANDOLPH FOSTER, and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES RANDOLPH FOSTER,

Defendants.

TO: JAMES RANDOLPH FOSTER  
0 Walburg St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

THE ESTATE OF JAMES RANDOLPH FOSTER  
0 Walburg St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES RANDOLPH FOSTER  
0 Walburg St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES RANDOLPH FOSTER  
0 Walburg St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Clay County, Florida:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO WIT:

A PART OF BLOCK 29, NORTH SUBURGS, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE, COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD (A 100 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY) WITH THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WALBURG STREET (A 60 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY); THENCE SOUTH 53°00'00" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID WALBURG STREET, A DISTANCE OF 333.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 37°00'00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 120.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 53°00'00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 36°59'58" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 59°51'13" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 18.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 30°49'39" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 12.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 53°00'00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 115.94 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WASHINGTON STREET, (A VARIABLE WIDTH RIGHT-OF-WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED); THENCE SOUTH 11°02'43" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WASHINGTON STREET, A DISTANCE OF 48.02 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 57°36'27" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 95.85 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 32°57'47" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 53°25'



CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

www.Clay.Real.Foreclose.com. In accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, Florida at 10:00 AM., on the 26th day of July, 2023. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus proceeds, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.  
 Dated this 30 day of June, 2023.  
**TARA S. GREEN**  
 As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Jaimie Pippin  
 AS Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 74897 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 07/21/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 4360 CR 218 MID-LEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. KMHDH4AE4EU065148 2014 HYUN  
**Legal 74893 Published 7/6/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2022-CA-1281  
**DAWN WATKINS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF DEWAYNE D. WRIGHT, DECEASED, AND RANDALL COOK,**  
 vs.  
**PLAINTIFFS,**  
**MYLES RUSSIN, IV AND LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, DEFENDANTS.**  
**TO: LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY**  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed to quiet title to the Mobile Home specifically described as:  
 1988 Manac Inc. double-wide mobile home with the VIN numbers: 33172C6952A and 33172C6952B and

Title Numbers: 45257479 and 45023781. A copy of the COMPLAINT is located in the Court file. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses/ response, if any to it on **VERONICA R. OWENS, ESQ.**, attorney for the PLAINTIFFS, whose address is 189 S Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before August 5, 2023 (30 days from the date of first publication), and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, 845 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on the PLAINTIFF or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.**  
 Dated June 21, 2023.  
**Tara Green**  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 74891 Published 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023, 7/20/2023 and 7/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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

The Audit/Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee of the Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in joint session at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in the Board Room at the office of the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida to discuss the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget. The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on the above-referenced date, at the above-referenced location.  
 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Those requiring auditory assistance can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida

Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend.  
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**NOTICE OF ACTION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2022 CA 000585  
**MIDFIRST BANK,**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
**ASHLEY A. BAILEY; et al.,**  
 Defendant(s).  
**TO: Ashley A. Bailey**  
 Last Known Residence: 516 Meldrum Ln Orange Park, FL 32065  
**TO: Kyle A. Bailey**  
 Last Known Residence: 516 Meldrum Ln Orange Park, FL 32065  
**TO: Unknown tenant #1**  
 Last Known Residence: 516 Meldrum Ln Orange Park, FL 32065  
**TO: Unknown tenant #2**  
 Last Known Residence: 516 Meldrum Ln

Orange Park, FL 32065  
**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida:  
**LOT 49, VILLAGE CENTER AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION - UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 56, PAGE(S) 51 THROUGH 55, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on **ALDRIDGE PITE LLP**, Plaintiff's attorney, at 5300 West Atlantic Avenue Suite 303 Delray Beach, FL 33494, on or before 30 days from the first day of publication and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.  
 Dated on June 30, 2023.  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: Leigh Lucroy  
 AS Deputy Clerk  
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**CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

**Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting**

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

DATE: August 8th, 2023  
 TIME: 3:30 PM  
 LOCATION: Cross Creek North Amenity Center  
 2895 Big Oak Drive  
 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

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

**Description of Assessments**

The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget. Pursuant to Florida law, a description of the services to be funded by the O&M Assessments, and the properties to be improved and benefitted from the O&M Assessments, are all set forth in the Proposed Budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

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

For Fiscal Year 2023/2024, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments imposed on certain developed property, and will directly collect the assessments imposed on the remaining benefitted property by sending out a bill prior to, or during, November 2023. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title, or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

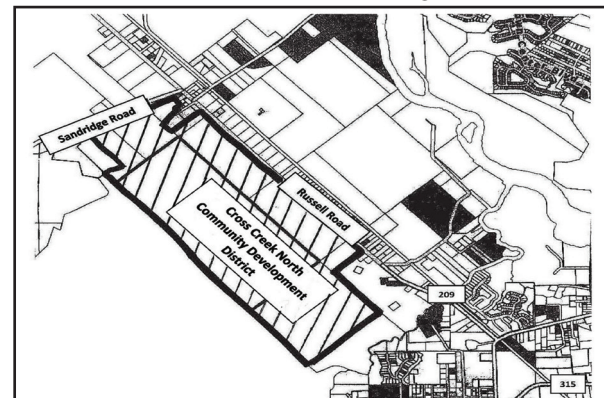
**Additional Provisions**

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Proposed Budget, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc., 3434 Colwell Ave., Suite 200, Tampa, Florida, 33614, Ph: (904) 436-6270 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

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

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

District Manager



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