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## Roark to leave Baptist Clay to run New Hampshire hospital

Orange Park grad Ed Hubel becomes interim president

By Don Coble  
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FLEMING ISLAND – With his work completed in Clay County, Baptist Medical Center Clay President Darin Roark will leave the hospital on Friday to tackle new challenges in New Hampshire.



Darin Roark

Roark, honored by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday for spearheading the completion of the \$234 million, 102-bed hospital, will assume his new role as President and Chief Operating Officer of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover. He will start at his new job on July 24.

“It was definitely a tough decision,” Roark said. “I love living here in Clay County. We’ve built this beautiful hospital here and put a lot of blood, sweat and tears in it. We built something great here. It is hard to leave. But at the same time, it’s an opportunity to go to another area of the country where I feel that I can have an impact and make a difference in that community. It’ll definitely be different.”



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Darin Roark took a personal interest of the construction of Baptist Medical Center Clay.

In addition to directing the medical center’s approval, planning and construction, Roark coordinated the addition of three new satellite emergency rooms in the county.

“Darin’s extensive experience in health care management aligns perfectly with the mission and vision of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and Mass General Brigham,” said Dr. Gregg Meyer, president of Mass General Brigham’s community division. “With

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

School athletes have to follow strict rules to lessen the chances of suffering heat-related injuries. Staying hydrated and limit exposure are keys to being safe

## Beating the summer heat

As county grips with stifling heat, caution and care needed to avoid injuries, death

By Don Coble  
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CLAY COUNTY – It was still dark when William C. Scott Jr. fired up his lawnmower and started cutting his grass. It didn’t matter whether he lived on a cul-de-sac with 24 other neighbors or that it was before 6 a.m. At 75 and as a person with diabetes, he can’t take any chances with the heat.

None of his neighbors complained. They were trying to cope with the same deadly heat that’s forced thousands to gulp water, wipe sweat, pant in discomfort and find refuge in air conditioning.

“When it gets hot, especially as a diabetic, when you have to take care of your grass, you have to be smart,” Scott said. “I drink a gallon and a half of water. I start when it’s dark. I use my headlights. And I pace myself.

“Cutting grass at 3 (p.m.) is suicidal.”

The high at Scott’s Middleburg home on yard day was 95 degrees. Added to

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# County Commissioners approve three road improvements

By Lee Wardlaw  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The county commission unanimously approved three eminent domain parcel resolutions that were necessary for the Bonded Transportation Project during their meeting on Tuesday.

Budgeted at \$129 million, the Bonded

Transportation Program consists of seven road projects roads, and multiple parcels

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STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Members of the county's Parks and Recreation Department were recognized by the BCC as part of the National Parks Month celebration.



# GCS council approves payment for Palmetto Trail Project

Despite delays, work should be completed in next two months

By Kyla Woodard  
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The city council approved Tuesday's 10th progress payment towards the long-awaited Palmetto Trail Project.

The payment of \$164,378.04 makes up a portion of the project cost of

\$1,551,660.92. Construction began in September of 2022 and aims to create a recreational pathway for residents.

According to the city, the eight-foot-wide paved sidewalk will travel along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, between Vera Francis Hall Park and Palmetto Avenue, along Oak Street to U.S. Highway 17, and North Orange Avenue from Governors Creek Bridge to Harbor Road.

The pathway will also further the existing trail from Harbor Road to the city's

south end. Public Works Director and Assistant City Manager Mike Null said that the payment towards the project marks ninety percent completion. Null said the city doesn't fund the project but rather the FDOT.

This month's original completion date, but the project faces some delays. Null cited a stormwater issue as the cause. In addition, Null said that unforeseen phone lines also presented a complication.

"We found...a significant amount of

AT&T phone lines in this area, so we're working with them right now to get those out of the way as soon as we can so that we can then get the storm pipes repaired and then get the sidewalk finished," Null said.

Null said until the phone lines are removed, the contractor will be at a standstill.

Without a set date for the project's completion, Null said that he foresees the project to be completed within the next month or two.

# Green Cove Springs residents unite to save historic Rivers House

City council wrestles with ways to pay for repairs, upkeep

By Kyla Woodard  
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Residents urged the council to keep the city's history alive at Tuesday's meeting.

The urgency followed a discussion regarding the possible refurbishment of the historic River Park House.

The house is said to have been built back in 1900 and remains a staple in the Green Cove Springs community. During the meeting, citizens brought up the building's importance and the necessity to preserve its history. However, the building became the subject of many code enforcement violations three years ago.

Development Services Director Michael Daniels said that because of those noted violations, the city purchased the property to decide what to do with it at the time.

"As a result, they had our advisory board look at it. They came up with a number of uses that they wanted to see on the

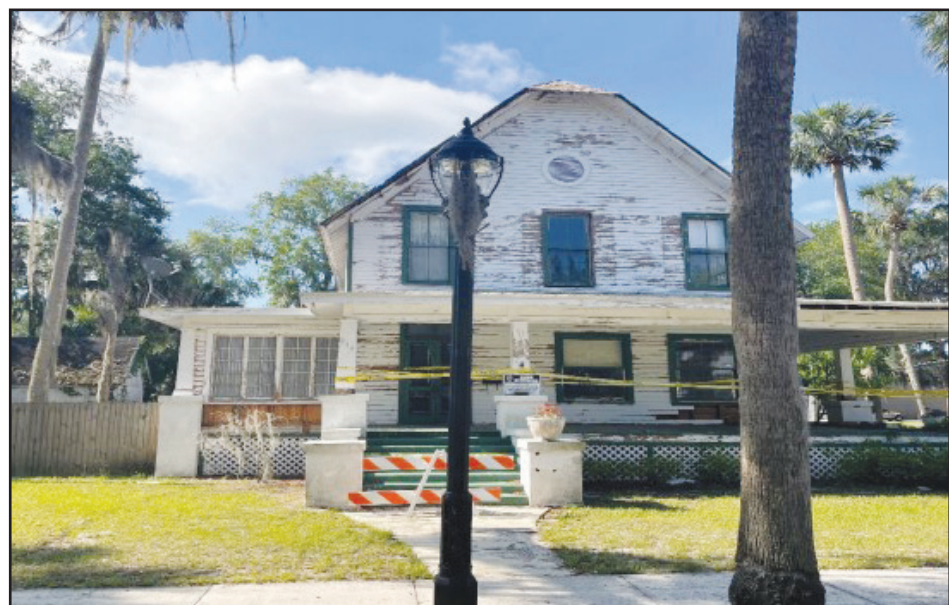
property. We were moving forward on that, and then our public works department came in and determined we had to remove the lead-based paint on the property," Daniels said.

Daniels furthered it was clear that there were problems with the building, leading to a structural evaluation. According to the report, the structural assessment found many issues such as various hairline-width cracks in the corners of door and window openings, moisture damage and deteriorated floor beams.

Daniels said in speaking with general contractors, it was important to make the council aware that there were significant costs that could come with making the necessary replacements to uphold the property.

"There is a lot of emphasis to try to save the building. So, at the same time, trying to balance saving the building with the cost it may come with," Daniels said.

Council members voiced their concerns with the amount of money the potential repairs could cost the residents, and toggled



with the idea of possibly tearing the building down.

This was much to the citizen's dismay, as one resident even remarked that there was seemingly nothing wrong with the building and urged the city to leave it alone. Daniels said he understands the concerns and insisted that the goal is to come up with the best solution for the city. And even if the council decides to go through with the repairs, he noted that the

next step would be finding the funds to do so.

"We have to consider ... the value and the history, as was mentioned tonight, of preserving the Rivers House with the practical elements as to the costs associated with it, the obstacles associated with actually preserving it. And, a lot of that comes into nailing down some of the unknowns that we still don't have right now," Daniels said.

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## Congress pushes USDA to offer quicker assistance to farmers

By Jacob Ogles  
For FloridaPolitics.com

Support is growing for giving Florida farmers greater access to block grants after hurricanes or other disasters that devastate crops.

This week, Florida lawmakers from both sides introduced the Restore Agricultural Investment, Stability and Expansion Act. The legislation could give the U.S. Department of Agriculture standing authority to issue grants to farmers and growers in the wake of natural disasters. The bill would have a significant effect since agriculture and forestry are the highest-paying industries in Clay County.

U.S. Reps. Kat Cammack, Scott Franklin, Darren Soto and Debbie Wasserman Schultz introduced the measure together.

"When extreme weather threatens our crops, as is often the case in the Sunshine State, we must be prepared to help our farmers recover and continue the important work of feeding our nation," said Cammack, a Gainesville Republican who used to represent Clay County.

Wasserman Schultz, a Weston Democrat, co-chairs the Florida congressional delegation. She said the agriculture industry was important for both parties to protect.

"Congress needs to have the back of America's farmers, and I'm proud to work across the aisle to make sure the crops and agricultural resources that fuel this great nation and its families are protected from increasingly extreme weather threats, something our own citrus industry faces in Florida," she said.

"From timber to food on our tabletops, the federal government needs every tool at hand to help farmers recover from natural disasters."

The bill comes at a critical time for Florida growers after Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole collectively wiped out 90% of the state's citrus production last year. More than 375,000 acres of farmland were impacted, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture. State estimates put industrywide losses at more than \$675 million.

"After extreme hurricane seasons like the one Florida experienced last year, growers cannot afford to navigate bureaucratic obstacles to get the help they need," said Franklin, a Lakeland Republican whose Florida Heartland district was hit especially hard.

In June, the U.S. House passed a Franklin-led bill allowing block grants to

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## OPINIONS



## Sometimes I feel like my watch is smarter than me

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

I don't understand my Apple Watch. Maybe it's because it's smarter than me. It knows where I'm going before I do.

The day I bought it, I got in the car to drive home, and it told me I was 54 minutes away from a location on Henley Road. I don't live on Henley Road, but I was planning to stop by Dalton's Sports Grill to watch the NASCAR race with my buddies Skylar and Dalton.

How did it know that? I only owned it for a few minutes and never mentioned Dalton's, but the watch already knew I wanted to go there. Apparently, my watch can read my mind. It's a feeling that's becoming all too familiar.

The salesperson must have been concerned about my age, too. I was listening to Genesis' "In the Air Tonight." Admit it: we've all done it, just like Mike Tyson in the "Hangover." But when I played the beat on my air drums, my watch sent an alert saying I must have fallen. That five-second riff may be iconic, but not good enough to need an ambulance.

My old VCR was smarter than me, too. Now it's in a box in the attic, but at least it never called 9-1-1 on me.

Another thing I don't understand is



Don Coble



We've seen all the ads on television with promises gold is the only way to protect yourself against a possible financial collapse. So if I buy a box of gold coins and bars, how do I get rid of them?

the new push to buy gold.

We've seen all the ads on television with promises gold is the only way to protect yourself against a possible financial collapse. So if I buy a box of gold coins and bars, how do I get rid of them? If the economy crashes, are you guaranteed to get as much – or more – than you paid for your gold? And if the economy crashes, who will have money to buy it, and will that money be worth anything? More important, will the grocery store take a gold bar if I need a loaf of bread and a bag of lemons?

I didn't understand cryptocurrency because nobody could clearly describe

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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.

**Paracme:** (puh-RAK-mi) a noun that means a point beyond the highest or greatest.

"Grand Funk Railroad hit their prime in the 1970s, but Nancy still loves the albums from the band's paracme period."

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2018

- The county commission approves an ordinance allowing voters to decide whether constitutional officers are limited to serve two four-year terms.
- Superintendent Addison Davis plans to elevate the school district's ranking from No. 8.
- Andrea and Daniel Vallencourt decide to renovate the Clay Theatre in Green Cove Springs and make it a wedding venue

### 10 years ago, 2013

- Commissioner Ronnie Robinson organized a group to oppose the proposed \$19 million Big League Dreams baseball complex north of Middleburg.
- Green Cove Springs-based Military Museum displayed some of its artifacts ahead of the Coke Zero 400 at the Daytona International Speedway.
- The Thrasher-Horne Center celebrates its 10th anniversary by announcing its lineup of shows, including a performance by Debbie Reynolds.

### 20 years ago, 2003

- "The Cottages of Oakleaf" was launched for retirees looking for homes without yards.
- "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Terminator 3" premiered at Clay Theatre in Green Cove Springs.
- Timothy Oberlander was caught following an extensive search in connection with the attempted abduction of a 13-year-old girl.

### 30 years ago, 1993

- Dynetta McCutchen, 6, of Green Cove Springs, was rushed to the hospital in critical condition after being struck by a car.

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### Send us a letter ...

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### Opinions ...

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# Calendar

**FUN IN THE SUN:** will be on July 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center, 1107 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Green Cove Springs. The event features free frozen treats, games, summertime music and trucks that spray water. Everyone is encouraged to bring their bathing suit and a towel.

**WORKING MAN'S BASS TOURNAMENT:** will be on July 13 at 4:30 p.m. at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220 on Fleming Island. Guaranteed \$500 prize to the winning two-person team. Call Daniel Green at (904) 449-9691 for more information.

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** will meet on July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**DIERKS BENTLEY:** will bring his Gravel and Gold Tour with Jordan Davis and Caylee Hammack on July 13 at 7 p.m. to Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily's Place in Jacksonville adjacent to TIAA Bank field. For tickets, which start at \$31, are available at ticketmaster.com.

**CLIFF AVRIL FAMILY FOUNDATION:** will host its annual Youth Football Camp on July 15 at 8 a.m. at Paul C. Armstrong Park, 2445 County Road 220,

Middleburg. The event is free.

**CLIFF AVRIL FAMILY FOUNDATION:** will host its annual Family Fun Day on July 16 from 1-5 p.m. at Paul C. Armstrong Park, 2445 County Road 220, Middleburg. The event is free.

**REEL FUN NIGHT:** will be on July 16 at 8:30 p.m. at Orange Park Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave. The movie "Jungle Book" will be shown for free. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

**BOY GEORGE AND CULTURE CLUB:** will bring their Letting It Go Show with Howard Jones and Berlin on July 16 at 7 p.m. to Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily's Place in Jacksonville adjacent to TIAA Bank field. For tickets, which start at \$22, are available at ticketmaster.com.

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:** will meet on July 18 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL:** will meet on July 18 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave.

**WORKING MAN'S BASS TOURNAMENT:** will be on July 20 at 4:30 p.m. at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220 on Fleming Island. Guaranteed \$500 prize to the winning two-person team.

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# Agriculture

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be issued in the wake of last year's storm. Similarly, Congress allowed such federal grants to Florida farmers in 2018 after Hurricane Irma swept through much of the state's rural areas.

Franklin said the power needs to be permanent for the USDA to employ at its discretion.

"I'm pleased that earlier this month the House unanimously passed our bill to give the USDA block grant authority to expedite disaster relief for agricultural producers still recovering from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole," Franklin said. "This commonsense initiative would make this authority permanent, ensuring the federal government can respond as quickly as possible to future emergencies."

Soto, a Kissimmee Democrat, serves with Cammack on the U.S. House Agricul-

ture Committee. Soto said it's important the federal government help keep a needed industry thriving as farmers face serious challenges.

"In Central Florida, our farmers, ranchers and growers have struggled after devastating hurricanes," Soto said. "As these natural disasters get stronger, we must work to ensure that they have the resources to recover, maintain their livelihoods, and keep feeding America."

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- The Gate Roofing Company came to terms with the City of Green Cove Springs after a "gentleman's" agreement would allow the city to deed the north portion of Hall Park Road each of the railroad track.

- Green Cove Springs residents rally to raise money to help former Clay High football player Steve Barkley after he lost a leg in an automobile accident.

# History

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- The county attempted a community-wide immunization program for polio and measles after getting a grant from the Center for Disease Control.

## 40 years ago, 1983

- The Hilltop Fire Station opens on Oakridge Avenue in Green Cove Springs.

# Smart

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It turns out I was as smart as my watch for staying away from it. Tom Brady may be the greatest quarterback of all time, but he bought into the cryptocurrency craze and lost \$30 million. Even for Brady, that's real money.

And what about some of these drug commercials? Do I really have to be warned not to take something if I'm allergic to it? And if you need that kind of warning, a pill won't help.

While I'm at it, nothing confuses me more than the current administration saying it's growing the economy from the middle out. I have no idea was that means. I doubt anyone does.

President Joe Biden claims he's created more jobs than anyone else. That's not true. He didn't create jobs. No president creates jobs. And there's a big difference

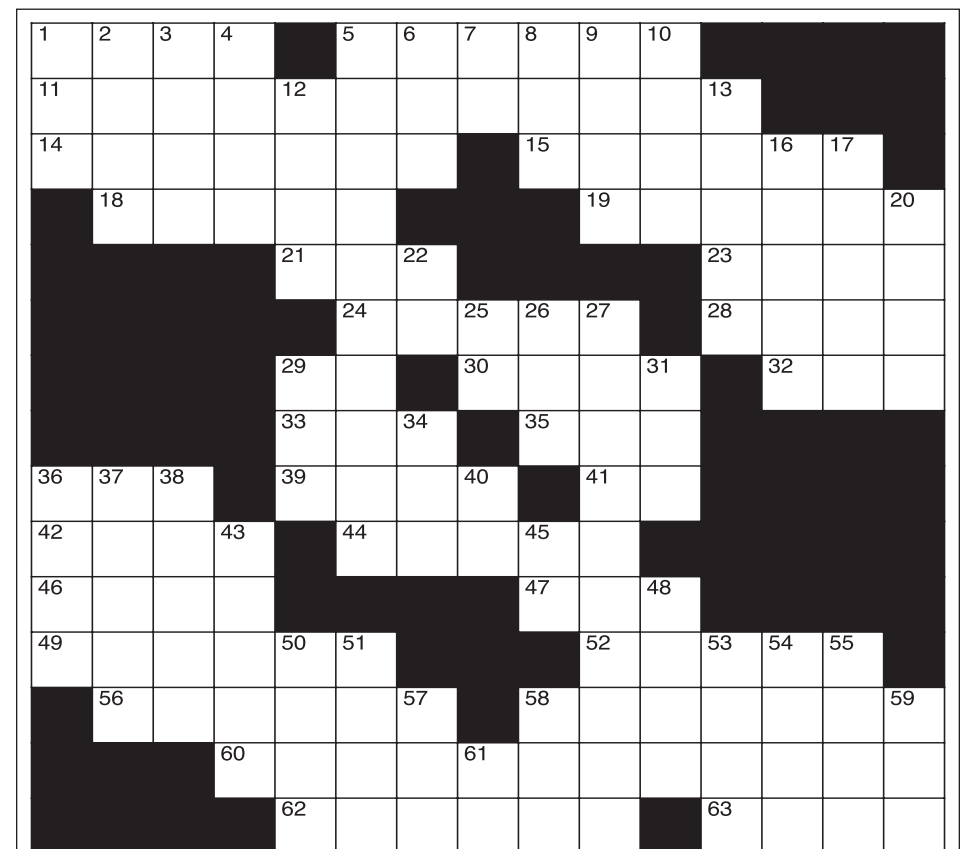
between people returning to work following the pandemic and new businesses creating new jobs.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 158.6 million nonfarming people worked in the last quarter of 2019. Now there are 135.86 workers on the payroll. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in June 2021, employment dropped to 127.16 million. I know politicians hate it when facts get in the way of their stories.

Why is the plug always upside-down when you try to put it into a USB port?

Now back to my watch. Why do companies change their plugs with every upgrade? My watch has one plug; my cellphone has a different one. And they're made by the same company.

My previous cellphone had a different plug, and it was different than the plug from my previous phone. Are they smart to keep doing that, or am I dumb to keep falling for it?



### CLUES ACROSS

- Commoner
- Tea leaf
- They save you a table
- Submissions
- Secretly revealed
- Personification of the sea (Norse)
- Unreal
- No seats available
- Bangladeshi currency
- Leaders
- Famed garden
- Denotes past
- Not living
- Midway between south and southeast
- Small island (British)
- Woman (French)
- Wife
- Two-toed sloth
- Blood group
- Soaks
- Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
- Japanese prefecture
- Place to be during a rock concert
- Fully grown humans
- Emaciation

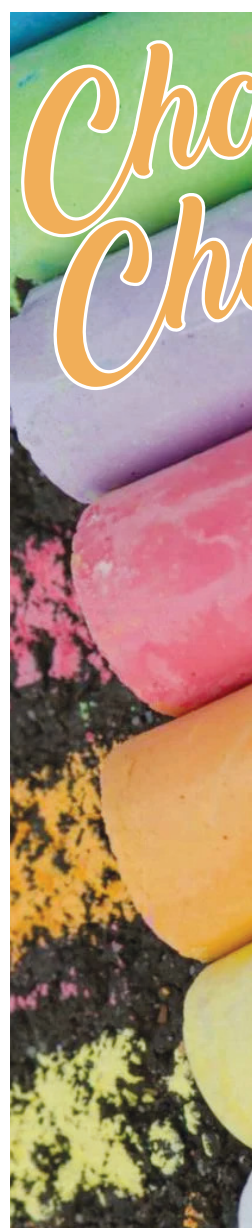
### CLUES DOWN

- Before
- Actress Dunham
- This (Spanish)
- Director Peter
- Dominant
- English artists' society (abbr.)
- NY Giants legend
- ItOs in the ground
- No No No
- Pesky insect
- Danish-American muckraking journalist
- Kids love to do it
- Good Gosh!
- Fakes
- A citizen of Denmark
- Mystic syllable
- Commercial
- Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Helpers
- Water (French)
- Young woman
- Red-brown sea bream

### CLUES ACROSS

- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Comprehends
- Walk with confidence
- Home of the Flyers
- Appetizer
- News organization
- Source of the Nile
- A way to march
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Egyptian bull-god
- Children's author Blyton
- Baseball pitching stat
- Rude young person
- Table napkin
- Monetary unit in Asia
- One-time AL MVP Vaughn

# Chalk Library, Parks celebrate community togetherness



By Kyla Woodard  
For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – Creating chalk masterpieces and celebrating togetherness was the goal for the Clay County Public Library System and Clay County Parks and Recreation on Saturday.

The two departments teamed to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month at Moccasin Slough Park by hosting a Chalk Challenge event to highlight the park and recreational activities in the community.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Paul Grybb said the event was an opportunity to help community members get out and be active.

“It was designed as an event to reach out to the community, get people out into the parks and see the kind of programming that we’re putting together,” Grybb said.

Guests enjoyed exciting games and got their creative juices flowing by drawing their best patriotic-themed work. Guests could pick through a range of chalk colors to help decorate the sidewalk.

Jennifer Goss, with Clay County Public Libraries Community Engagement, said that, in doing these events, the library system is working to help



bring about positive change. With this summer’s theme of ‘All Together Now,’ Goss said the libraries hope to create an interactive and inclusive community for residents in the area.

“This is a great way of partnering with one of our county departments to bring an activity to the community so that people of all ages can participate and have a great time,” Goss said.

During the event, guests circled a picnic table as Goss held a short story for the kids in atten-

dance. Goss read with enthusiasm as the kids listened along.

In addition to storytime and games, the event included a pop-up nature center where guests could learn about the native plants and gopher tortoises of the area.

Clay County Parks and Recreation Parks Naturalist Liza McCain hosted the center to give guests a better outlook and more familiarity with

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Clay County Parks and Recreation joined the Public Library System to host the Chalk Challenge at Moccasin Slough Park to highlight National Parks and Recreation Month. The event connected both county departments with members of the community to promote unity.

# Chalk

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the native species they could run into.

"I try to get out to the community as much as possible, and bring some examples of some things that they could see in nature, and get better acquainted with and be able to identify in their own yards, so they can be better stewards for the environment for Clay County," McCain said.

In addition to bringing community members together, the event is part of a

nationwide recognition for July.

Parks and Recreation Month is celebrated to emphasize the great necessity and benefit of using the various parks in local communities. Grybb noted that many residents might not even know these parks in the local community exist.

Grybb said that in acknowledging this special month, he wants community members to know that there is more to the parks than just the common swings and monkey bars at a playground.

"For Clay County, we wanted to put on as many events as possible to expose

our parks to the community, get people out [and] let them know that we're here to provide services for them. And, to really just spread awareness that there is more to do at the parks than the playgrounds," Grybb said.

Goss said the library system will have many more events in the future. Goss said some upcoming events include learning how to play disc golf and exploring animals at the park. She encouraged residents to check out the library calendars and join the fun.

Grybb said by continuing to make use

of the parks and hold events such as the Chalk Challenge, he hopes to reach as many community members as possible.

"Feeling that you are part of a community brings the entire population of Clay County together.

It's the Clay County library system. It's the Clay County Parks. It's the Clay County Little League. It's the Clay County Outreach Programs," Grybb said. "And, the more that we can do for the community, the more pride they'll feel in where they live."



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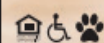
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# Obituaries

## Elizabeth Ruth "Betty" Taylor

With profound sadness, the staff of Forbes Funeral Home announces the passing of our family member, Wes Taylor's, beloved wife, Betty Taylor.

Elizabeth Ruth "Betty" Taylor, loving wife, mother, and grandmother passed away Friday, June 30, 2023 at her home at the age of 79. Born and raised in Jacksonville, Betty was the daughter of the late Ramond "Tony" and Mary Ann (Cullifer) Harrell, born October 25, 1943. She would grow up in Jacksonville and attend Terry Parker High School until the family relocated to Georgia, where she would graduate from Carrolton High School. She would go on to attend the University of West Georgia for some time. She married the love of her life, Mr. Wesley Foster Taylor, Jr. and they would move back to Jacksonville to make a beautiful life together.

Betty took care of the home while Wes spent many years in the funeral industry, managing the family business, Oaklawn Cemetery. She was a dedicated mother and wife, she loved cooking for family and friends. She enjoyed gardening and maintaining a pristine home. She had an eye for antiques and on two occasions she ran her own consignment shop, once in Baldwin and again later after relocating to Green Cove Springs. She was always willing to welcome family and friends into their home and will be remembered for her caring nature.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

She leaves behind her dear husband: Wesley "Wes" Taylor, Jr. of Green Cove Springs; seven children: Tammy, Boe, Paul, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Donna, and Maryann; seventeen grandchildren; four great grandchildren; siblings: David, Ray and Cici; as well as extended family members and friends whose lives she touched over the years.

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM in the chapel of Forbes Funeral Home with Chaplain Terry Yerby officiating. The family will receive friends an hour prior to services. Final memorialization will be by cremation.

Hawke M.T. Forbes, H.M. "Hank" Forbes, Jr., and the entire staff of Forbes Funeral Home are honored to assist the family with the arrangements. 409 West Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063 "With Your Family In Mind". (904) 259-4600. Please leave your condolences for the family in the online guestbook at [www.forbesfuneralhome.net](http://www.forbesfuneralhome.net).

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### Ralph Lee Matthews

Ralph Lee Matthews, age 87, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, July 5, 2023. He was born to the late William Washington and Vergie Mae Matthews on May 3, 1936 in Bristol, Florida. He graduated from Liberty County High School located in the Panhandle of Florida and moved to Jacksonville, Florida in 1954 to pursue his lifelong career in Accounting and Bookkeeping. That is where he would meet and marry his one true love, Ollie, and they would raise their two children together. Ralph worked for different companies as their Controller. He enjoyed his work and maintained employment until the age of 77 in 2013. For many years Ralph served as a Deacon at Main Street Baptist Church where he was able to share his love for Christ with others. In his later years, he moved his membership to Lake Asbury Baptist Church and was a member there until his health prevented him from attending services; however he still watched the services from home every Sunday. Ralph enjoyed working in front of his computer and keeping up with world news. He loved being with his family and

was always excited to attend any event they invited him to. He valued time with his grandchildren and could often be found chauffeuring them to various appointments or just hanging out and watching TV with them. He prioritized keeping in touch with his friends and would talk to them on the phone for hours. Ralph had an optimistic outlook on life and offered words of encouragement to anyone that needed it. He also had a spectacular sense of humor and was always willing to laugh at himself. His warm and humble nature had a substantial impact that the people in his life will carry with them forever. Ralph is preceded in death by his Mom, Dad, two brothers (Richard Alvin and William) and daughter-in-law (Sandy). Family was the most important thing in his life.

Ralph is survived by his brother, Felton (Nitza) Matthews; best friend, Ollie Sullivan; children, Timothy Lee Matthews and Lisa Anne (Kenny) Sweat; three granddaughters, Madison, Savannah, and Malory; several nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held at Lake Asbury Baptist Church at 11:00 am on Thursday, July 13, 2023 with Minister Tim Downing and Reverend John Dorsey officiating. Burial will follow at the Holly Hill Memorial Park.

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

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

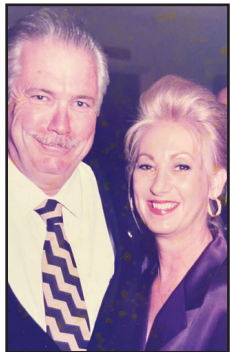


## Claudia Renee (Faircloth) Anderson

Claudia Renee (Faircloth) Anderson, 65 of Fruit Cove, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in Jacksonville. Affectionately known as Onay, Ms. Anderson was born March 13, 1958 in Charleston, South Carolina to parents Claude and Jerry Glendene (Dubose) Faircloth. Born to a Navy chief, Renee and her family settled in Mandarin in 1970 where she attended Wolfson High School and met her lifelong best friend Dana Hope. Renee was a member of Mandarin Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir and played in the bell choir. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister Deborah Parkhurst. Survivors are her children, Joe Anderson (Christal) and Julie Thompson (Bryan), sister, Sheryl Parkhurst (Barry), grandchildren, Reese, Brayden, Isaac, and Hannah, Jensen, and Justin niece, Anna Luther (Adam) and nephew Phillip Kendro (Jill). Also surviving her are many cousins, extended family, friends, and Angel on Earth Celeste Hughes, who gave her the gift of life as a kidney donor 20 years ago. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date. Arrangements under the care of Helm-Gallagher Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 1811 Idlewild Avenue, SR 16, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 904-284-9696. [www.helmgallagherfh.com](http://www.helmgallagherfh.com)



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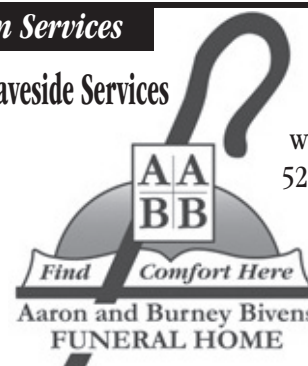
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# Filmmaker returns home to shoot feature film, 'Baby Tooth'

By Kylie Cordell  
For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG — Drew Lewis Brown, an Oscar-winning Jacksonville filmmaker and 2010 graduate of Middleburg High, will return home next spring to shoot his debut feature film, "Baby Tooth." Filming will take place for three weeks across multiple locations in Northeast Florida.

Duval and Clay counties were explicitly selected to be featured in the project. The production will employ a crew of local film professionals to tell the heartfelt story of a disconnected family coming together to provide care for their terminally ill grandmother.

"The movie takes place in a rural town that is very much based in Middleburg. I think it's quite possible that we will be able to scout specific locations that work for the film and go back to where the story really started," Brown said.

Brown started his filming career as a senior in high school, taking a TV production class to combine his interest in theater and the arts.

"I realized that film was really the medium that was for me. I was able to tap into all these different interests and re-



ally showcase who I am as an artist," Brown said. "I could not have understood that part about myself without the help of those teachers, Dave Thomas and Kim Lanoue. I am where I am today because of those experiences in the arts that I had in Clay County."

Brown graduated and later became an adjunct film professor at The Art Institute of Jacksonville, receiving a Student Academy Award in 2014 for his short film "Person." He was later awarded the Rising

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Drew Lewis Brown found his passion for filmmaking at Middleburg High and now he's returning home to make feature film.





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**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		
	Major Fund		Total
	Water and Sewer	Stormwater	
<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

Legal 74526 published July 6 and 13, 2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

# Obituaries

## Roger A. Suggs

The Honorable Roger A. Suggs passed away unexpectedly Sunday, July 9, 2023, in Orange Park, FL, at the age of 62. Roger was born April 17, 1961, in Fairfield, FL and grew up in North Central and Southwest Florida, settling in Clay County. Roger graduated from North Marion High School in 1979 where he lettered in baseball for three years. He later graduated from St. Leo University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.



Roger A. Suggs

Roger was predeceased by his parents, Hugh and Dolly Suggs, and brother Hubert Suggs. He is survived by his wife, Joni Masters Suggs, daughter Jessica (Eric) Allenson of Fort Worth, TX, brothers Kelly (Katie) Suggs, Edward (Janet) Suggs, Terry (Julie) Suggs, sister JoAnn (Richard) Besserman, stepdaughter Kelli (Aaron) Kaufman, stepson Jay Crossley, multiple nieces, nephews, and cousins. The three survivors who will miss Roger most and hold him in hero status are his beloved grandsons, Kellan, Kole, and Robin.

Roger served as the Assistant Clay County Property Appraiser beginning in 1990 and was later elected to serve as the

Clay County Property Appraiser from 2009 to 2020. Throughout his career, Roger contributed to his profession by serving in leadership roles in professional organizations including IAAO, FAPA, and PAAF. He was a Past President of the Green Cove Springs Rotary Club. He also served on the local board of the Salvation Army.

Roger loved to plan trips and travel with family.

He loved to create mischief with his grandsons and provide them with the opportunity to get away with things that only a grandparent can allow. He was especially proud of the fabulous ice cream creations he created for his grandsons with preferred concoctions and grocery lists specific to each, with a lengthy list of tasty toppings.

There will be a celebration of life planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in his name to The Salvation Army of Clay County 2795 CR 220 Middleburg, FL 32068 or online at <https://jacksonville.salvationarmyflorida.org/>

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

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## Improvements from page 2

for three of the projects were purchased for the purpose of reconstructing those roads.

This included Project No. 2, which will reconstruct County Road 209 from C.R. 315B to U.S. Highway 17; No. 4, which will reconstruct Sandridge Road from Henley Road to C.R. 209; and No. 5, which will reconstruct C.R. 220 from Baxley Road to Henley Road.

The purchase of each parcel will help create intersection, sidewalk, and water retention pond improvements.

Commissioners also heard a proposal to rezone a property in accordance with the Land Development Code. PS-3 zoning permits hospitals and related buildings, including detention centers, drug abuse and alcohol treatment facilities, intermediate care facilities for mentally disabled people and institutions for the mentally insane.

The proposed zoning change would maintain a hospital, medical office and other medical facilities on the property, but create a new PS-6 zoning, which would consist of group homes, detention centers,

drug and alcohol treatment facilities, intermediate care facilities, and institutions for the insane and be allowed in the same land use categories as the PS-3 zoning.

The proposed DC changes have generated concerns among some residents, including advisory committees, who expressed discomfort with the mix of allowable uses in the current PS-3 zoning.

Staff proposed separating the group homes, detention centers, drug and alcohol treatment facilities and similar uses from the category of hospital, medical, and medical office category.

Staff recommends creating the new PS-6 zoning to accommodate these facilities while keeping PS-3 specifically for hospital and medical facilities.

Under the proposed changes, any property currently zoned as PS-3 would retain its existing uses. This aims to prevent the loss of any uses that are currently permitted. Staff identified 28 PS-3 parcels using Geographic Information Systems data, which would be kept intact with the exact same use.

The Planning Commission voted in favor of the proposed changes unanimously.

A vote by commissioners will be taken on July 25 to make the decision final.



Residents met to discuss the novel "Maybe You Should Talk to Someone" by Lori Gottlieb for the monthly "Read Between the Wines" book club event, which is put on by the County Library.

## Read Between the Wines

### *Book club shares their insights during periodic public readings*

By Lee Wardlaw

lee@claytodayonline.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Book lovers discussed the deeper meaning of the novel "Maybe You Should Talk to Someone" for the monthly Read Between the Wines while enjoying cocktails and fresh-to-order food at Red's Wine Bar last Thursday.

The women readers were led through the program by thought-provoking questions by Jennifer Goss, Programming Associate for Culture and Recreation for the county's library services. The book, written by Lori Gottlieb, is a memoir and self-help book that explores the experience of both the therapist and the patient in the counseling industry. The book follows the author, a psychotherapist, as she shares her journeys while also recounting the stories of four of her patients.

Gottlieb begins the book by releasing her own experience after an unexpected breakup. As she navigates her emotional turmoil, she decided to seek therapy to understand her feelings better and gain more perspective into her own life. The story then shifts toward the personal journeys and stories of her patients, a diverse group of individuals grappling with their unique challenges. That included John, a successful television producer diagnosed with terminal cancer, who struggles with anger and denial, and Rita, a senior citizen mourning the death of her husband who finds it difficult to let go of the past. There is Julie, a young woman in her 20s battling with self-destructive patterns in her relationships, and Charlotte, a mysterious patient who is reluctant to open up and hides behind a sarcastic facade.

One resident said the book deeply moved her. She said that she nearly found herself in tears a third of the way through the novel. That's because she had initial doubts, but she found it profoundly relatable after continuing. The journey of reading the book from cover to cover was an



Jennifer Goss, Programming Associate for Culture and Recreation for the County's Library Services, led the discussion of the thought-provoking novel.

eye-opening experience. Guests shared their thoughts during the group's 90-minute journey of questions, answers, and insights. Still, the hottest topic on the menu of questions asked by Goss was the impact that a digitally-connected society had on the emotional well-being of people. In her book, Gottlieb discusses and highlights the emotional tolls caused by contemporary culture. Residents shared personal experiences of changes in their well-being and those of their loved ones, several agreeing that the trend mainly affected several in the younger generation, including their children. That conversation also touched on the differences in interaction and communication among generations, with children, teens and young adults heavily relying on taxing, Snapchat, and social media. Attendees expressed their concerns about the lack of deep, meaningful conversations and lamented the lack of learning and culture exchange that some may face because of it.

A comparison was also drawn between

therapy, which helps individuals personally confront and address their issues and religion, which encourages believers to let go of their concerns through faith.

The end of the meeting came reflections on the importance of being comfortable in loneliness, solitude and silence. Some residents shared their desire to break free from the need for instant answers provided by smartphones and embrace the wonders of finding wisdom and discovery.

The meeting provided members with an engaging platform to explore the themes of

"Maybe You Should Talk to Someone" and open up discussions on modern life, mental well-being, and several other topics.

This month, County Library Book Clubs will also meet at the Orange Park Library on Thursday, July 18, at 6 p.m., where residents will discuss the "Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman.

To find more about Read Between the Wines and other book and adult events offered through the county libraries, visit [www.claycountygov.com/community/library](http://www.claycountygov.com/community/library).

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clay County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.**, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to issuing a Variance to the Clay County Land Development Code, Article III, Section 3-33A.III.5.i to increase the maximum building height to 50 feet.

### **Location Address for BOA-0623-0015**

3783 County Road 220

Tax Parcel Identification Number 37-05-24-006770-000-00

Interested parties may appear at the hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed Variance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board or Commission with respect to any matter considered at such hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A copy of the Variance Application is available for inspection by the public at the County Economic Development Services Department, Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

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

BOA-0623-0015 published July 13, 2023 in Clay Today.

Clay County Board of Adjustment  
Keith Hadden  
Chairman

Legal 75755 published July 13, 2023 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

# Middleburg's Staten becomes president of AFWA

**For Clay Today**

LEXINGTON, Ken. – Middleburg's Grace Staten, FSCP has been selected as the national President of the 2023-24 Board of Directors of the Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance.

"AFWA is such a unique organization serving women both professionally and personally. I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to be a part of its leadership," said AFWA Executive Director Cindy Stanley.

An AFWA member since 2014, Staten has served on the board of directors in local chapters in California and Florida. She served as a AFWA's national Director, Secretary, Vice President and now President.

Staten is also the Membership Chair for

National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors- Florida, Publicity Chair of American Business Women's Association- Orange Park Charter Chapter, and a member of Women in Insurance and Financial Services.

The Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance held the installation for the 2023-2024 National Board of Directors and Foundation of AFWA Board of Directors at the annual board meeting and dinner held at the Newport Aquarium in Newport Kentucky on June 7.

"The new AFWA Board of Directors and Foundation of AFWA Board of Directors represent a unique and diversified group of influential women who are leaders in their profession and community," Stanley said.



## Keystone business association hears from Mayor Rodenroth

**By Natalie Gilstrap**  
*For Clay Today*

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – In 1987, a group of local business owners formed a club called the Keystone Lake Region Business Association. The goal was to allow local business owners and managers to network with each other, share ideas and grow their businesses in the local area.

The group met last week to hear from city mayor Nine Rodenroth, and it allowed some to meet her for the first time.

"The Keystone Lake Region Business Association is a group of business owners and managers that get together monthly just to network with our businesses and to do things in the community," said Clinton Gillen, organization president.

"A lot of us don't really know Mayor Rodenroth. So, we wanted to have a chance to know her and for her to get to know us, also," Gillen said.

Local business owners had the opportunity to meet with Rodenroth and network with each other while enjoying a lunch that the Woman's Club prepared. During the meeting, Rodenroth shared her past, statistics about the city and her plans for the city. She said one of her goals is to connect with the community and its people more deeply. She plans to launch a meet-and-greet with the community in the fall to hear their concerns. "My whole thing in taking this role is to have a presence in the community and to be relevant," Rodenroth said. "If we don't, we aren't doing our job. I'm very committed to it, and I know my team is following in those footsteps as best with what they can do."

"I thought it was fantastic. Mayor Rodenroth is a great speaker and very knowledgeable. I really feel like we could've sat here and listen to her talk all afternoon," Gillen said.

Throughout the meeting, business owners asked questions about community issues and projects. The group invited the mayor to return and speak again at a future meeting.

To learn more about the Keystone Lake Region Business Association, visit [www.klrba.com](http://www.klrba.com).

# McDonald's Golden Grants program to award \$100,000 to Florida schools

**For Clay Today**

CLAY COUNTY – Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 McDonald's Golden Grants program. To apply, eligible entities can visit Golden Grants Florida through Sept. 15.

McDonald's Owner/Operators across Florida, Southeast Georgia and southeast South Carolina will be selecting deserving educators, non-profit organizations, and the like, who represent programs that fuel the imagination, education, and growth of students, as recipients of a McDonald's Golden Grant. Entering its third year, the program has been awarded \$200,000 in its first two years, and plans to award another \$100,000 this year.

"The McDonald's Golden Grants program excites me each year," said David Mullins, a local McDonald's Owner/Operator. "The opportunity to support schools



and educators is a privilege. The heroes of our community deserve our utmost support."

This year, 27 Golden Grants will be awarded in the following amounts based on creativity and hands-on application of projects:

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Winners of the Golden Grants will be announced on Oct. 12.

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## County: Gun range still on target to open later this year

By Lee Wardlaw  
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MIDDLEBURG – A year after crews broke ground, construction on a multi-gun range off County Road 215 is ongoing and should be completed later this year, according to county communications director Laura Christmas.

The county-owned range will provide a safe and accessible environment for the Clay County Sheriff's Office and the public to practice their second amendment rights. The range will be 200 yards long, featuring 30 target lanes.

While the range is still incomplete, the county has big plans for the site, including archery, skeet shooting, pro shop, fishing and public safety training.

Christmas said that county staff had recommended the inclusion of those amenities but that requires approval of the Board of County Commission.

In the meantime, the BCC is encouraging the community to vote on potential names for the entry road to the longly-anticipated, oft-discussed, taxpayer-funded gun range.

The county has compiled a list of four names, including former Sheriffs Rick Beseler and Jennings Murrhee, Sgt. Bradley Crose and Outdoor Adventures. Christmas said thousands have voted.

Beseler served from 2005 to 2017. He was also integral in the creation of the gun range. During his time as sheriff, Beseler was passionate about creating a range for both county law enforcement and the public. He also laid extensive groundwork to move the project forward.

Murrhee honors a man who served as sheriff from 1964-1988 and several miraculous milestones. Among his accomplishments included expanding the department from six to 220 employees before he died in 2022.

Crose was a U.S. Army Ranger who was killed in action during Operation Anaconda outside Gardez, Afghanistan. The Orange Park High alumna joined the military two weeks after he graduated and was assigned to 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. Crose and fellow Rangers were shot down while aboard a MH-47 Chinook helicopter on March 4, 2002.

Outdoor Adventures represents the future goals for the gun range to make it a source of family recreation.

The county also has an "other" option allowing residents to provide suggestions via an open-ended response.

A winner will be announced on their social media platforms and website at the end of the month.

(Photos submitted by Grovin Construction.)



## Mothers can design personalized birth plans at Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County

For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – Moms-to-be can now tailor their birth experience by launching the "Design Your Birth" program at Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County.

The complimentary birth design and education services start during pregnancy. Women are invited to meet with their care team at The Family Birth Place and can choose their birth preferences from new amenities.

"Every woman has unique expectations for the birth of her child," said Sadie Durham, Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Operating Officer at St. Vincent's. "The Design Your Birth program is a way for our care teams to provide personalized education about childbirth and also understand a woman's expectations so we are ready to serve her the moment she walks through our doors."

Women can create their own experience with options like the latest labor and delivery aids, including wireless monitoring (that allows movement), squatting bars, birthing balls, and personal touches like aromatherapy and music. A birth designer will also help moms-to-be register for childbirth classes, connect with lactation services and provide education about what to expect during labor and delivery.

"For mothers at low risk of complications who desire a more natural child-



birth experience with fewer medical interventions, the Design Your Birth program provides new amenities and more personalized delivery, while still offering a high level of safety and specialized care," Durham said.

The Family Birth Place at St. Vincent's is a baby-friendly, GOLD safe-sleep certified organization with nursing staff trained in spinning baby techniques that help babies get into position for birth. The unit also offers infant CPR training and on-site lactation services to make sure our new parents feel prepared to take home their new bundle of joy.

For more information about The Family Birth Place at St. Vincent's Clay County, please visit [Ascension.org/StVincents-Womens](http://Ascension.org/StVincents-Womens) or call (904) 602-1004.

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# Back-To-School Supply Drive gets students, teachers ready for new year

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – In collaboration with the Clay County Chamber of Commerce and more than 10 local businesses, the Orange Park Mall is gearing up for its second annual Back-To-School Supply Drive.

The man behind the initiative, Curtis Brown, is the owner of Laugh World Children's Boutique, a store in the mall specializing in fashionable children's clothing. He has an outpouring passion for local students and wants to ensure that every child has the necessary tools to succeed.

The primary objective of the drive is to ensure children in the county will have a new backpack filled with essential school supplies. The drive is currently accepting donations until July 28.

Brown expressed enthusiasm for impacting youth and getting the community more involved.

"This is an idea, something I wanted to set out to do, and other people said, 'Hey, I want to be part of this.' I think this is a great opportunity to see who cares about the community," he said.

The goal is to fill 250 backpacks with supplies. The list of items to donate includes pencils, pens, crayons, markers, pencil cases, water bottles, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, wipes, facial tissue, note-

book, labels, tape, erasers, construction paper, rulers, binders, scissors, highlighters, pencil sharpeners, hole punchers and post-it notes.

Another primary motivation for the drive is to alleviate the burden on teachers who often need to help fulfill the need of many students themselves, which takes away valuable learning time in the classroom. Brown emphasized the importance of supporting the county's educators.

"Just to take the burden off of (the teachers)," Brown said.

Drop-off bins are located throughout the county, including Achieve Fitness (2349 Village Square Pkwy. on Fleming Island), the Clay Chamber (2042 Park Ave. in Orange Park), the Courtyard by Marriott Orange Park (610 Wells Road in Orange Park) Compass Health, 950 Blanding Blvd. in Orange Park), Green Cove Springs City Hall (321 Walnut St.) Haven Hospice (745 Blanding Blvd. in Orange Park), Keystone Heights City Hall (555 South Lawrence Blvd.), SouthState Bank (1440 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park) and All Star Elite, Dick's Sporting Goods and Laugh World Kids Boutique at the Orange Park Mall.

"It's easy for anyone to donate by just visiting just one of the participating drop-off locations," said Jon Cantrell, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

The culmination of the Back-To-School Supply Drive will be the KidX Back to School Jamboree, which will be held at the Orange Park Mall near JCPenney on Saturday, Aug. 5. Backpacks will be filled with supplies and distributed to children from



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW  
Chris Brown, children's author and owner of Laugh World at the Orange Park Mall, specializes in children's clothing.

11:30 a.m to 3 p.m. in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida.

The event promises to be a day filled with fun for families, which will feature Dillard's Back-to-School Fashion Show, face painting and a "silly school day picture."

Brown's roots in urban Chicago fuel the irons for his entrepreneurial fires in the children's clothing and novel industries, and moving forward, he would like to see even more community involvement.

He drew his inspiration from his inner-city upbringing, where he witnessed firsthand deficiencies of supplies as simple as pencils and paper. Now, he's motivated by his own experience and feels compelled to give back to those in rural and underserved communities.

"Some parents really can't afford to supply their children with backpacks. If

your child needs a backpack, we're doing it for that. We have your back," Brown said.

Cantrell said he's excited to partner with Brown, the mall and businesses. This is the first year the Chamber has participated.

"Our members know the value of education and enjoy giving back to the community. Our goal is to collect enough supplies to fill those backpacks, and we expect this to exceed with the outpouring so far. The willingness of (county business owners) to participate in events like these fosters a sense of small-town pride in the community," Cantrell said.

The coordinated effort is a testament to the power of the Clay community.

"Anytime that businesses partner to benefit the community, it's special, and this is a great example of that," he said.

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# Deadline to register to ride school bus approaching

Parents have until Friday to book transportation for upcoming school year

By Lee Wardlaw  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – With the start of school less than one month away, the Clay County Schools District announced students should be registered for bus transportation by Friday, July 15.

To be ensured a spot on the bus route, students must have an up-to-date home address in their Synergy System, according to district's policy. Certain addresses are not acceptable to be included in the bus routes.

Terri Dennis, Chief of Staff for the School District, said that the fast-approaching deadline is necessary for the Transportation Department to design and consolidate routes if needed.

“(The deadline) allows our Transportation Department to look at designing routes for the upcoming school year. By knowing our ridership ahead of time, we can consolidate routes if we need to,” Dennis said. “We also have the opening of a new school this year, Spring Park Elementary, which means we are adding more routes. We’re adding another school, which means we’re adding more routes. This is why we have the July 15 deadline, so we can get everything together with the (department) to start crafting potential routes before the start of

school.”

To register for transportation, parents and guardians should complete a survey on the district's Facebook page, One Clay, or at its website, www.myoneclay.net. If there are multiple students, each child is required to a separate form. The survey includes a “submit another response” option to streamline the registration process for families with multiple children.

Parents and guardians can contact the school's Facebook page or call (904) 336-0014 for any questions or concerns.

Dennis said it's important to meet the deadline, which will facilitate the department in planning the bus routes.

The transportation department wants to accommodate ridership based on the distance criteria established by the district. Elementary students living one-and-a-half miles from the school and secondary students living two miles away will have greater priorities. Dennis said it doesn't matter if a child will only use the bus in the morning, afternoon or on certain days of the week. The district wants an accurate account of students who will require transportation.

Dennis encouraged parents and guardians to complete the survey even if unsure about their child's transportation needs to

ensure they are better prepared.

Families of students with exceptional student education who already have transportation included in their Individualized Education Program are also encouraged to register. The first day of classes will be on Aug. 10. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for Spring Park Elementary. Also, the new cafeteria at Keystone Heights Elementary is set to open.

While the school district is finalizing bus

routes and schedules, Dennis said delays are common during the first few weeks of school. Changes in bus stop locations, pick-up times, and other unplanned service disruptions, such as weather-related issues, can contribute to these delays.

Dennis said the district's enthusiasm for transporting students to school safely and on time while requesting families to remain patient during the first few weeks of the school year as logistical challenges arise.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

### ORDINANCE NO. O-22-2023

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

Planning and Zoning Board:	Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
City Council	Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 7:00 pm or shortly thereafter
City Council	Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm or shortly thereafter

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay – Dial 7-1-1.

Said application is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

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

Steve Kennedy, City Manager

Legal 75756 published July 13, and 20, 2023 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

## Winn-Dixie to support Challenge Enterprises with Community Bag Program

By Natalie Gilstrap  
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Challenge Enterprises and Winn-Dixie have partnered for the Community Bag Program.

“We are thrilled to have been chosen as the recipient of this support from Winn-Dixie's Community Bag Program,” said Nancy C. Keating, Executive Director of Challenge Enterprises. The Community Bag Program was founded in February 2019 and was designed to provide shoppers a way to give back to their community while supporting the environment.

During July, shoppers can donate to Challenge Enterprises by purchasing a \$2.99 community bag at any register or at the reusable community bag rack at the Winn-Dixie at 3260 U.S. Highway 17. The community bags are 95% made from recycled material from either nonwoven or woven polypropylene making the bags durable and reusable for future purchases.

Challenge Enterprises will receive a \$1 donation for every bag that is purchased.

“This donation will greatly assist us in fulfilling our mission to empower individuals with disabilities, allowing them to lead

productive and rewarding lives,” Keating said.

Since 1972, Challenge Enterprises has helped impact the lives of individuals living with disabilities. Its mission is to promote the power of people and possibilities for those living with disabilities. Through their programs and services such as Club Challenge,



residential services, life skill training, and employment opportunities, the nonprofit organization has helped people become successful and independent in life.

Lastly, through the Community Bag Program, more than \$450,000 of donations have been donated to over 8,300 local nonprofits since its launch.

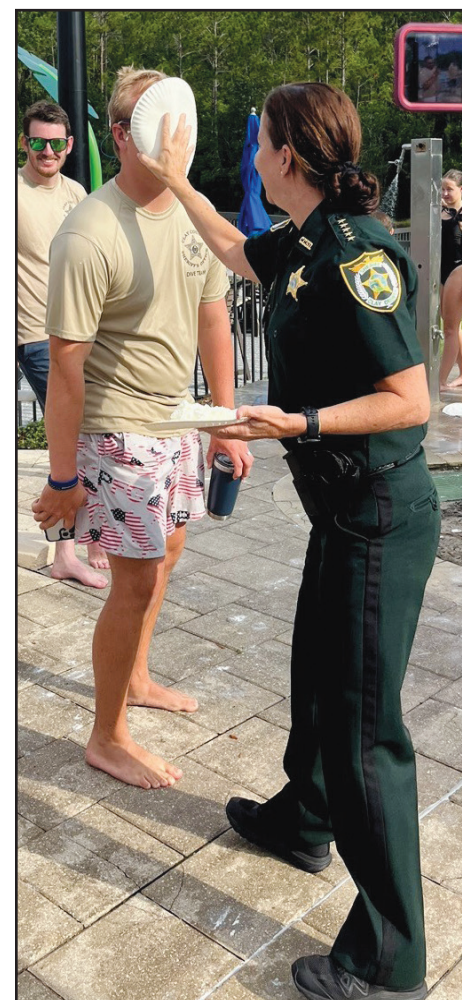

Shoppers buying a community bag at a Winn-Dixie have helped support various local nonprofit organizations whose focus is on education, civic, health and wellness, hunger, military and disaster relief.

To learn more about the Community Bag Program visit seg.2givelocal.com.

To learn more about Challenge Enterprises visit www.challengeenterprises.org.

## Scream'n Eagles swim team supports sheriff's dive and rescue team

FLEMING ISLAND – Children from Scream'n Eagles swim team at Eagle Harbor gathered last Tuesday to swim laps and throw whipped cream at each other to support the Clay County Sheriff's Office's Dive and Swift Water Rescue Team. Swimmers were sponsored for each lap completed, while others stood in line to hit other children and deputies with plates of whipped cream. Sheriff Michelle Cook joined the festivities by hitting one of her deputies with a whipped cream pie. The goal was to raise \$5,000. To support the dive and rescue team, visit [venmo@EHSwimBooster](mailto:venmo@EHSwimBooster), and use the phone number 4295.

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# Calendar

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**DARIUS RUCKER:** will bring his Starting Fires Tour with Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors on July 20 at 8 p.m. to Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily's Place in Jacksonville adjacent to TIAA Bank field. For tickets, which start at \$39, are available at ticketmaster.com.

**YELLOWCARD:** featuring Mayday Parade, Story of the Year, This Wild Life and Emo Night Brooklyn will be on July 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. to Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily's Place in Jacksonville adjacent to TIAA Bank field. For tickets, which start at \$39, are available at ticketmaster.com. Saturday's show is sold out.

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:** will meet on July 22 at 4 p.m. at the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., in Green Cove Springs.

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:** will meet on July 24 at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD:** will meet on July 25 at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**WORKING MAN'S BASS TOURNAMENT:** will be on July 27 at 4:30 p.m. at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220 on Fleming Island. Guaranteed \$500 prize to the winning two-person team. Call Daniel Green at (904) 449-9691 for more information.

**SALVATION ARMY'S BACKPACK OUTREACH:** will be on July 29 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 2795 County Road 220 in Middleburg. While supplies last, students will receive a backpack filled with school supplies. Free physicals, haircuts, vision tests and shoes will be available. For questions or to request transportation to the event, call (904) 276-6677.

**ORANGE PARK WOMEN'S CLUB:** will host a rummage sale on July 28-29 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at its clubhouse at 130 Kingsley Ave. Bring a can of food to receive \$1 off a purchase. Proceeds go toward scholarships and charities. Donations for the rummage sale are accepted July 24-27 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL:** will meet on Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave.

**WORKING MAN'S BASS TOURNAMENT:** will be on Aug. 3 at 4:30 p.m. at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220 on Fleming Island. Guaranteed \$500

prize to the winning two-person team. Call Daniel Green at (904) 449-9691 for more information.

**CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:** will meet on Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Teacher Training Center at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy.

**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY:** will be on Aug. 4 from 5-9:30 p.m. at Spring Park in Green Cove Springs. There will be several food trucks and live music by Smoke Stack. Bring your own chair and cooler to the free event.

**KIDX CLUB BACK TO SCHOOL JAMBOREE:** featuring the Dillard's Back to School Fashion Show, will be on Aug. 5 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Mall. Event also includes a backpack giveaway at 11:30 p.m. Items for the backpacks can be donated at Achieve Fitness, All Star Elite, Clay Chamber, Courtyard by Marriott Orange Park, Compass Health, Dick's Sporting Goods, Green Cove Springs City Hall, Haven Hospice, Keystone Heights City Hall, Laugh World Kids Boutique and South State Bank. For more information, visit OrangeParkMall.com.

**MARKET AND MUSIC AT THE COVE PLAZA:** will be on Aug. 5 from 4-8 p.m. at 1415 S. Orange Ave. in Green Cove Springs. Fresh produce, food trucks, home décor, music, jewelry and hourly giveaway will be offered. For more information, email showcaseevents17@gmail.com.

**REEL FUN NIGHT:** will be on Aug. 6 at 8:30 p.m. at Orange Park Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave. The movie "The Little Mermaid" will be shown for free. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

**PENTATONIX:** will bring their World Tour 2023 with Laren Alaina at 8 p.m. to Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily's Place in Jacksonville adjacent to TIAA Bank field. For tickets, which start at \$29, are available at ticketmaster.com.

**WORKING MAN'S BASS TOURNAMENT:** will be on Aug. 10 at 4:30 p.m. at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220 on Fleming Island. Guaranteed \$500 prize to the winning two-person team. Call Daniel Green at (904) 449-9691 for more information.

**DEMOLITION DERBY:** will storm into the Clay County Fairgrounds on Aug. 12. Tickets are only sold at the gate. Doors and a beer garden open at 5 p.m.

## BCC gets feedback on proposed budget, spending during workshop

By Lee Wardlaw  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – County Commissioners got public feedback during a workshop on Tuesday for proposed operating and capital budgets for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Overall expenditures from the 2022-23 Fiscal Year would rise from \$211,423,106 to \$225,459,399, which, if approved, would create a 6.6% overall raise for taxpayers for the upcoming year.

General fund monies would spike 5.6% from \$107,295,465 to \$113,290,741 (5.6%). Included in that general fund is rescue services, which would increase by 5.9% (\$28,140,154 to \$29,788,244).

The Transportation Trust would elevate from \$12,725,562 to \$13,520,545 (6.2%), the Unincorporated MTSU would increase 6.5% (\$4,947,525 to \$5,266,663), the Fire MTSU would raise 11.6% (\$11,142,206 to \$12,434,989), and Sheriff's Department expenditures countywide would see an uptick from \$44,541,760 to \$48,137,806, an 8.1% increase.

Then, Law Enforcement MTSU would rise from \$211,423,106 to \$225,459,399 (6.6%).

Residents also got a behind-the-scenes look into one issue that took center stage: code enforcement.

Commissioner Jim Renninger expressed his concerns, highlighting the need for improvements in code enforcement procedures.

The commissioner said one case with a non-homesteaded property has been ongoing for 13 years, raising concerns about the inability to anonymously report code violations and the need for more proactive measures.

While he commended the stand for their hard work, Renninger was concerned

about the time-consuming nature of current policies. The system involves sending two letters, a courtesy letter and an official letter, each with a 30-day response period. He suggested exploring policy changes to expedite the process and address the backlog of code enforcement cases.

Renninger said a lean reduction and adjudication as potential strategies to tackle the issue, expressing frustration with properties that remain neglected for extended periods without any action taken, seeking solutions to clean up the county and prevent such situations.

Commissioner Betsy Condon highlighted the potential impact on affordability. She said that some properties were either not homesteaded or inhabitable, resulting in a lack of interest from buyers. Condon said the county takes responsibility for such properties to mitigate the shortage of affordable housing options available.

Commissioners and Assistant County Manager Chereese Stewart talked about the challenges posed by repeat offenders and the loopholes in code enforcement. She said stricter measures remain in place for repeat offenders, including fines and a 30-day notice. However, the county's hands are still often tied by state statutes, which require specific procedures and timelines, she said.

Commissioner Mike Cella proposed several measures, suggesting the implementation of a policy to expedite case resolutions. He mentioned the possibility of hiring additional staff or a part-time attorney to alleviate concerns or even asking associations such as the Florida Association of Counties to serve in partnership to help.

Also, a five-year plan was presented, proposing additional law enforcement personnel and a commitment to make all employees' salaries competitive so that Clay does not lose talent to neighboring counties offering higher wages.

The Capital Budget will be discussed in August, including fire stations, resurfacing and drainage. Another topic will be a max millage rate on July 25, a tentative budget hearing on Sept. 12 and a final budget hearing on Sept. 26.



Jim Renninger

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# Heat

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Florida's typical choking humidity, the heat index measured at 110 degrees.

The oppressive heat has made most who make a living outside take extra precautions. Schedules have been affected, and bosses are paying more attention to the health of their employees.

The current heat wave with temperatures of at least 90 degrees started on June 24. Except for two days, the temperature has been 91 degrees or hotter in 17 of the past 19 days. And the forecast doesn't call for the thermometer to dip below 90 degrees until last Aug. 2.

The hottest day so far, was July 3, with a high of 102 and a heat index of 111. The hottest heat index was on July 4 at 113 degrees (and a 99-degree temperature).

According to the U.S. National Centers for Environmental Prediction, it tracked the hottest global temperature in recorded history for Earth on July 4. The average temperature was 62.62 degrees, breaking the 1940 record of 62.456 degrees.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, those kinds of temperatures are dangerous. When the body's core temperature exceeds 103 degrees, it's often the result of a person becoming dehydrated. When the body can't cool itself, heat exhaustion is usually followed. Without fluids and cooling off, a heatstroke is imminent.

Heatstroke occurs when the body proteins and cell membranes, particularly in the brain, break down and malfunction. That then leads to damage to the heart and other internal organs.

There are symptoms – lack of sweat, throbbing headache, confusion, heavy breathing, nausea, cramps, dizziness, a body temperature of 103 degrees or higher, feeling hot, turning red, dry or damp skin, rapid or strong pulse, fainting and loss of consciousness – of becoming overheated – and they shouldn't be ignored.

And heat affects everyone differently. Factors like age, medical conditions, obe-



Clay County Fire Rescue firefighters and EMTs at Station 14 have to take special precautions to avoid heat-related conditions.

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sity and medications are factors that make heat more dangerous.

According to Clay County Fire Rescue, there are contributing factors that accelerate the onset of heat exhaustion and heatstroke. They include dehydration, alcohol use, caffeine, energy drinks, prolonged exposure and overdressing.

According to the CDC, an average of 702 people die in the United States of heat-related causes, with 76,512 emergency room trips requiring 9,235 to be hospitalized.

## Schools take precautions

There is such concern about heat the Florida High School Athletics Association requires all athletes to pass a heat class. In addition to watching a video on how to avoid heat stroke and realizing the symptoms early, athletes must also show they can handle the energy-sapping weather.

Athletes must obtain a certificate after completing classes for heat, defibrillation and concussions before they're allowed to play. Those certificates must be filed with the FHSAA.

The high school organization also has strict guidelines for outside activities in

the heat. Full practices, which can't exceed 3½ hours, are allowed if the temperature is 82 degrees or lower. If it's between 82.1-87 degrees, athletes are required to take three four-minute breaks every hour. If it's between 87.1 and 90 degrees, the maximum time outside is two hours, with four separate, four-minute breaks every hour. If it's between 90.1 and 92 degrees, practices are limited to one hour with five separate four-minute breaks. And if it's hotter than 92.1, no outdoor activities are allowed.

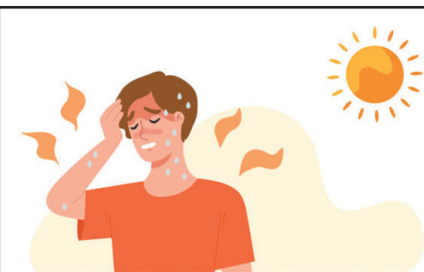
FHSAA also require water breaks during games.

## That tingly feeling

Brandon Beck works for Black Creek Tree Company. It's a job that requires him and his co-workers to be outside. The group took a break for lunch last week, and between the five, they drank nearly four pitchers of water and one pitcher of iced tea.

When Beck was asked if he's been overwhelmed by the heat, he said, "Just about every day."

Workers said owner Justin Weimer demands workers drink plenty of water and



## Symptoms of heat stroke

- Throbbing headache
- Confusion
- Heavy breathing
- Nausea
- Cramps
- Lack of sweat
- Dizziness
- Body temperature of 103 degrees or higher
- Feeling hot
- Turning red
- Dry or damp skins
- Rapid or strong pulse
- Fainting
- Loss of consciousness

If you feel any of these symptoms, call 9-1-1. Heat stroke is a severe medical emergency.

## Causes

- Dehydration
- Alcohol use
- Caffeine
- Energy drinks
- Overdressing

take breaks.

"He gave us a company credit card and told us to make sure we had plenty of water," said Michael Demont. "Sometimes, we go through a case and a half in a day. Most of us know when to take a break."

Regardless, all five work in a dangerous environment.

"There have been times when I got dizzy or nauseated," Kolton Tipton said.

"My fingers get tingly," Demont said.

## Fires are hot

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# Film

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Star Award from the Jacksonville Mayor's Office for his "outstanding contributions and achievements in Jacksonville's Film and Television Industry.

After 12 years, Brown will return to his roots to complete the most personal project of his career thus far.

"It's a story that is inspired by my own family's experiences," Brown said. It's a project that's really important to me, so I wanted to spend time on it."

The film tells the story of Jude, an insecure young actor, who returns to his rural hometown in northeast Florida to provide support for Grandma's caregivers – Jude's dismissive mother and resentful sister – before the family reaches their breaking point.

Brown said the film's screenplay was developed between 2019-2023, and the project will be filmed in northeast Florida in early 2024.

The film was inspired by his family's journey with caregiving for his terminally ill grandmother in the final year of her life. "Baby Tooth" captures the selfless act of being a family caregiver with no prior medical knowledge, the looming threat of financial instability, the obligation to conform to societal expectations, and its impact on self-perception and caregiving decisions.

"I was a bit oblivious. I was living my life as a stage actor and filmmaker in Jacksonville," he said. "When I came to visit them for Christmas, I really came as an outsider. I was able to see the hard work and empathy that goes into caregiving."

This experience propelled Brown to write about his family's experience with the American elderly system, as well as a place to process his own emotions after returning home.

"The experience has been to get these words on paper. It was a private and vulnerable time in my family's life. But bridging these spaces and having these uncomfortable conversations has the ability to help others," Brown said.

Brown's "Baby Tooth" serves as a call to action for families to discuss the best path forward for aging loved ones.

"My hope with this film is that I will be able to not only help caregivers see them-



selves on the screen and understand the important role that they play in our society – but also encourage families of aging loved ones to reach out to each other and have these conversations."

Additionally, Brown said the project can help communities empathize and understand their role in social change, like supporting the efforts to recognize caregiving as a job worthy of a living wage.

The film also allows viewers to support their local arts community.

"Baby Tooth" offers a unique tax benefit to all who contribute. The film is fiscally sponsored through the nonprofit organization Film Independent, meaning any monetary contribution from the general public is tax-deductible, and any non-monetary donation of goods, services, food and location rentals from local businesses is considered in-kind.

This unique opportunity allows locals to promote their businesses creatively, see their names in the film's credits, and support the Jacksonville arts community through charitable giving.

"It's important to be a champion for local arts. We can't go without them, and that starts by funding public arts education," he said.

Brown, alongside a cast of local actors, hosted live staged readings of the screenplay last weekend.

To get involved in Brown's upcoming film, attend the live readings or make a contribution, visit [babytoothfilm.com](http://babytoothfilm.com). For information on Brown and his past work, visit [drewlewisbrown.com](http://drewlewisbrown.com).

# Community Briefs

## County hosting veterans information session for women

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Veterans' Services is hosting a Women Veterans Information Session on Friday, July 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Clay County Administration Building.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are more than two million women veterans in the United States, which is expected to more than triple by 2040. As the number of women entering military service grows, so does the need to address their health concerns.

This information session is for Clay County's women veterans to openly discuss possible disability claims they earned in the service that are specific to them. The meeting will be held on the fourth floor of the Administration Building in the BCC meeting room at 477 Houston St.

Clay County Veterans' Services, Vet Center, Firewatch and other veterans organizations will be there to answer questions and to speak about disease prevention and reproductive health, as well as medical screenings and treatments. Visit [www.claycountygov.com/Home/Components/News/News/3606/1512](http://www.claycountygov.com/Home/Components/News/News/3606/1512) for more information.

## Friends rally to support local musician who lost everything in fire

MIDDLEBURG – Friends of Tim Westerwelle will gather on July 29 at American Legion Post 250 for a Poker Chip Run to raise money after his home was destroyed by fire.

The benefit will start and end at the post at 2608 Black Creek Dr. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and kickstands will go up at 11 a.m. The cost is \$20 a rider, and the fee includes a barbecue lunch.

Stops on the poker run will be at Dalton's Sports Grill, Smith Lake, Red Dog and Fat Boyz. Westerwelle's High Ground band will highlight a night of music that includes Southbound 41, Southern Junction, Vynl and JJ Rocs. There also will be an auction and raffle. Westerwelle lost his home and all of his belongings in a fire in late May. Call (904) 466-1585 for more information.

## Howlin Wolf hosts poker run for couple with medical bills

MELROSE – The Howlin Wolf will host a benefit motorcycle poker run and concert on July 22 to raise money for Brian and Theresa Warden, who have been beset by financial troubles associated with failed hip replacement surgery.

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Remember the old saying, "The family that prays together stays together." This phrase has never been more true and more necessary than it is today. There are so many challenges facing families today that people have never faced before. While the advent of technology, including things like social media, has brought some good to our world, they have also brought unique challenges that have the potential to tear families apart.

Let's be honest with ourselves: how often do you find yourself or a member of your family lost in their devices when it's supposed to be family time? It happens to all of us! Having news, games, and email right at our fingertips at every moment is the ultimate distraction. Just knowing there are notifications waiting for you on your cell phone can quickly take you out of the moment and suck you into your device.

How do we combat this? It's simple: prayer! Make prayer time a staple of the time you spend together with your family. "Unplugged" time with your family, a time when you carve out space WITHOUT devices, is crucial. Start and end that time with prayer, bookending your time as a family by drawing closer to the Lord together.

In Matthew 18:19-20, Jesus teaches, "I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

We can rest assured that when we come together with our family to pray, Jesus Himself is there among us! Prayer as a family invites Jesus into your midst, and He will help your family to grow in ways you could never have imagined before.

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

## Jaguars, Challenge Enterprises team to offer discounted game tickets

By Natalie Gilstrap  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Challenge Enterprises of North Florida will partner with the Jaguars Give and Go Program to provide fans with a unique opportunity to purchase select game tickets at a discounted price.

"We are thrilled to be a part of the Jaguars Give and Go program," said Stephanie Young, Director of Marketing and Communications at Challenge Enterprises. "Through this initiative, we can raise funds that directly support our mission of promoting inclusivity and creating opportunities for individuals with different abilities to thrive."

Jaguar Give and Go allows nonprofit organizations to raise money to support their missions. Jaguars fans can help support Challenge Enterprises by purchasing game tickets through the Challenge Enterprises ticket portal. In doing so, the organization receives a \$30 donation a ticket which will help them promote the power of people and possibilities for individuals living with a disability.

"The opportunity provided by Challenge



Enterprises of North Florida to purchase discounted tickets through the Give and Go program for Jaguar fans is truly unique and significant. By offering this initiative, Challenge Enterprises aims to create a win-win situation for both the fans and their organization," Young said.

Challenge Enterprises is thrilled to be able to offer this unique opportunity to

Jaguars fans. The opportunity will serve as a fundraiser and bring the Jaguars community together as they cheer their favorite team. Staying true to the organization's vision of empowering people, the opportunity will allow individuals to engage in recreational activities and social events.

The program shows the impact business and nonprofit organizations can have when partnering together.

"Challenge Enterprises of North Florida's provision of discounted tickets through the Give and Go program for Jaguar fans is a commendable initiative," Young said. "It opens doors for more individuals to engage with their favorite team and enjoy the excitement of live games while also supporting Challenge Enterprises' mission of empowering the community."

Thanks to the partnership between the Nonprofit Center, the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Jaguars Foundation, and the DuBow Family Foundation, this collaborative initiative is made possible.

For more information, visit [www.challengeenterprises.org/event/give-go-jaguar-home-game-tickets](http://www.challengeenterprises.org/event/give-go-jaguar-home-game-tickets).

## Briefs

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The couple aren't able to work because of their medical problems, so the community will participate in a seven-stop poker run to support them. The ride starts at 9:30 p.m. and it will end at 3 p.m.

A donation of \$20 includes the poker run, while a \$25 gift is worth the poker run and barbecue meal. Two riders cost \$30, while two riders and two meals cost \$40.

The music lineup includes Amy Webster, All Fired Up, 2 The 9's, Brett Russell, Paul Wane, Sweet William Band, The Gonzo's, Southern Burn, Outlaw Country, Second Chance and Easily Distracted. An open jam will be offered from 7-8 p.m.

There will also be a 50-50 raffle and a live auction. The couple has established a GoFundMe page.

### Florida Blue hosting free summer health expo on July 29

ORANGE PARK – The Clay County Chamber of Commerce announces Florida Blue will be hosting a free summer health expo at the Orange Park Mall on Saturday,

July 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Major Stage Sponsors include Baptist Clay and Ascension St. Vincent's Hospitals as major stage sponsors. Speakers include doctors and health professionals with valuable information on their area of expertise. There will be 30 vendor booths from a wide variety of health-related businesses. It's also tax free shopping that day for back to school supplies and clothes. For more information contact the Chamber at (904) 264-2651.

### Soil and Water District needs someone to fill District 5 seat

CLAY COUNTY – Since one of five elected Supervisors on the Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District resigned, there is a vacancy for the District 5 Seat.

The district includes Green Cove Springs, Lake Asbury, Penney Farms and Virginia Village.

Any interested is welcome to attend a meeting or contact us for further information. The board meets the second Friday of the month at 9 a.m. at the UF IFAS Clay Extension Center, 2463 State Road 16 West. The center's phone number is (904)

284-6355. The district constantly seeks advocates and help from community members to help with our mission to promote and educate on conserving our natural resources. Members of the public are always welcome to attend our meetings.

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

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

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

"When you call-in a refill or activate new prescription, you can select the ScriptCenter for pick up," said Lt. Cmdr. Jose Pulido, Pharmacy department head.

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# My internship experience at Clay Today

By Kayden Zamor  
For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The AnnieRuth Foundation's Summer Internship Program affords high school students the opportunity to interact with community leaders, subject matter experts, and students from across the United States. The program focuses on personal, academic, and professional development; skills that students can use now and well into the future.

Award recipients are paid as they work in a safe, professional environment that aligns with their career aspirations. On June 4, the AnnieRuth Foundation proudly announced its 2023 Summer Internship Program Award Recipients. I was among the 22 students from across the globe and the surrounding area put the work in and completed this one year, points-based program. Our hard work paid off resulting in each of us being able to complete a summer internship experience in a safe, professional environment that directly aligns with our various career aspirations.

I began my internship experience at Clay Today on Monday, June 5, and have had the pleasure to be included as a member of the team until the completion of the internship. I worked directly with Don Coble, Managing Editor, working directly out of the corporate office on Fleming Island. I found motivation in my daily interactions with other staff members who I was able to meet and build relationships with.

It was extremely comforting to see a familiar face in Randy Lefko, Sports Editor, and photographer who I have had the



pleasure of speaking with over the years as an athlete on the field for various stories at my school. Initially we established early on that my focus was mainly sports related, but I was open and willing to learn everything about the business of newspaper and editing stories. Overall, the employees and environment at Clay Today have been immensely friendly, supportive and knowledgeable.

So far, my time with Clay Today has been more than a simple internship; it was an opportunity for me to prove to myself that I could pivot and enjoy sports even if I were not the person with the ball. I have also shown myself to be a dependable employee, a reliable coworker, and a motivated student of the work. By showing up on time, communicating effectively, and following the directions of my mentor/su-

pervisor I have proven I am more than just an athlete and I am able to do more. This internship was also an opportunity to gain office experience with people I never met to broaden my scope beyond high school as I prepare to enter college. I would not have received the lessons, training, of experience through an average summer job.

One of the most valuable skills I developed was my versatility and flexibility. I've learned that the work in news and journalism is fast paced and slow all at the same time. One of my first lessons at Clay Today was news does not happen in the office. Over the duration of my internship, I have published three articles. My very first article was published during my first week on the job about my knee injury and recovery.

I have had the pleasure of interviewing my coach and some teammates and friends about this upcoming football season. It has been extremely rewarding to share my thoughts and ideas and see them come to life in print and then share the actual article with family, friends, and the public. I have received feedback about my articles, and I try to incorporate that feedback into my work whenever I write.

I earned an increasing amount of responsibility in my third week of interning when I was asked to interview a teacher at my school regarding a grant that was received. I was also asked to take photos of a mini football camp for 8–12-year-olds for an upcoming story about summer camp. I've accomplished more tasks and am always happy to receive new work.

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## Roark from page 1

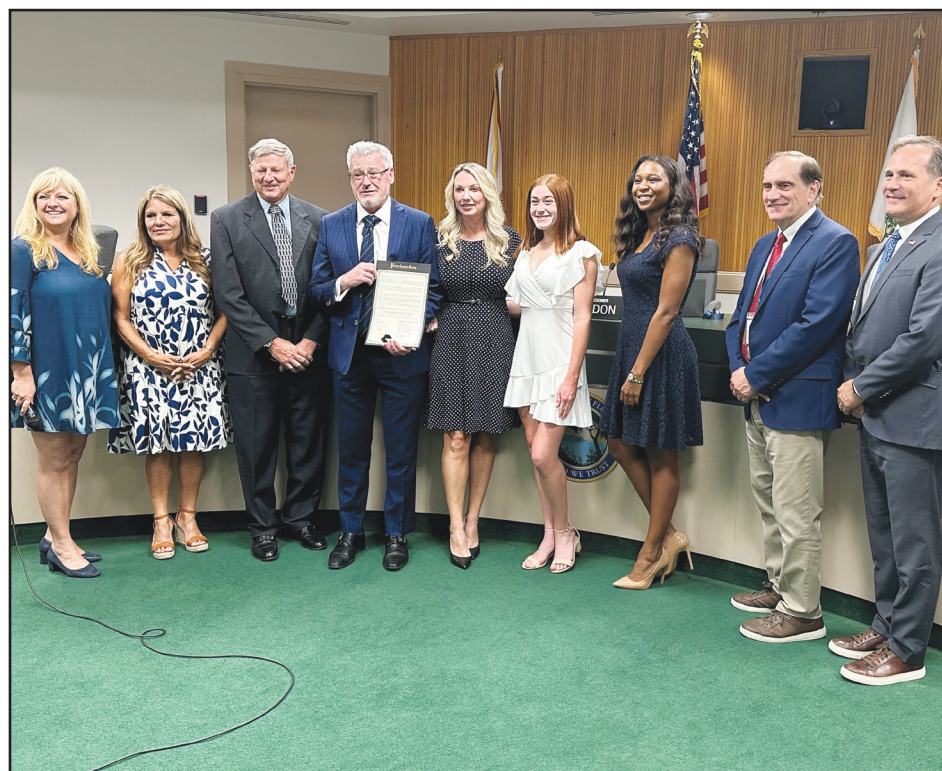
his strong leadership and collaborative approach, we are confident that he will further enhance the hospital's ability to serve the community and provide exceptional care."

Roark was the director of emergency services at HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital (then known as Orange Park Medical Center) before becoming the vice president of Baptist's oncology and emergency service lines.



Ed Hubel

"Fourteen years ago, I started at Orange Park Medical Center and came to Baptist. I heard from the community. They said we really liked the options for healthcare, but we would love a Baptist Health facility in Clay County. I heard that over and over and over again.



Darin Roark holds a proclamation he received from the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday. The board wanted to recognize his service and contributions to the county for spearheading the creation and completion of Baptist Medical Center Clay.

My goal was to bring that hospital to Clay County, and we've done that. It's a beautiful facility that I'm extremely proud of. I, at least, can leave knowing that I fulfilled my promise to the folks here in Clay County to give them a big beautiful Baptist Hospital."

Roark said he still is driven to tackle challenging projects that improve lives.

"There's a big calling to go there, a great health system," Roark said. "It's a very, very, very progressive health system. They do a lot of research and it's an opportunity to really dive deep into clinical leadership and medicine and see where that takes us."

Ed Hubel, a graduate of Orange Park High, will become the interim president at Clay. He currently is the president of Baptist's Nassau facility.

"In a lot of ways, this is a coming home for Ed," Roark said. "That's super exciting that I can turn it over to someone who has roots in Clay County and knows Clay County and understands Clay County. It means a lot to me to turn it over to somebody who loves the county as much as I do."

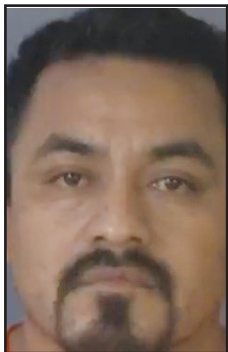
## Police Briefs

### Alabama man arrested for drive-by shooting on Fleming Island

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – With the help of the Alabama State Bureau of Investigations, a man wanted since February for a drive-by shooting on Fleming Island was arrested and returned to Clay County.

Juventino Salinas-Alvarado, 37, of Bessemer, Alabama, was charged with attempted murder, firing a gun from a car and shooting into a dwelling on Feb. 16 while he drove through the Fleming Island Plantations neighborhood.

According to the affidavit for an arrest warrant, Salinas-Alvarado stopped at a house and fired at least once with a .45



Juventino Salinas-Alvarado

caliber handgun. He returned less than a minute later and shot five more times at a man working at the house. Although the victim was about five feet away, he wasn't struck, according to CCSI.

The ASBI conducted a traffic stop in Alabama and arrested Salinas-Alvarado. His Mexican Consulate identification card confirmed his identity.

Bond was set at \$650,009 and his next court appearance will be on July 31.

### Pair charged with assault during burglary on CR 218

MIDDLEBURG – Two teens were arrested in connection with a burglary on July 8 that injured the victim.

According to the arrest report, Devon Jacob Newberry, 19, and Dusten Andrew Rivera, 18, both of Glen St. Mary, were charged with aggravated battery and burglary after the Clay County Sheriff's Office was asked to check on a man receiving threats by Newberry and Rivera.



Devon Newberry

Dusten Rivera

Another deputy stopped the teens on County Road 218. At the same time, the agency was called about a robbery at a home on CR 218.

Both are due in court on Aug. 8. Bond for both was set at \$250,006.

### Woman charged with DUI following crash in Green Cove Springs

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A 64-year-old woman was charged with driving under the

influence following a crash on July 11 that involved three cars.

Roberta Shrina Asbell, of Green Cove Springs, was accused of hitting a car at the intersection of Forbes and Olive streets. After her car struck a Volkswagen Beetle, it caromed into a light fixture and a parked car.

Asbell and the driver of the Beetle were taken to local hospitals for treatment. Their conditions weren't released.

According to the Green Cove Springs Police Department, Asbell's car was turned on its side following the collisions.

Asbell was charged with four counts of DUI with property damage and personal injury.

### JSO deputy charged with cutting woman's lip with beer can

MIDDLEBURG – An off-duty Jacksonville Sheriff's Office deputy was arrested

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## Arrests & Bookings

*(Name, age, location of arrest, charges). Key: FTA-Failure to Appear; DWLSR-Driving Without a License-Suspended or Revoked; DUI-Driving Under the Influence; VOP-Violation of Probation; BAL-blood alcohol level. There are no assumptions or representations about guilt or innocence. Anyone arrested or booked is presumed innocent.*

### Tuesday, July 11

James A. Todd, 33, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Robin L. Moreno, 37, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Samantha L. Salter, 35, Orange Park, solicitation on public road right of way

Craig D. Akers, 52, Orlando Park, solicitation on public road right of way

Steven Snell, 48, Green Cove Springs, non-support

Shaun A. Thornton, 43, Green Cove Springs, writ of bodily attachment

Brian K. Vickers, 41, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft

Jessie L. Still, 25, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions against domestic violence

Maria E. Castro, 52, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Roberta S. Asbell, 64, Green Cove Springs, four counts DUI with property damage/personal injury

Scott A. Walsh, 31, Middleburg, battery

Roberto Amillano, 31, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery on person 65 or older

### Monday, July 10

Jason P. Hall, 44, Green Cove Springs, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia

Anna J. Grimes, 58, Middleburg, FTA-petit theft

Shannon D. Colson, 52, Orange Park, disorderly intoxication

Chandler W. Pires, 22, Middleburg, battery

Paul J. Woodward, 30, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Abereon J. Brown, 26, Orange Park, domestic battery

Vegas J. Brown, 36, Orange Park, fugitive from justice

Jeenly Pierre, 22, Green Cove Springs, assault during burglary

### Sunday, July 9

Steven P. Thompson, 36, Middleburg, shoplifting

Thomas B. Reed, 50, Orange Park, FTA

Timothy Walker, 26, Orange Park, making threat to do serious bodily harm, trespassing

Jessie L. Still, 25, Orange Park, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Yaryiah A. Williams, 18, Orange Park, FTA-petit theft

Jesse Urbina-Delgado, 22, Jacksonville, DUI with BAL .15 or higher

### Saturday, July 8

Christopher J. Johnson, 49, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

Carmelo J. Peralta, 24, Orange Park, attempting to flee/elude with lights/siren active

Tyler L. McConnell, 26, Orange Park, attempting to flee/elude with lights/siren active

Daylon M. Dean, 29, Middleburg, shoplifting

Robert F. Browning, 50, Keystone Heights, disorderly intoxication, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, breach of

peace/fighting/brawling

Devon J. Newberry, 19, Middleburg, aggravated battery, armed burglary

Dusten A. Rivera, 19, Middleburg, aggravated battery, armed burglary

Jennifer R. Housenga, 33, Orange Park, use/possession of another person's ID, possession-more than five identities, DWLSR

Emanuel S. Boyd, 50, Orange Park, possession-molly/ecstasy, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Aaron C. Bell, 53, Orange Park, DUI

Jesus M.W. Abad, 54, Orange Park, aggravated domestic battery with deadly weapon, domestic battery

### Friday, July 7

Sydney S. Cooper, 27, Oakleaf, domestic battery

Zachary W. Prevatt, 24, Orange Park, grand theft

Sheri L. Clarke, 54, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Marcus A. Heard, 29, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Mark A. Stevens, 19, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA-possession-controlled substance, FTA-possession-drug paraphernalia

Timothy E. Simcox, 61, Orange Park, VOP-community control

David Rosado, 36, Green Cove Springs, trespassing, two counts follow/harass/cyberstalking

Christina R. Gacioch, 34, Keystone Heights, domestic battery

Joshua B. Thigpen, 38, Middleburg, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Maximilian Lockwood, 29, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Charles C. Chamberlain, 50, Keystone Heights, burglary

David C.A. Justice, 30, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Steven Obakrairur, 34, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, attempting to flee/elude with lights/siren active, giving false name/ID, FTA-possession-controlled substance, FTA-resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, FTA-possession-marijuana

### Thursday, July 6

Warren R. Chase, 20, Orange Park, possession-molly, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Aaron S. Morris, 32, Orange Park, battery

Richard Gonzalez-Urdaneta, 25, Orange Park, driving without valid license

Justin K. Fussell, 37, Orange Park, trespassing

Dessa M. Stockman, 31, Middleburg, grand theft auto, possession-controlled substance

Daniel O. Rodriguez, 26, Orange Park, breach of peace, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Juventino Salinas-Alvarado, 37, attempted murder, firing missile into dwelling/building/vehicle, discharge firearm from vehicle

Alyssa L. Blankenship, 29, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-fentanyl, VOP-possession-drug paraphernalia, two counts VOP-community control

Elton C. Fortner, 19, Middleburg, DWLSR

David Rosado, 36, Green Cove Springs, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, follow/harass/cyberstalking

**SEE ARRESTS, 23**

# Thrasher-Horne Happenings

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

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## THREE DOG NIGHT coming to Orange Park on Dec. 1

ORANGE PARK – Legendary band THREE DOG NIGHT, now in its fifth decade, claims some of the most astonishing statistics in popular music. In 1969 through 1974, no other group achieved more top

10 hits, moved more records, or sold more concert tickets than THREE DOG NIGHT.

The iconic group will make a one-night appearance at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which start at \$39, are available at the box office or at [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

THREE DOG NIGHT hits weave through the fabric of pop culture today, whether on the radio where they are heard day in and day out, in television commercials or in major motion pictures – songs like "Mama Told Me (Not To Come)," "Joy to the World," "Black and White," "Shambala" and "One" serve to heighten our emotions and crystallize THREE DOG NIGHT's continuing popularity. Boasting chart and sales records that remain virtually unmatched in popular music, THREE DOG NIGHT had 21 consecutive Top 40 hits, including three No. 1 singles, 11 Top 10s, 18 straight Top 20s, seven million-selling singles and 12 straight RIAA Certified Gold LPs.

## Arrests

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Gordon W. Baker, 59, Keystone Heights, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, giving false name/ID, DWSLR, no vehicle registration

Autumn D. Wilson, 28, Orange Park, requesting refund with false receipt

Tracy R. Hull, 38, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove contraband at jail

Shawn E. Truesdell, 46, Fleming Island, DUI

## Wednesday, July 5

John J. Franco, 43, Middleburg, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Tara N. Dotson, 54, Orange Park, violation of pre-trial release conditions against domestic violence

Boen L. Bryant, 36, Middleburg, vandalism

Warren D. Rainer, 28, Orange Park, battery

Kelvin E. Maxie, 65, Green Cove Springs, out of state fugitive from justice-battery on law enforcement officer

Jeremy L. Gartenbush, 31, Orange Park,

battery

Joshua D. Grecian, 43, Green Cove Springs, VOP-reckless driving

Brittaney L. Garman, 34, Green Cove Springs, grand theft auto

Jared S. Ross, 38, Green Cove Springs, VOP-burglary

Levi H. Tomlinson, 28, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

## Tuesday, July 4

Erik W. Brooking, 43, Keystone Heights, domestic battery

Carson M. Hagans, 19, Middleburg,

grand theft auto

Tracy R. Hull, 38, Middleburg, DWSLR

Michael L. Moring, 43, Orange Park,

VOP-community control

Charles C. Chamberlain, 50, Keystone Heights, criminal mischief

Vania Retana, 34, Green Cove Springs, battery

Lindsay J. Costanza, 40, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance, possession-cocaine, possession-drug paraphernalia, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

## Police

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after the Clay County Sheriff's Office said he threw an unopened can of beer at a woman's mouth on July 1 at "Redneck Beach" on Black Creek.

Officer Jamie Robert Alexander, 41, was charged with battery after the couple argued at the popular recreation spot. According to the affidavit for arrest, the woman's lip was bleeding when CCSI deputies arrived. The affidavit also revealed it was the third incident involving the couple in Clay County.

Alexander, who was reassigned until the completion of the case, turned himself in at the Clay County Jail on July 4, and he was released on his own recognizance.

Alexander's next court appearance is on July 17.

## Woman in underwear charged with possessing cocaine, methamphetamine

ORANGE PARK – A woman seen behind a closed business wearing a T-shirt and

underwear was arrested when the Clay County Sheriff's Office uncovered cocaine, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia on her.

Lindsay Jo Costanza, 40, of Orange Park, was also charged with resisting arrest on July 3 after she kept reaching inside a bag that contained the narcotics. Deputies said she was unable to stand and was sweating "profusely."

According to the arrest report, a CCSI deputy saw a syringe in her belongings. They uncovered the cocaine, a glass pipe and methamphetamine after she was placed in handcuffs.

Costanza was granted probation three weeks earlier for possessing cocaine.

Her next court appearance will be on Aug. 7, and her bond was set at \$52,010.



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### Clay Electric, Penney Retirement make 45 children happy campers

CLAY COUNTY – A generous \$10,000 gift from Clay Electric allowed the Salvation Army of Clay County to send 45 children to summer camp. “We are continually grateful and appreciative of the generosity of the residents in Clay County,” said Capt. Mike Chamberlain. The Army also was able to use a bus from Penney Retirement Community to transport the children to camp.

## Kayden

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The support and direct feedback that I received from my mentor/supervisor was more than enough to make me feel comfortable with managing interviews and photography outside of the office walls. The empowerment that I have received on my

internship was one of the most rewarding aspects of this experience. My mentor/supervisor has trusted me with projects and relied on me to get them done immediately and effectively. In addition, my coworkers trusted me and my abilities to assist them with the miscellaneous work they passed across my desk.

It felt like I was truly valued more as a coworker and not just a summer intern.

In summary, I am humbled and thankful for Don Coble and the staff at Clay Today for providing me with the ability to develop personally and professionally. They welcomed me immediately as part of the family and created an experience I could never forget.

Applications to participate in the AnnieRuth Foundation’s 2024 summer internship program are being accepted NOW ris-

ing high school juniors and seniors (from across the USA) can apply at [www.sowing-seeds.today](http://www.sowing-seeds.today). Don’t delay, apply today!

Program requirements are being a rising junior or senior in high school, a minimum 2.0 grade point average, submit a 1,000-word essay, attend monthly virtual seminars and participate in a program fundraiser.

## Heat

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rescue do it every day.

“It’s not as bad as you would think,” said Battalion Chief David Kuykendall. “When you put on all your gear, your adrenaline kicks in and you start working. But it does take a toll on you after being in the gear for a few minutes.”

Kuykendall said he tries to give firefighters a break every 10 to 15 minutes. Each firefighter also has two sets of gear, so they don’t have to put on jackets and pants that were soaked by sweat.

“It’s going to be hot anyway,” Kuykendall said. “Heat like this is an added complication. You work, cool down and get back to work.”

Lt. Matthew Brinley said proper hydration starts a day before exposure to dangerous temperatures.

“You can’t wait until the day you have to be outside to start drinking water,” he said.



These workers at Black Creek Tree Company said they sometimes go through a case and a half of bottled water a day working in the heat.

“Water helps, but by then, it’s too late.”

Fire Rescue also has a rescue squad with EMTs at each scene to oversee firefighters and any possible victims.

Kuykendall said he recently worked in

his yard and was overwhelmed by the heat.

“I got dizzy, so I set the chainsaw down and found some shade,” he said. “If it can happen to me, it can happen to anyone.”

Kuykendall said soldiers and law en-

forcement also are taxed by the heat.

“They wear vests and full gear,” he said. “That can’t be easy.”

He also warned it takes less than 10 minutes for a person or pet to be overcome by heat in a car.

### Limiting exposure to the heat

Winn-Dixie has one person designated to round up shopping carts, but at the Green Cove Springs store, manager Mike Finnick changed the store’s routine by getting all the employees to participate in the collection. “Everyone gets out there five or six times a day and gets the carts at one time,” he said. “That way, nobody is outside more than 10 minutes. We work as a team in a rotation.” He said when the weather is cooler, the clerk responsible for gathering shopping carts will spend four or five hours in the lot. And a quick check of the temperature on black asphalt last week measured 138 degrees.

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Former Clay High football coach John Stilianou has a fire and energy on and off the field that will be instilled throughout Clay County as he was recently named Clay County School District Athletic Director.

## Stilianou to head Clay sports

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - John "Jay" Stilianou is best known for his fiery sideline presence in the midst of a decade of state championship football runs as Clay High's defensive guru, then a string of Final Four runs as the equally fiery flag football coach. Stilianou also had a brief stint at girls basketball coach and achieved a district title in that sport plus a state champion on girls and boys weightlifter teamed with a handful of state qualifiers and a handful of track medalists on his resume.

Now, Stilianou steps away from his desk as an assistant principal at Keystone Heights High School to take over the reigns as the Clay County School District Athletic Director. Stilianou replaces departed John Sgromolo, who initiated the job five years

SEE STILIANOU, 31



On the field, John Stilianou was successful at creating team titles in multiple sports with

## Brinkman goes from state, nation to world

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High diving state champion Ava Brinkman made her big splash as a highly touted freshman with a record setting district title, but missed her shot to flash the cash at region and state with an unfortunate diving mishap that left her bruised and unable to continue.

"Just a freak accident, but enough to concern me a little," said Brinkman, now a junior to be and a sophomore district, region and state champion for the Golden Eagles swim team. "There was some anxiousness along the way, but I knew I just had to get back out there and dive."

Brinkman's storming-of-the-castle state title last year pushed her street

SEE BRINKMAN, 31



Fleming Island High junior diver Ava Brinkman, left, has been mentored through a stellar career on the national scene and now on the international scene by coach Laurent Perez Gillooly, the assistant diving coach for the University of Florida.



Runners take off at start of Keystone Heights' Freedom 5K race held July 4 around the town's picturesque streets. See coverage, page 29.



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# From helicopter med-flight to world BMX

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - After a horrific track accident in 2020 that offered her a helicopter ride to the hospital, Riley "MadRabbit" Jordan got back on her BMX bike less than a year later and crashed on her first race back since the accident.

"Not a lot of people know what BMX is, most think it's motorcycles," said Jordan, a sophomore at Middleburg High School. "My first bad crash, a broken collarbone, punctured lung and other stuff, in August 2020, I was unconscious and had seizures and got lifeflighted out."

Jordan, still with a plate with six screws in her shoulder, is nicknamed the Part-Bionic BMXer.

"Maybe six months later, in my first state race at Jacksonville, I crashed again," said Jordan. "I was in first by a whole straight and I was by myself. Nothing broke, but I was upset at myself for crashing."

Jordan, 16 in August, a Middleburg High sophomore band member, is now embarking on a summer of training to boost her chances of a coveted world title as she has returned with a vengeance to her sport; BMX bike racing.

Jordan, a six-time district champion, has evolved to become one of the top three 15-16 year old BMX riders in the nation with her recent invite to be part of Team USA that will compete at the 2023 UCI BMX World Challenge Championships World games in Glasgow, Scotland on August 3-13. Next year the event will be hosted by Rock Hill, SC.

"The rankings are based on ability on tracks around the state," said Jordan. "I've been state champion once and got second and third since COVID. The second place finish I had two fractured wrists."

Jordan's two teammates on the 15-16 TEAM USA roster are from California and Georgia.

"The Georgia girl, Alexis Alden, had a father who was a motocross athlete and

a stuntman, wins everything and is super-good," said Jordan, ranked 54th in 15-16 girls as per USABMX.com. "The California girl, "Hurricane" Hannah Leakey, is little more my level and we compete close. Alexis is ranked number one in 15-16 girls."

BMX racing, on small, one-gear bike about half the height of your bike in the garage, entails a gate start down a hill and a trek less than a mile of up and down undulations on a concrete track with three 180-degree turns normally.

Most tournaments include a series of 4-5 qualifying races to get to the final race. The state title is won after a series of races, accumulating points and a final race; much like NASCAR. Florida, according to Tracy Lohse, is one of the meccas of BMX with California the top state with its number of riders.

"It's superfast and very technical in a small space of time," said Doug Lohse, Jordan's 50-plus dad who is also a master's BMX-er that has had his own bike crash. "There is not much room for error and when it happens, it's usually bad."

According to mom, Tracy Lohse, herself an accomplished cyclist with the former DelaFina cycling racing team out of Jacksonville, Jordan was a hockey fan at first as they family lived in Maine and brother Spencer played hockey.

"She wanted hockey, did figure skating then went roller hockey (in Mandarin) when we moved to Florida in 2013," said Tracy Lohse. "We found BMX at that point, she was nine, and that was that."

Ironically, Jordan got her first trophy in her first race at the BMX track in Jacksonville on Dunn Avenue.

"I also had my first crash and split my lip, lost a tooth," said Jordan, smiling with full set of teeth as we spoke. "I got back on the bike and I think I got better because I'm not afraid to fall. Over time, I've managed the things in the race that can cause crashes. I read the track much better now."

Jordan trains off the bike with leg power exercises because she stands for most



Riley "MadRabbit" Jordan has emerged as an internationall touted BMX rider despite numerous past injuries from racing crashes. Jordan's resilience is evident (below) from roomful of trophies and winner's jerseys at home.



of her races throughout the race, but also includes arm power training to keep her on top of the bike. Jordan's bike is a price tag near \$4,000 with all the bells and whistles; hers being a carbon fiber frame for lightweightness and durability.

"We have training rollers, a detailed

plan for each day and a nutrition plan," said Jordan, who qualified for the Worlds with a finals win at Oldsmar. "The whole plan is designed to replicate my week at Worlds so I know what it feels like."

P.S. MadRabbit comes from her pet rabbit at the house.

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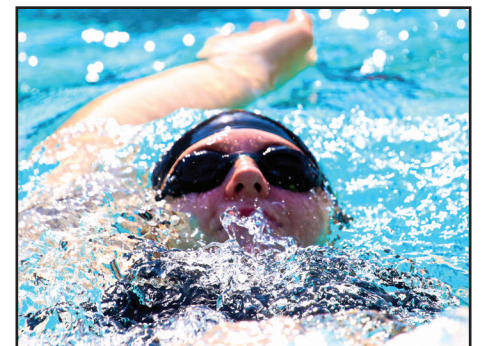
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### All State Class 2A Flag Football

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Fleming Island High's flag football team, with a state runnerup finish in Class 2A, has four players named to the Class 2A All State team, per FloridaHSFootball.com, led by senior quarterback Makayla Maddox, named as Athlete, and junior wide receiver London Jenkins, both first team offense. On defense, on second team, is junior rusher Gabi Musa, a linebacker and also a fullback, with senior defensive back Natlia Ramdas named to honorable mention on defense.



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# Swartz holds to win FSGA Junior title

By Florida State Golf Association

PALM BEACH – Fleming Island High School graduate golfer Colton Swartz and Arth Sinha raised the trophy on Saturday at the 69th Boys Junior Championship. The final round brought tough playing conditions for the competitors in the field at the 69th Boys Junior Championship. The morning started out with extreme heat and after several long weather delays, play finally restarted. Swartz, winner in the 16-18 boys group, and Sinha, a Hagerty High School junior, prevailed under not only tough physical conditions but also remained mentally sound to capture a well-deserved win in the 13-15 age group.

## (16-18) Division

Colton Swartz fired a five under par 66 at Mayacoo Lakes Country Club to hold the lead after the first round. Swartz fired the low round by five strokes over the competitors playing at Mayacoo Lakes Country Club and held a one stroke lead over the entire field. Jack Quinn sat in second place after firing a four under par 68 at PGA National.

Swartz extended his lead through round two after posting a two under 70 to sit at seven under par as a tournament total.

Swartz held a three shot lead over the field with Davis Downing (Windermere) sitting in second place at four under par. Downing fired a four under par 68 at PGA National in the second round to climb the leaderboard twelve spaces and into second place.

Swartz, ranked just 24th prior to the tournament, explained that he kept a good mentality throughout the first two rounds. “Just trying to stay in my own bubble and not let things get in my head – the key at Mayacoo Lakes is to keep it in play off the tee.”

The final round proved to be an interesting one. Rain delays made the challenge of Mayacoo Lake even harder, but Swartz prevailed with a wire-to-wire victory. Swartz bogeyed the first two holes while James Earle made an early charge. Earle birdied three out of his first four holes and then collected another birdie on hole number eight to climb move into second place. However, Swartz collected himself and picked up three birdies on the front nine to keep his lead heading into the final stretch.

Meanwhile, fifth ranked Parker Severs (Lakewood Ranch) made a charge climbing nine spots and into second place. In addition, Lee Poppell (Tallahassee Maclay) also made a back nine charge to share second place with Severs. But resilience was key



PHOTO COURTESY OF FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

Fleming Island High golfer Colton Swartz, left, gets trophy picture with fellow champion Arth Sinha, from Hagerty High School, after both players won their respective titles at the 69th Boys Junior Championships; 16-18 age group for Swartz, 13-15 age group for Sinha, in Palm Beach, Florida.

for Swartz as he kept extending his lead. After a double on the tenth hole, Swartz birdied the twelfth and then picked up two consecutive birdies on holes fifteen and sixteen to capture the win by six strokes. Swartz carded a one under par 70 in his final round to finish the tournament at eight under par.

Swartz could not be happier to be a Boys’ Junior Champion. He said, “The Boys’ Junior is one of the biggest tournaments with the FSGA, so to be able to win says a lot about my game right now and I just couldn’t be happier.”

Also in the tournament were Dylan Frein (FIHS) tied at 20th; Chase Carroll (MHS) tied at 28th; Emmet Kuhlenkamp (FIHS) tied 51st; Jaylen Abbas (FIHS) tied

57th and Matthew French (Bishop Snyder/OP) tied 88th.

In the girls Junior tournament, St. Johns Country Day School’s Addy Vogt finished tied at 34th.

In North Florida Junior Golf Action earlier this summer, Orange Park High’s Brock Buhnerkemper, an incoming senior, won the Dr. Gordon Ira Golf Classic in Hyde Park on June 14-15 in the Boys 13-18 age group and also in the Junior Players group with a second round 69 to finish four under par (140) to win by one stroke. Buhnerkemper also had finishes of seventh at the University of Florida Open (April 22), fifth at the Titleist Open at St. Johns GC (April 15-16) and 11th at the Palatka Junior Azalea March 4-5.



## Fleming Island golf goes world tournament

Three of the Fleming Island High girls golf team that finished at the Class 3A state championships this past season; Chloe Blanc, Cambry Hodges and Kalia Polete, here before competing in the Greater Jacksonville Junior Championships held Mon.-Tues., July 10-11 at Eagle Harbor Golf Club will be traveling to Pinehurst Golf Course in North Carolina to compete in the Teen World Championship Tournament July 27-29. Also scheduled to compete is St. Johns Country Day School’s Addy Vogt.

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Left: Womens' champion Maggie McCloskey won her second Freedom 5K womens title in a row with her 17th overall finish. The top three male finishers, above, were Julian Baustista, second; Troy Winkler, first, and Tyler Griffin, third. Bottom left, Hunter Chaney, 23, finished with a 70 pound pack while training for a Green Beret selection; late arriver Amy Bradshaw, from Winter Garden, still carrying her swag bag full of Freedom 5K goodies made it to the finish line a little behind the crowd; Keystone Heights Mayor Nina Rodenroth joined the festivities.

# Freedom 5K biggest ever

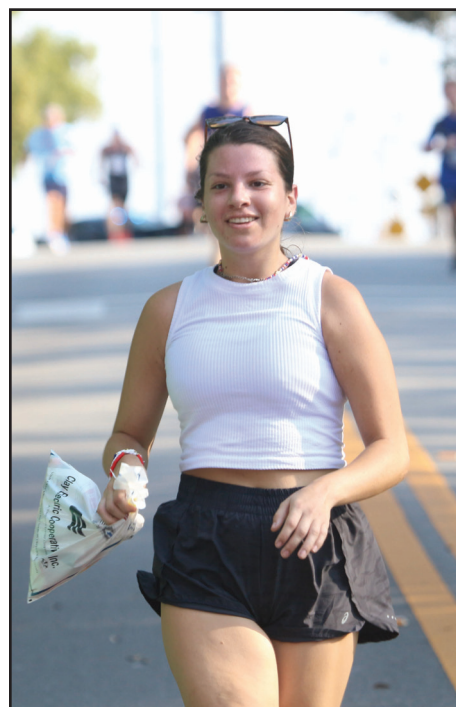
By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - With what seemed to be a renewed vigor to celebrate the July 4th celebration of America, Keystone Heights' Freedom 5K and festivities brought one of the biggest race crowds to the lakeside venue in recent history.

"This is the fourth year of the event and we had about 250 runners this year; our biggest race ever," said Kerry Cooper, race director and director of the Jordan Cooper Scholarship Foundation that the race benefits. "It's crazy that it has grown like this, but it is about tradition, honoring my niece Jordan Cooper and community."

Cooper noted that nine scholarships were awarded this season led by Keystone Heights High School standout athletes Bryar Schenck, a football and weightlifter, and Candace Jackson, a golf and track standout.

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## Brinkman

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cred to the highest level and, with a USA national championship meet coming up in Mission Viejo, California, a national title to add to her state awards is imminent.

Thus, with all the state accolade, Brinkman has been named a NISCA (National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association of America, INC) All American (Top 100 in USA) All American, according to a NISCA press release.

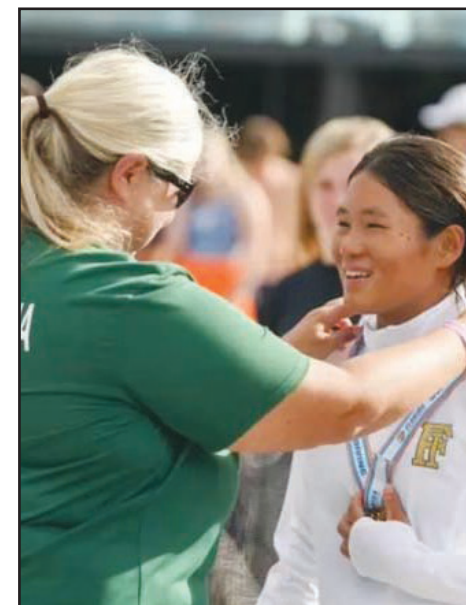
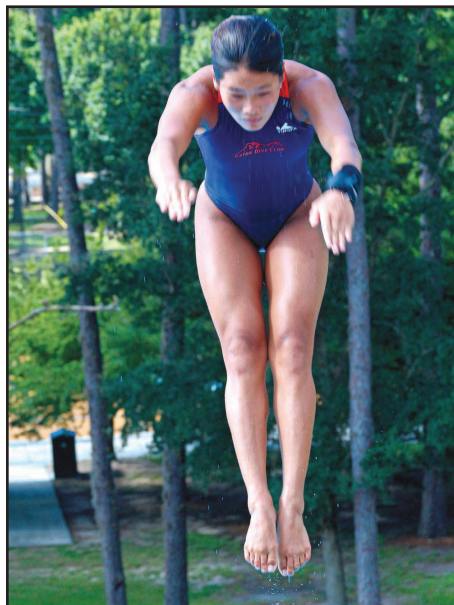
Brinkman is one of just four Florida divers on the list which includes Ava Anderson of Fort Lauderdale, a senior at Pine Crest School; Antonina Harned, a 4A state champion senior at Windermere High School, and Juliet Radich, a freshman at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale.

"I've competed this summer in regionals in Columbus, OH, then Zones in Cleveland to qualify for the national meet," said Brinkman. "I got second in platform in regions, and top 10 in zones. Top 10 goes to Nationals."

Brinkman qualified in the AAU Nationals in Orlando for a trip to Scotland to compete at the international level in the Scottish National and Open Championships, including the British National Diving Cup, in Edinburgh on Dec. 14-17.

"I won platform in Orlando to qualify for Scotland," said Brinkman. "That will be my first international meet and very exciting."

One diver who has attacked the international scene in the past was former Orange Park High state champion Melisa Moses,



Fleming Island High's first All-American diver, Ava Brinkman, displays her majestic style while getting congrats from Fleming Island High swim coach Sondra Santana after her state title last year.

now 51, and an area coach working with the University of North Florida. Moses was a springboard diving fourth place finisher in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics by less than two points and also a US National Champion in 1994-95 and a 1995 Pan American silver medalist in 1995.

"I have worked with Ava and she is such a smart athlete and a student of the sport," said Moses. "The journey into international competition is a matter of fine tuning every little detail of the dive from start to finish."

Moses commented that her fourth place finish in Atlanta, by a score of 509.64 to Canada's Annie Pelletier for third to

507.99 for Moses for fourth when asked if she could have done anything in her dives to better her finish said a simple toe flex could have swayed the judges. Fifth place was equally close with a 507.27 score.

"When people ask me that, I say I could have flexed my toes a little bit more to finish my entry into the water," said Moses. "It's funny, but that little piece of the dive is what the judges see last. I was within two points of third and just .72 points ahead of fifth with the silver medal at 512.19."

For Brinkman, ironically, who acknowledged and concurred with Moses that the physical training of bettering her diving

is important, but it truly is the little fine points of the dive.

"I'm going up against older, more experienced divers that have been subject to the judges nationally and internationally that see those little pieces of the dive," said Brinkman.

"It's funny, but a perfectly executed dive in the air and heading to the water relies on the position of my feet and toes at the end of the dive to not negate the beautiful work in the air. The toes are the last thing they see. Loosely flexed toes or feet separated can become a major deduction."

## Stilianou

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ago, and has recently taken the athletic director's job at St. Johns Country Day School.

"I would say it was a surprise the job came open, because I don't feel anyone saw John leaving the job," said Stilianou, married with two daughters; wife Amanda, Clay Virtual Academy Principal; Makayla, 26, and Alexis, 22. "That said, I enjoyed my role as assistant principal at Keystone, but I believe this is a great opportunity to help and support Clay County Athletic Directors and the numerous coaches and athletes. Besides my family, the things I'm passionate about the most would be students and sports - this job allows me to be around both."

Sgromolo takes over after the departure of Traci Livingston, who ran the Spartans powerful sports programs for 13 years.

"I had a wonderful 28 years at St. Johns Country Day School where I served as athletic director the past 13 years," said Livingston. "I have been blessed to have watched some of the best athletes in the state and nation. My experiences have given me a special bond that will always be very near and dear to my heart."

With his vast 16 year history at Clay High School, Stilianou jumped ship in 2020



John Stilianou put his wealth of athletic knowledge to work with a surprise district title for the Clay High girls basketball team.

and took over the Middleburg High athletic department and instilled the same winning ways on the Bronco sidelines as a "psuedo" football coach on the sidelines and the head coach for the flag football team that became an area powerhouse under Stilianou's tutelage.

Under Stilianou's directorship, Middleburg won its first ever team state title with the girls softball team, turned a football team around to a 5-5 team record under

first year head coach Ryan Wolfe and even had a first-ever wrestling state champion in Cheyenne Cruce on the girls wrestling team.

"My experiences at Clay High and Middleburg have played a significant role in shaping my mindset regarding athletics, which I will certainly use in my new role," said Stilianou. "I've been so fortunate and blessed to have principals that allowed me to be the true leader of the athletic pro-

grams at both Clay High and Middleburg."

One key to Stilianou's immense enthusiasm for sports in Clay County has been his ability to coach and coach alongside his very successful daughters; Makayla and Alexis, both multisport athletes at Clay High. "Certainly, having the opportunity to coach both of my daughters and later coach alongside Alexis has provided me with a special insight into the needs of athletes at the high school level," said Stilianou. "When making decisions, I always consider what I would want for my own daughters. As an athletic director, my focus is on creating a positive culture and student experience that athletes can look back on with great memories."

As a team builder on and off the field at both Clay and Middleburg as well as Keystone Heights, Stilianou liked the opportunity to take Clay County, already burgeoning with handfuls of state champions in multiple sports, to a next level.

"Clay County is a special place and the schools are great places to send your kids and certainly a great county for athletics," said Stilianou.

"Our county already has a strong foundation in athletics and has seen recent successes with state championships and Final Four appearances in various sports, the goal is to continuously improve and strive for excellence in all facets of the athletic programs."

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FIRST COAST EDITION



## YOU'RE INVITED

Join host and local storyteller, Al Letson, for an evening of performance and conversation with local artists about the indelible connection between their work and the place they live, the South.

## WHEN

Tuesday, July 25, 2023  
6PM - 8PM

## WHERE

WJCT Studios  
100 Festival Park Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

## FEATURED ARTISTS

- Valerie Esguerra, *Spoken word artist*
- Folk is People, *Musical artists*
- Erin Kenrick, *Visual artist*
- Dustin Harewood, *Visual artist*
- Roosevelt Watson III, *Visual artist*

## TICKETS

This event is free, but seating is limited and reservations are required. Reserve your seat today!

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## RELATED PROGRAMMING ON JAX PBS 7.1:

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Tuesdays starting July 18 at 9PM



Top and bottom left, former Fleming Island High baseball standout Billy Schopp got fish in a recent trip to Captiva Island while the Weeks couple; Christy Weeks on top right, and Mike Weeks on bottom shared a few flounders and Redfish (24 inches) on a recent trip near Sister's Creek.





CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

ANABELLE ISLAND 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 Anabelle Island Community Development District ("District") will hold the following two public hearings and a regular meeting as follows:

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2023  
 TIME: 2:00 PM  
 LOCATION: Plantation Oaks Amenity Center  
 845 Oakleaf Plantation 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 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:

Land Use	Total # of Units/Acres	ERU Factor	Proposed O&M Assessment (including collection costs / early payment discounts)
Single Family	79	1	\$800.00

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 that may be levied by the District in the future.

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 Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: (904) 940-5850 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

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

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

Marilee Giles, District Manager

RESOLUTION 2023-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ANABELLE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024; DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO FUND THE PROPOSED BUDGET PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 190, 170, AND/OR 197, FLORIDA STATUTES; SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS; ADDRESSING PUBLICATION; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Anabelle Island Community Development District ("District") prior to June 15, 2023, a proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2023/2024"); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to fund the administrative and operations services (together, "Services") set forth in the Proposed Budget by levy of special assessments pursuant to Chapters 190, 170, and/or 197, Florida Statutes ("Assessments"), as set forth in the preliminary assessment roll included within the Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that benefits would accrue to the properties within the District, as outlined within the Proposed Budget, in an amount equal to or in excess of the Assessments, and that such Assessments would be fairly and reasonably allocated as set forth in the Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Proposed Budget, including the Assessments, and desires to set the required public hearings thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ANABELLE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED. The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.

2. DECLARING ASSESSMENTS. Pursuant to Chapters 190, 170, and/or 197, Florida Statutes, the Assessments shall defray the cost of the Services in the total estimated amounts set forth in the Proposed Budget. The nature of, and plans and specifications for, the Services to be funded by the Assessments are described in the Proposed Budget and in the reports (if any) of the District Engineer, all of which are on file and available for public inspection at the "District's Office," Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092. The Assessments shall be levied within the District on all benefitted lots and lands, and shall be apportioned, all as described in the Proposed Budget and the preliminary assessment roll included therein. The preliminary assessment roll is also on file and available for public inspection at the District's Office. If levied pursuant to Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, the Assessments shall be paid in one more installments pursuant to a bill issued by the District in November of 2023, or, if levied pursuant to the Uniform Method as set forth in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, the Assessments shall be collected on the tax roll of Clay County, Florida, and paid as directed therein.

3. SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS. Pursuant to Chapters 170, 190, and 197, Florida Statutes, public hearings on the approved Proposed Budget and the Assessments are hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE: August 15, 2023  
 HOUR: 2:00 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Plantation Oaks Amenity Center  
 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway  
 Orange Park, Florida 32065

4. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL-PURPOSE GOVERNMENT. The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to Clay County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.

5. POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET. In accordance with Section 189.016, Florida Statutes, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 3, and to ensure the Proposed Budget remains on the website for at least 45 days.

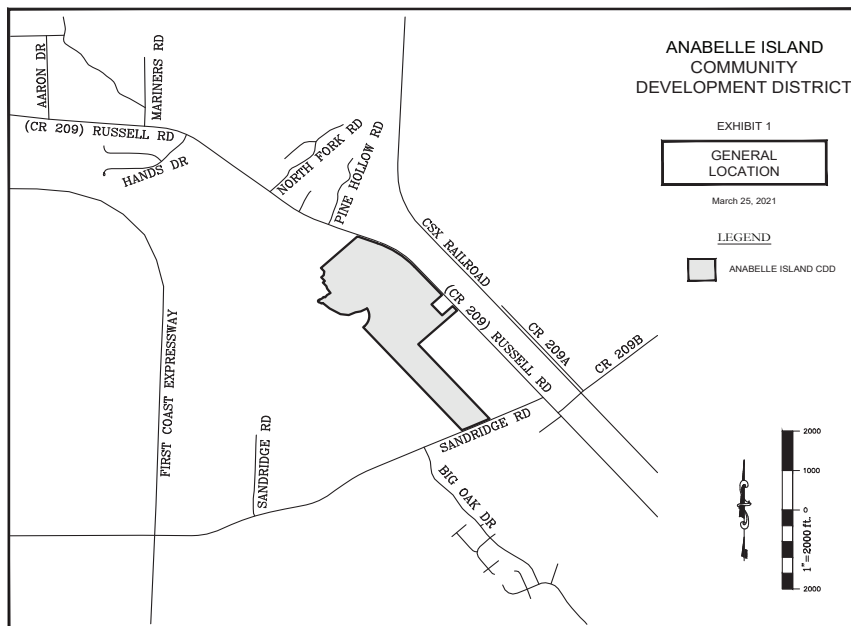
6. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE. Notice of the public hearings shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.

7. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:(SECRETARY); \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANABELLE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
 BY: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_



CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

**Clay County School Board Public Notice**

The Clay County School Board will hold a School Board Workshop on **Tuesday, July 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. or immediately following the conclusion of the Special Meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m.**, in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for the August 3, 2023 Regular Meeting. Additional items may be discussed. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to [bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net](mailto:bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net) or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at [www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net) or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testi-

mony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
**Legal 75763 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**Clay County School Board Public Notice**

The Clay County School Board will hold a Special Meeting on **Thursday, July 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the Corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, for the purpose of reviewing the Tentative Budget for 2023-2024 and approving advertisement of a Public Hearing on the proposed millage rates and the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget. Additional items may also be addressed. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to [bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net](mailto:bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net) or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at [www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net) or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with

respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
**Legal 75762 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

TowerCom, IV-B, LLC proposes to construct a 160-foot monopine telecommunication structure. The Site location is off Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Clay County, Florida (N30° 6' 49.8", W81° 50' 32.1"). This tower is anticipated to utilize FAA Style-E lighting.  
TowerCom, IV-B, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Anna-Marie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to [publicnotice@eca-usa.com](mailto:publicnotice@eca-usa.com). Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 405 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. In addition, any interested party may also

request further environmental review of the proposed action under the FCC's National Environmental Policy Act rules, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. This request must only raise environmental concerns and can be filed online using the FCC pleadings system at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) or mailed to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554 within 30 days of the date that notice of this proposed action is published on the FCC's website. Refer to File No. A1247938 when submitting the request and to view the specific information about the proposed action. 23-001895 DMG  
**Legal 75761 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY, 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.: 2595/2021**  
**Legal Description: PT OF TRACT 12 BLK 4 FLA FARM LAND CO AS REC O**

**R 781 PG 410 & 1863 PG 714 EX PT O R 966 PG 620 & 1228 PG 164**  
**Parcel ID No.: 390525-010181-002-27**  
**Opening Bid Amount: \$3,618.52**  
**Physical Address: 2376 PINE HOLLOW, GREEN COVE SPRINGS**  
**Classification: MOBILE HOME**  
**Name in which assessed: JOHN BUCHANAN (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 **23rd day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 10th day of July, 2023**  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 75760 Published 7/13/2023, 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023 and 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068 at date and time listed below.  
**CLAY COUNTY TOWING & RECOVERY AUCTION:** August 10, 2023 @ 10:00 AM 2018. FVSA. Vin# 4X4TSM28JA321770 Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
**Legal 75759 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO. 2019CA001144  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALICE T. OLDANO A/K/A ALICE THOMAS OLDANO, DECEASED, et al. Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **June 07, 2023**, and entered in 2019CA001144 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC is the Plaintiff and ALICE T. OLDANO A/K/A ALICE THOMAS OLDANO; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALEXANDER OLDANO, DECEASED; RONALD R. OLDANO; RICHARD A. OLDANO; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE HASEMAN, DECEASED; MICHAEL KLAIR HASEMAN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALICE T. OLDANO A/K/A ALICE THOMAS OLDANO, DECEASED; SUSAN O. SHANCEY; CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION OF THE GROVE, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 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](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com), at 10:00 AM, on **August 09, 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **THAT CERTAIN CONDOMINIUM PARCEL COMPOSED OF DWELLING UNIT NO. 19, IN THE GROVE CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM FILED FOR RECORD IN OFFICIAL RECORDS VOLUME 315, PAGE 215, OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THE UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN SAID DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM TO BE AN APPURTENANCE TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED UNIT.**  
**Property Address: 1238 THE GROVE RD UNIT 19, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073**  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 7th day of July, 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 [ctrltrp@coj.net](mailto:ctrltrp@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 im-

paired, call 711.  
**Legal 75758 Published 7/13/2023 and 7/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs. G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.  
2016 DODGE VIN # 2C3CDZBT-2GH101984  
Auction will be held at 9:00 AM 7/31/2023 at G & M Towing, Inc., located at 4995 Highway 17 S, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.  
**Legal 75757 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, August 3, 2023, for the following:  
**RFP NO. 2223-74, Broker and Consulting Services for Employee Benefits**  
Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, August 4, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline. The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL](https://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL). In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal.  
For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Jessica Buzzelli in the Purchasing Department by email: [purchasing@claycountygov.com](mailto:purchasing@claycountygov.com). Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for bids in any respect during the Request for Bid Period. The Request for Bid Period during which no contact may occur commences from the date of publication of the notice of a Request for Bids and ends upon a Bid Decision becoming final, i.e. after the notice of bid protest period of 72 hours has expired. However, in the event of a notice of protest, the no contact rule continues in place during the Protest Period and does not end until a resolution of the protest has occurred and become final. The following exceptions exist to the no-contact rule:  
a. Inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids;  
b. Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and  
c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.  
The Board reserves the right and power to reject any and all Bids without cause and to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the Request for Bids or submittal of any Bid, and in its discretion to re-advertise the Request for Bids. The Board reserves the right to award Bids, quotes, or Proposals which would be in the Best Interest of the County. Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy for both can be viewed at: <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/vendor-information>.  
A VENDOR OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, MAY NOT SUBMIT BIDS ON LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT BE AWARDED OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT UNDER A CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AND MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST.  
**Legal 75423 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 07/28/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 4360 CR 218 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.  
1GNCS13W4YK129461 2000 CHEV 1ZVB8AM6E5325277 2014 FORD 4T1BF3EK7AU063900 2010 TOY  
**Legal 75422 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**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)
Platted	1112	1.00/1.00	\$1,165.43
Unplatted	188	1.00/0.0	\$ 106.46

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.

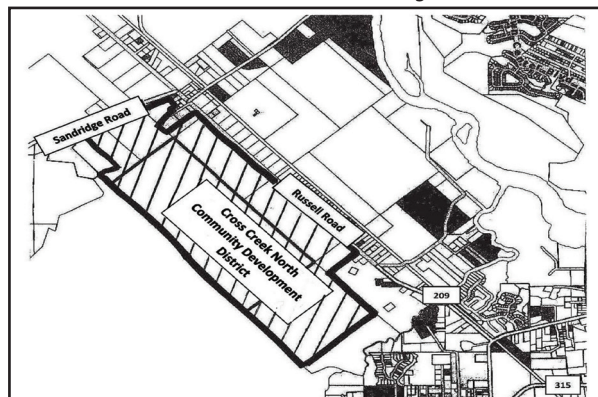
**Additional Provisions**

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



Leagl 74532 published July 6 and 13, 2023 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

## LIEN AUCTION

Sale Date: July 25, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.  
Location: 4225 CR 218, Middleburg, Florida  
Vehicle: 2012 HYUNDAI  
VIN# 5NPEC4AC4C4H28268  
**Legal 75416 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### Notice of Regular Meeting Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District

The Board of Supervisors of the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District will hold their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at the Splash Park, located at 1510 Calming Water Drive, Fleming Island, Florida.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for Community Development Districts. This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and location to be specified on the record at the meeting without further publication of notice.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained seven (7) days in advance of the meeting by accessing the District's website or by contacting the District Manager at Janice.Davis@inframark.com. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 800-955-8771 (TTY)/800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting is advised that person will 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.

Janice Eggleton Davis  
District Manager  
**Legal 75415 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE

ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE  
District Board of Trustees

• Repeal SJR State Board Rule 5.48 CO-VID-19 Face Covering Policy  
The District Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College will hold a public hearing for the following rule to be taken into consideration:

• Repeal SJR State Board Rule 5.48 CO-VID-19 Face Covering Policy  
The public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the**

**Board Room of the Administration Building at the Palatka Campus, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida.** Authority for the rules is found in Florida Statutes, Section 1001.64 (18). Estimated economic impact on all affected persons cannot be determined at this time.

Written comments may be submitted within 14 days of the date of this notice to: Dr. Gilbert Evans, Vice President for Legal Affairs/General Counsel  
St. Johns River State College  
5001 St. Johns Avenue  
Palatka, Florida 32177

Substantially affected persons may, within 14 days of the date of this notice, file an objection to this rulemaking with the agency. The objection shall specify the portions of the proposed rules to which the person objects and the specific reasons for the objection.

The full text of the proposed rules is available upon request.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the noticed meeting should contact the College at the following address at least five days before the date of the scheduled meeting: Charles Romer, Director of Human Resources, 386-312-4074 or charlesromer@sjrstate.edu. Persons with speech or hearing impairments should contact the College using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

**Legal 75414 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg, FL 32068 at date and time listed below.  
CLAY COUNTY TOWING AUCTION: August 7, 2023. @ 10:00 AM

2013 Chev. Vin # 2G1WG5E39D1146812  
2012. Dodge. Vin #. 2C3CDX-AG6CH240387  
2018 forest River. Vin#. 4X4TSM-28JA321770

Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

**Legal 75413 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO. 2021CA000973  
CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DEON DIAZ SCREEN AND LAMESIA J. SNEAD SCREEN, et al.  
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 05, 2022, and entered in 2021CA000973 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. is the Plaintiff and DEON DIAZ SCREEN; LAMESIA J. SNEAD SCREEN; OAKLEAF VILLAGE CENTER ASSOCIATION INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), at 10:00 AM, on August 4, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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

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

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 6 day of July, 2023.

Tara S. Green  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Jennifer Brosky  
As Deputy Clerk

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

**Legal 75412 Published 7/13/2023 and 7/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 10-2023-CP-000328  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
BERTHA E. WALKER,  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Bertha E. Walker, deceased, whose date of death was January 9, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is July 13, 2023.  
Attorney for Personal Representative: John H. Haswell  
Florida Bar No. 0162536  
Chandler, Lang, Haswell & Cole, P.A.  
P.O. Box 5877  
Gainesville, FL 32627-5877  
Email addresses: [chlpalaw@aol.com](mailto:chlpalaw@aol.com) and [barrieh@bellsouth.net](mailto:barrieh@bellsouth.net)

Personal Representative:  
**Kathleen R. Barrow**  
7065 Immokalee Road  
Keystone Heights, FL 32656  
**Legal 75286 Published 7/13/2023 and 7/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: ESTATE OF STEVEN M. MEALEY  
FILE NO: 2022-CP-687  
DIVISION: PRA  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Steven M. Mealey, deceased, whose date of death was August 31, 2022 and whose

social security number is XXX-XX-4610 is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave., Attn: Room 1049, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is July 13, 2023.  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
Mariela C. D' Alessio  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
D'Alessio Law, LLC  
6 North Park, Drive, Suite 108  
Hunt Valley, MD 21030  
[mariela@dlessio-law.com](mailto:mariela@dlessio-law.com)  
410-600-3721  
FL Bar #: 89523

Personal Representative:  
Michael J Mealey, Petitioner  
464 Sigsbee Court  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
**Legal 75285 Published 7/13/2023 and 7/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### PUBLIC AUCTION

On July 23, 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:  
3FAHP08198R271975  
2008  
FORD

**Legal 75284 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 08/05/2023 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.

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**Legal 75159 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2022CA000378  
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
PLAINTIFF,  
vs.  
CASEY GLYNN GANAS, ET AL.,  
DEFENDANT(S).

**TO: VERONICA IBBET GANAS**  
Last Known Address: 1744 MORNING-SIDE DR, MDLLEBURG, FL 32068  
3570 WATERFORD OAKS DR, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065  
606 PARK AVE APT 108, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073  
**Current Residence: UNKNOWN**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:  
**LOT 8, BLOCK 3, HERITAGE FARMS, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE(S) 49, 50, 51, 52, AND 53, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on MILLER, GEORGE & SUGGS, PLLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 210 N. University Drive, Suite 900, Coral Springs, FL 33071, within on or before a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the The Clay Today and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this

Court this 27th day of June, 2023.  
TARA S. GREEN  
As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Jennifer Brosky  
As Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 74912 Published 7/13/2023 and 7/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to consider the adoption of an ordinance bearing the following title: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING TABLES 1 AND 2 OF THE CLAY COUNTY FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to the ordinance. 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. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected by members of the public at the County Commission Offices, Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of legal holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to participate in this matter should contact Clay County Risk Management by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 278-4718, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Deaf and hard of hearing persons can reach 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 74909 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF INTENT

Pursuant to Section 121.055, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, gives notice of its intent to designate the position of Director of Personnel for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class of the Florida Retirement System, effective August 1, 2023.

DATED THIS 6th day of July, 2023.  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
**Legal 74903 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
2020CA000247  
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
THOMAS DALE TUCKER, JR.; JENNIFER NICOLE TUCKER; et al.,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on March 29, 2023 in Civil Case No. 2020CA000247, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC. is the Plaintiff, and THOMAS DALE TUCKER JR.; JENNIFER NICOLE TUCKER; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; VELOCITY INVESTMENTS, LLC.; UNKNOWN TENANT#1; UNKNOWN TENANT#2; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY: THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

1<sup>st</sup>he Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com) on July 26, 2023 at 10:00:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 19, BLOCK 1, SANDY HOLLOW, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE (S) 59 AND 60, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORI-**

**DA.** 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.  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on July 3, 2023.  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
Tara S. Green  
Gracie Moore  
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 for the circuit court system at [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**  
**Legal 74898 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 2018-CA-00557  
Division: E  
FIRST MORTGAGE STRATEGIES GROUP, INC, a Tennessee corporation  
Authorized to transact business in Florida,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

BILLY JOE GREENE a/k/a BILLY J. GREENE a/k/a BILLY GREENE, KAREN DENISE SHEETS a/k/a KAREN SHEETS, CHASE BANK USA, NA, FRANK ANDREA, SUMMIT VIEW PROPERTIES, LLC, STATE OF FLORIDA, UNKNOWN TENANT #1 and UNKNOWN TENANT #2,  
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 27, 2021, together with Order Granting Plaintiffs Motion to Reschedule and Set Mortgage Foreclosure Sale entered June 26, 2023 and entered in Case No. 2018-CA-00557 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein First Mortgage Strategies Group, Inc., is the Plaintiff and Billy Joe Greene a/k/a Billy J. Greene a/lda Billy Greene, Karen Denise Sheets a/k/a Karen Sheets, Chase Bank Usa, NA, Frank Andrea, Summit View Properties, LLC, State of Florida, Unknown Tenant #1 and Unknown Tenant #2, are the Defendants. Tara S. Green, as the Clerk of the Court of the Circuit Court, shall sell the property located in Clay County, Florida, described as:

**THE WEST 150 FEET OF THE SOUTH 300 FEET OF NORTH 300 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1650 FEET OF THE EAST 1320 OF WEST 4070 FEET OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING SHOWN AS LOT 6A ON A SURVEY OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, PROPOSED BY LOUIS H. MCKEE, DATED JUNE 14, 1998. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1997 NOBILITY 28' X 64' MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: N16452A AND N16452B AFFIXED THERETO.**

At public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash by ELECTRONIC SALE AT: [www.Clay.Real.Foreclose.com](http://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 from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens 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: Jaime 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

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 08/04/2023 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.  
4T1BF28BX3U319195 2003 TOYT  
1FMEU65E36UB59643 2006 FORD  
KNAFU4A2XA5078650 2010 KIA  
**Legal 74895 Published 7/13/2023 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  
By: Gracie Moore  
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**

### 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 33484, 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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### 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 FOL-

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 50.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 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°25'56" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 200.13 FEET; THENCE NORTH 36°29'25" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 234.94 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID WALBURG STREET; THENCE NORTH 53°30'35" EAST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WALBURG STREET, A DISTANCE OF 136.51 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the Law Office of C.W. Wickersham, Jr., P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, at 2720 Park Street, Suite 205, Jacksonville, Florida, 32205, Phone Number: (904) 389-6202, not less than 28 nor more than 60 days of the first date of publication of this Notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a Default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.**

DATED this 21st day of June, 2023.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Gracie Moore

As Deputy Clerk

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## 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](http://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

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## 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.:** 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

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](http://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 74530 Published 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023, 7/20/2023, and 7/27/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

**Certificate No.:** 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](http://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 RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Chapters 190 and 120, Florida Statutes, the Rolling Hills Community Development District (the "District") hereby gives notice of its intention to develop revised Suspension and Termination of Access Rule (the "Suspension and Termination Rules") related to the use of the District's recreational facilities.

The purpose and effect of the Suspension and Termination Rules is to provide for efficient and effective District operations of the District's amenity facilities at other properties by setting policies and regulations to implement the provisions of Section 190.035, Florida Statutes. Specific legal authority for the District to adopt the proposed Suspension and Termination Rules includes Sections 190.035(2), 190.011(5), 120.54 and 120.81, Florida Statutes. A public hearing will be conducted by the District on August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Rolling Hills Amenity Center, 3212 Bradley Creek Parkway, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.

Additional information regarding this public hearing may be obtained from the District's website [www.rollinghillscdd.com](http://www.rollinghillscdd.com) or by contacting the District Manager, Marilee Giles, at [mrgiles@gmsnt.com](mailto:mrgiles@gmsnt.com) or by calling (904) 940-5850.

A copy of the Suspension and Termination Rules may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092. Marilee Giles, District Manager, Rolling Hills Community Development District.  
**Legal 74380 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Rolling Hills Community Development District ("District") will hold a public hearing on August 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Rolling Hills Amenity Center, 3212 Bradley Creek Parkway, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2023/2024"). A regular board meeting of the District will also be held at that time where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. A copy of the agenda and Proposed Budget may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, (904) 940-5850 ("District Manager's Of-

ice"), during normal business hours, or by visiting the District's website at [www.rollinghillscdd.com](http://www.rollinghillscdd.com).

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

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a 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.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Marilee Giles

District Manager

**Legal 74379 Published 7/13/2023 and 7/20/2023 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](mailto:amy@kelleyandkelley.com)

[sean@kelleyandkelley.com](mailto:sean@kelleyandkelley.com)

[pleadings@kelleyandkelley.com](mailto:pleadings@kelleyandkelley.com)

Personal Representative:

Cynthia Obmasca

4115 Heatherbrook Place

Middleburg, FL 32068

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## 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:

Brittany 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**

## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

**THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.**

**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance.**

**Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**

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

QUICKEN LOANS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, 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, GRANTEES, 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.realforsale.com](http://www.clay.realforsale.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 9 day of June, 2023.

Tara S. Green

As Clerk of the Court

By: Gracie Moore

As Deputy Clerk

**IMPORTANT**

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

**Legal 74376 Published 7/6/2023 and 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## 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 8/28/22 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

Heritag 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**

## 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 the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is 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](mailto:maryc.cobb@gmail.com)

Personal Representative:

## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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 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 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 on Tuesday the 25th day of July, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 W Wools Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Williams, Briquelannique 665 Couch, Tire, Bedding, Clothes, Bags, Mini Fridge, Boxes, Suitcase, Hand Weights, Misc Items, Shmemecca Williams 542 Misc Furniture, Flat Screen TV, Patio Chairs, Totes, Mattress, Fan, Basket, Dining Room Table w Chairs, 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 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.clay.realtaxdeed.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 with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
 The date of first publication of this notice is 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**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, CASE NUMBER: 2023-CA-1068  
 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 ½ 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**

**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 Master 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 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.: 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 NESTIME  
 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 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**  
**TARA S . GREEN**  
 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, Felitioner/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**

**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 crlntpr@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 APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** DNA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 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.: 3691/2019**  
**Legal Description:** LOT 7 BLK 153 FELLOWSHIP PARK  
**Parcel ID No.:** 320526-021093-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,081.49  
**Physical Address:** OFF COUNTY ROAD 315 , GREEN COVE SPRINGS  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** CONSTANCE JENSEN  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 20th day of June, 2023**  
**TARA S .GREEN**  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 73119 Published 6/29/2023, 7/6/2023, 7/13/2023 and 7/20/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003 July 25, 2023, at 10:00am  
 Rachel Bland  
 Household Items  
 The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage treasures.com](http://www.storage treasures.com). Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.  
**Legal 72968 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:** 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.: 2961/2020**  
**Legal Description:** PT OF GOV LOT 9 AS REC O R 212 PG 298,564 PG 171,1821 PG 300 2482 PG 64, 2610 PG 2052, 2822 PG 1530, 2823 PG 516 & 3131 PG 309  
**Parcel ID No.:** 280526-014371-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$2,703.40  
**Physical Address:** 3159 DOTAN , GREEN COVE SPRINGS  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL W/SPECIAL FEATURES OR YARD ITEM  
**Name in which assessed:** MARY KACZMAR & IAN CASLETON  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 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**

**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.: 1756/2020**  
**Legal Description:** LOT 18 BLK 146 BLACK CREEK PARK UNIT 1 AS REC O R 1139 PG 520  
**Parcel ID No.:** 320524-006698-458-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$2,068.79  
**Physical Address:** 5333 CHICORY CIR ,

**MIDDLEBURG**  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** PAUL E FRAZIER, C/O JANE M ALEXANDER  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 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 PRCL 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 WILLETE  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **9th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 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 1, 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**

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-25-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR ±43.21 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT LEONARD C TAYLOR PARKWAY, IDENTIFIED AS TAX ID NUMBER 016451-003-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A", FROM MU, MIXED USE; TO IND, INDUSTRIAL, TO PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. ORDINANCE NO. O-26-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA REZONING ±43.21 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT LEONARD C TAYLOR PARKWAY, IDENTIFIED AS TAX ID NUMBER 016451-003-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A", FROM C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL, TO M-2, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinances: Planning & Zoning Board: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter City Council: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter City Council: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, they will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay - Dial 7-1-1. Said Ordinances are available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing. City of Green Cove Springs Lyndie Knowles, Development Services

Representative 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Steve Kennedy, City Manager Legal 75768 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinances: ORDINANCE NO. O-23-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR ±15 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 965 LEONARD C TAYLOR PARKWAY, IDENTIFIED AS TAX ID NUMBER 016451-000-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A", FROM MU, MIXED USE; TO IND, INDUSTRIAL, TO PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. ORDINANCE NO. O-24-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA REZONING ±15 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 965 LEONARD C TAYLOR PARKWAY, IDENTIFIED AS TAX ID NUMBER 016451-000-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A", FROM C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL, TO M-2, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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lay - Dial 7-1-1. Said Ordinances are available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing. City of Green Cove Springs Lyndie Knowles, Development Services Representative 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Steve Kennedy, City Manager Legal 75767 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its preparation of a draft NPDES permit to The Chemours Company FC LLC, Jody Science, Minerals Operations Director, P. O. Box 753, Starke, Florida 32091 for operation of the Chemours - Maxville Mine industrial wastewater facility. This draft permit authorizes the continued operation of a 4.0 MGD annual average daily flow (10.0 MGD maximum daily flow) industrial wastewater treatment facility, which consists of a minerals mining wastewater treatment system providing acidification with ferric chloride, sulfuric acid, aluminum sulfate, barium chloride, or ferric sulfate to a pH between 3.0 to 3.5 standard units for flocculation of colloidal material. The final treated wastewater/effluent is either discharged from the Outfall D-001 to Gum Branch (a Class III fresh waters) or from outfall D-002 to the New River Swamp (a Class III fresh water). This permit includes the existing intermittent discharge of 5.0 MGD (daily maximum) of the effluent from Outfall D-003 to North Fork Black Creek. This existing facility is located at 780 US Highway 301, Maxville, Florida, in Clay county at Latitude: 30° 9' 8.79" N and Longitude: 82° 2' 0.07" W. The Department has assigned permit file number FL0040274-014-IW3S to the proposed project. The permit application file and supporting data are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville,

Florida 32256-7577, at phone number (904)256-1700. NOTICE OF RIGHTS The Department intends to issue the permit unless as a result of public comment appropriate changes are made. Written Comments or Request for Public Meeting Any interested person may submit written comments on the Department's proposed permitting decision or may submit a written request for a public meeting to D. Anh Vo, P.E., 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7577, in accordance with Rule 62-620.555, F.A.C. The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the information set forth below and must be received in the Department's Northeast District Office. The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the following information: (a) The commenter's name, address, and telephone number; the applicant's name and address; the Department permit file number; and the county in which the project is proposed; (b) A statement of how and when notice of the Department's action or proposed action was received;

(c) A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision; (d) A statement of which rules or statutes require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and (e) If desired, a request that a public meeting be scheduled, including a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the meeting. If a public meeting is held, any person may submit oral or written statements and data at the public meeting on the Department's proposed action. As a result of significant public comment, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this draft permit. Time Period for Submitting Written Comments or Requesting a Public Meeting Comments submitted by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to notice under Rule 62-620.550, F.A.C., must be received within 30 days of publication of the public notice. Failure to submit comments or request a public meeting within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to submit comments or request a public meeting under Rule 62-620.555, F.A.C. If a public meeting is scheduled, the pub-

lic comment period is extended until the close of the public meeting. However, the Department may not always grant a request for a public meeting. Therefore, written comments should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice, even if a public meeting is requested. Legal 75886 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on July 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. 2011 Chev ID# 1G1PF5S90B7307287 1985 Honda ID# JH2MC130XFK000151 Legal 76049 Published 7/13/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper



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