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School District pulls 22 books from library

Review committee responds to man who filed 45 objections in July

By Don Coble
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FLEMING ISLAND – Children still will be able to check out “Arthur’s Birthday” and “Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stink-a-Lot” from their elementary school library.

But older students who want to read Stephen King’s “Apt Pupil,” “Carrie,” “It” and “Every Heart a Doorway” will have to

SEE BOOKS, 15



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Thousands served at Back to School Bash

Clay County Superintendent sits among nearly 2,000 bookbags stuffed into one of the District’s buses last Saturday at the Thrasher-Horne Center. See story on Page 17.



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

A powerline hangs four to five feet above ground along many areas on Nelson Drive South, across the street from Rob Bradley Park at Nelson Point. It is the responsibility of the Jacksonville Electrical Authority to make repairs. Resident Chad Dew said the overgrowth of trees, particularly ones that leaned toward his house, prompted him to spend \$2,000 to remove eight trees from the town-owned property. The Town pushed back by claiming Dew dumped the lumber into a creek which could have caused severe flooding in the area.

Resident forced to clean up town-owned land at Johnson Slough

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – While branches, logs and other debris in Johnson Slough and Dudley Branch create backlogs that prevent water from running freely at the neighborhood bordering Doctors Lake and Rob Bradley Park at Nelson Point, trees dangerously leaning towards one resident’s house created a more immediate concern.

He said it gave him no choice but to

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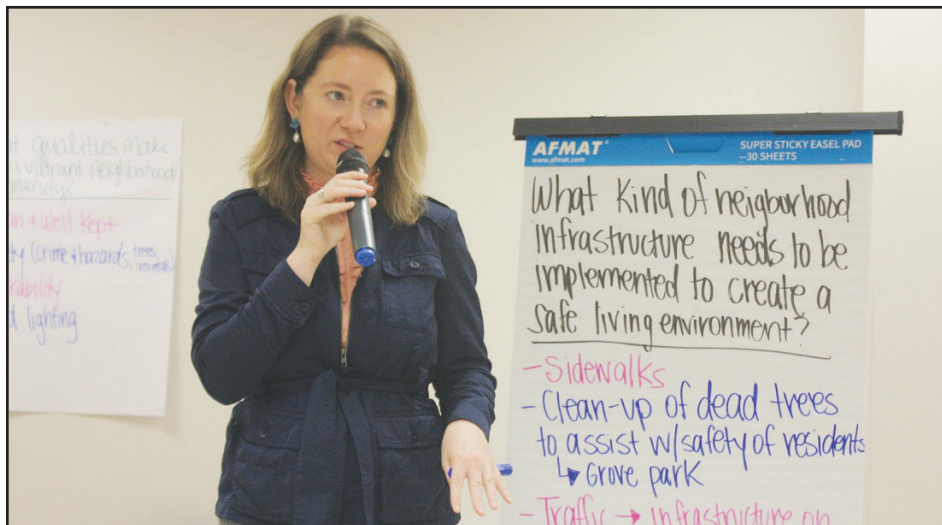


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Grants Manager Megan Mosley provided her thoughts on the recently approved Community Development Block Grant plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

Clay County celebrates four improvements from block grants

By Lee Wardlaw
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Grants Manager Megan Mosley expressed excitement about the Board of County Commissioners' recent decision to unanimously approve the Community Development Block Grant plan for the upcoming Fiscal Year on July 25 in a recent interview with Clay Today.

"We're looking forward to another year of the entailment funding. We learn more and more every year about how we can positively impact the communities here in Clay County," she said.

Commissioners voted to assign approximately \$1 million it received to four areas: infrastructure, housing rehabilitation, program administration and code enforcement.

During the process, which included five public meetings held throughout the county, residents identified numerous problems, voiced their opinions, asked questions and provided suggestions.

Funding sources were based on high-priority responses from residents during public comment, also available for email submission

"The information was based on public comment and ranked in (order) or highest (priority)," Mosley said.

The first portion of the funding, totaling 51% of grant monies (\$523,450), will be allocated towards public infrastructure, which will be employed to address some of the county's critical sidewalk and street issues.

Those improvements will be made at various areas, including Palmetto Street, Harrison Avenue, Woodside and Canis drives, Capella Road and Arora Boulevard.

The infrastructure improvements could be especially important for residents.

"What the board adopted will help connect residents to essential services like schools, grocery stores and pharmacies, anything important to residents for day-to-day life at its core. It's about making daily essentials accessible for residents," she said.

Roadways in low- and medium-income areas like Keystone Heights will be considered as the budget permits.

The second portion of the funding, totaling 34%, will be set aside for rehabilitating 10 houses, with a set maximum budget of \$35,000 each. This initiative covers roofing, electrical systems, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, accessibility modifications, health and sanitary issues, safety code violations, lead paint remediation, structural damage, including floor damage, termite treatment and tree removal.

Infrastructure such as failing septic systems and old wells could be replaced with connection fees, abandoning private wells and closing septic tanks.

Nine percent of funds (\$97,177) will be used for Program Administration to ensure the smooth implementation and oversight of the CDGB Plan.

An additional \$50,000 will be earmarked to enhance code enforcement efforts. The grant staff will submit the plan for review on Aug. 15, and the funding to be implemented on Oct. 1.

Mosley answered questions and addressed any potential concerns from officials before the motion was passed, 5-0.

The county will receive CDBG monies from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the third straight year, and another amount of undisclosed funding FY 2022-23 money from the CDBG that was left over from last year will also be utilized.

Village Improvement Association honored in Green Cove Springs

Women's organization has been part of community for 140 years

By Kyla Woodard
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The city council recognized the Village Improvement Association Federated Women's Club for 140 years of service to the community at Tuesday's meeting.

"It's [a] high honor in order to be able to have that documented ... it's documented and it's in our history. So, that's what makes it special," said Green Cove Springs Mayor Connie Butler.

The award recognizes VIA as pillars in the community who dedicate their time to serving the city and its people. The award came with an official proclamation signed by the mayor.

In the proclamation, the city raved over the organization's countless "efforts for social, educational work and beautification projects to benefit the unique quality of life enjoyed by present and future generations of Green Cove Springs."

VIA women were pleased to be honored for their hard work and service dedicated to the community.

VIA President Larianne Stutts said the city's acknowledgment is a big part of what keeps them going. She added that the recognition brings them personal joy and helps them get their name into the community further and lend a helping hand.

"The award for us means recognition. We love to feel like people are grateful for what we do, but it's more about being able to continue our service. Continuing the service is what the award means to us," Stutts said.

Founded in 1883 and known as the first Women's Club of Florida, the group

was led by then-president A.M. Rutledge, seeking to bring change to the city.

From opening the county's first library in 1888, to spearheading the creation of the first kindergarten and school cafeteria, the organization has left a lasting mark on the city.

During the recognition, Butler gave a heartfelt speech regarding her connection to the association.

Butler noted that, back in 1979, the VIA sponsored her with a \$2,000 scholarship after graduating from Clay High. Butler said the scholarship went towards completing her nursing course.

"Tonight was... special to me because it's their 140th and then I'm the mayor. And then, it kind of all ties in together," Butler said.

The mayor went on to add how the full circle moment created an opportunity for her to recognize what the organization did for her all those years ago, and give back to them in the way that they gave to her.

"It's kind of like you're planting a seed. And, then your seed grew up to be a tree. And, from that tree, I'm able to honor them," Butler said.

With the VIA still residing in its original building, Stutts said it remains the oldest building in Green Cove Springs that is still being used for its original purpose – to assist the community.

Stutts said she hopes the VIA will continue serving that purpose in the best way that it can.

"We just feel acknowledged. And, the more recognition we get, the more community service we can do," Stutts said.



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During Tuesday night's meeting, the Green Cove Springs City Council recognized the Village Improvement Association for serving the community for the past 140 years.

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Dr. W. Ralieg Thompson to retire after 59 years

Renowned physician worked at Orange Park Hospital since Day 1

By Kyla Woodard
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – From a young age, Dr. W. Raleigh Thompson Jr. knew that being at the front lines of care was his calling.

“It gave me an opportunity to take care of people. And, to take care of families,” Thompson said.

As a Family Care Specialist, Thompson has spent 59 years in family medicine and 57 years bringing care to families in Orange Park. Throughout his career, Thompson has worked to satisfy medical needs varying in gynecology, geriatrics and general medicine, delivering 300 babies during his long career.

But he will soon take off his white coat for good.

In October, Thompson will retire from his long-time position, leaving a lasting impact on the community. His genuine smile and acknowledgment that the patients he once appreciated will be a huge missing piece in the lives of many.

Born and reared in Jacksonville, Thompson spent the beginning of his life living along the St. Johns River. Growing up in the rural part of town, Thompson

attended Landon High. Thompson said he spent his free time raising farm animals, like pigs and chickens, and driving a milk tanker.

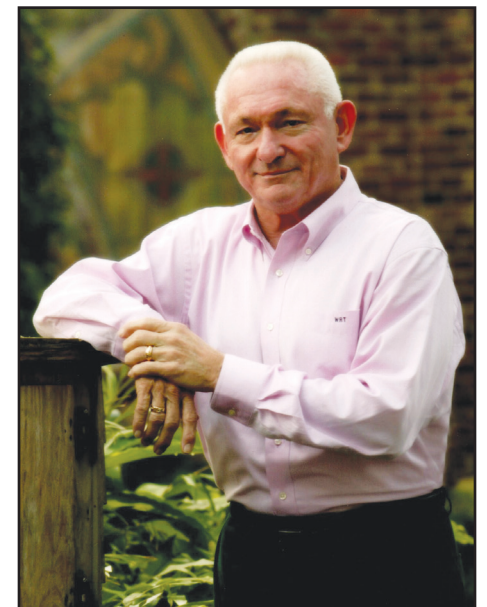
After finishing college at Emory University, Thompson enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the peak of the Cold War. For six years working as an officer and a navigator, the experience further shaped his need to help others.

“Of course, when you spend three years preparing to drop a nuclear bomb on your enemy, you think a lot about ... people. And, I think that was the prime drive,” Thompson said.

He continued his journey of helping others by enrolling in Emory’s School of Medicine. In 1966, after finishing his studies, Thompson returned to his hometown to intern at Duval Medical Center.

Thompson said he returned to Orange Park because of the small community and slightly rural atmosphere. From the oak trees hanging in the then-narrow roads to the quiet environment, Thompson said it seemed like the right place to practice saving lives.

And, with his return to Orange Park, significant changes came with it.



Dr. W. Ralieg Thompson was one of the first four doctors to treat patients at what’s now called HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital. After 59 years, he leaves a legacy that will live embraced for generations to come.

Opening his private medical practice in 1968, Park Medical Center became a place to receive general family care. With no advertising for the center’s opening, Thompson and his nurses provided care for 44 patients on the first day.

However, Thompson said there were no public hospitals in the area.

With the closest hospitals in Green Cove Springs and Jacksonville, he said it became necessary to find a better way to filter the heavy crowds of patients that flocked to the private center.

And with that, Thompson and three oth-

er doctors dedicated their time to making that happen.

“We were sending so many people to the Jacksonville hospital that we needed a hospital in Orange Park. So, Dr. Hinson Stephens, Dr. Tom Hardin and myself got together and started trying to put together a hospital,” he said.

From the ground up, Thompson, along with Dr. Hinson Stephens and Dr. Thomas Hardin, worked to oversee the establishment of the first hospital in the town.

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DREAM JOB

Use these helpful insights to finding dream job

By StatePoint Media.com

With one in four U.S. adults currently job seeking, it's a competitive market, but experts say that finding your dream job is within reach if you use smart strategies.

"A well-executed job search that combines powerful search tools and the right mindset will connect you with companies that value their employees and set them up to thrive," says Kristin Kelley, chief marketing officer of CareerBuilder.

As you get your job search underway, consider these five tips and insights from CareerBuilder

Define your dream job

Research shows that the goals and desires of job seekers vary by industry. However, whether you're an administrative assistant, a retail worker, or a software developer, it's important to define what matters to you in a job, as doing so will help you narrow your search. That means nailing down details like your salary requirements while also considering intangible factors, such as whether the work will allow you to make an impact and whether the company's values and culture align with yours.

Build a better resume

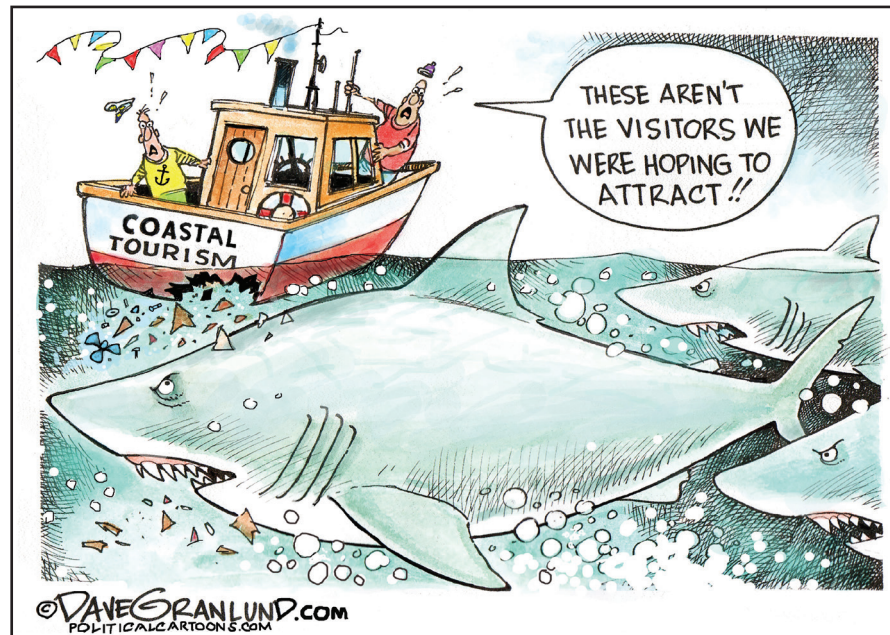
A resume is often the first connection between you and your next job, yet knowing its importance can make it feel daunting to create. To make a great impression with minimal effort, check out online tools like CareerBuilder's "Create Resume" feature. The platform allows you to create multiple variations of your resume that call out specific areas of expertise as they relate to particular roles. The site has already outlined the most important fields for you to fill in, making it easy to authentically highlight a mix of hard and soft skills that will get you noticed by top employers.

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OPINIONS



Let's look for common ground, even if we agree to disagree

By Don Coble
Editor

FLEMING ISLAND – There are three certainties in life: death, Donald Trump indictments and Taylor Swift recording another break-up song.

Unfortunately, there's a fourth thing we can't seem to escape – the lack of common ground.

The Oversight Committee for the Clay County District Schools Oversight Committee just finished pouring through a pile of paperwork submitted in July by one man who wanted 45 books removed from school libraries.

Nearly half of the books didn't comply with the obscenity guidelines of Florida Statute 847 and would have anyway. Bruce Friedman's objections sped up the process.

But some of Friedman's other complaints were curious. He wanted the cartoon book about a brown aardvark in "Arthur's Birthday" by Marc Brown pulled from shelves because it mentioned the Spin the Bottle game.

On the other side of the spectrum are those who oppose the state's ban on teaching gender identity to kindergarten through third-grade students.

One side wants a harmless mention of kissing taken out of schools; the other wants transgender studies and drag



Don Coble

"We have 100,000 different copies roughly in our media collections that have been procured over the years," Dailey said. "There are millions of pages. Are there things that are objectionable and under the new law? Absolutely."

queen story hours.

Let's be honest. Both sides are extreme and don't represent what most parents want their children to learn. And it's time we let both sides understand that.

"This becomes very subjective," said District Chief Academic Officer Roger Dailey. "We have to make sure I'm not superimposing my value system on your value system. We get pounded by both sides who don't understand the process. We follow a very strict interpretation of Florida law."

The District doesn't deny that since the new law was enacted, it has objectionable materials in its media centers. It also vowed to go page-by-page, if necessary, to ensure its reading materials conform with the law.

"We have 100,000 different copies roughly in our media collections that have been procured over the years," Dailey said. "There are millions of pages. Are there things that are objectionable and under the new law? Absolutely."

A kissing aardvark cartoon isn't one. We don't need schools to ban harmless cartoons. We also don't need gen-

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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.

Esoteric: (e-suh-ter-ick) an adjective that means a subject that's understood by a select few.

"There were only a few viewers to the presentation because the information was too esoteric for wide appeal."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2018

- The personnel file for District 1 School Board candidate Latanya Peterson shows she was terminated as a teacher in Duval County for having "problems with her license."
- Health officials sound the "all clear" signal after samples show there was no longer a threat of the West Nile Virus.
- U.S. Congressman Ted Yoho announces those registered with the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System will soon have a permanent home at the Doctors Inlet Center on College Drive.

10 years ago, 2013

- The property tax rate was set at 2.9821 mills in Green Cove Springs.
- U.S. Marshals captured Adrian Bernard Seward at the Jacksonville motel after he was charged with killing his wife in Oakleaf when she asked him to sign divorce papers.
- The Orange Park Town Council is considering spending \$50,000 to study the best way to spruce up the eastern end of Kingsley Avenue at River Road.

20 years ago, 2003

- The Clay County School Board makes final revisions to the attendance boundaries for Orange Park and Wilkerson junior highs.
- Two Clay County students – Melissa Antolik of Clay High and Christina Mills from Middleburg High – attend the Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentoring Summit.
- Brian Curtis Avery is charged with attempted murder after the Clay County Sheriff's Office accused him of pointing a

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Opinions ...

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Common

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studies – straight, gay, transexual or drag – taught to our youngest students who’d rather hang upside-down from the monkey bars than be a pawn for an adult’s political stunt.

District attorney J. Bruce Bickner said it best a year ago during a school board meeting when he told Bickner the District is committed to teaching children to think, not what to think.

Lost in the debate is the fact parents have control over what their children are taught. A parent can block a child from reading any book. According to Dailey, a plan has been on the books for more than a year. Only six families of the District’s 42,000 students have requested such restrictions. Six.

Friedman made national headlines last year when he attempted to read what he described as pornographic material he found in school libraries.

The school board muted his mic because the meeting was being live-streamed. The national media was ready to pounce and exaggerated the facts to suit their political slants.

Having been in the media business for half a century, I can tell you that doesn’t happen by mistake.

On the flip side are those who continue to call the state’s laws against teaching gender identity kindergarten-through-third grade students the “Don’t Say Gay” bill. That’s another political ploy, and it didn’t happen by mistake, either.

Lost in these misguided, if not delusional, beliefs on both sides are the children. According to the National Children’s Book and Literacy Alliance, only 35% of fourth graders are currently reading at or above grade level, and only 36% of eighth graders are reading at level.

That’s why we need to get back to educating our children, not making them the expendable tools of someone’s discontent.

As parents, we should be very involved with our children’s education.

There’s no greater assurance our children will learn than when we encourage and are engaged in their progress. It’s up to us, not outsiders, to decide the best course for our children’s future.

Growing up and learning is difficult enough, especially when children are subjected to extremist whims. So let them listen to Taylor Swift songs, read the Arthur series and learn without the commotion.

- The Clay County Department of Environmental Services conducted a survey to see what businesses actively recycle.

- 40 years ago, 1983
 - Nine people, including seven juveniles, were charged with shoplifting from several stories, including the Orange Park Mall.
 - The Orange Park Town Council passed an ordinance that prohibits anyone from soliciting or panhandling at any event on busy intersections.
 - Chief State Assistant Attorney Ralph Green resigns after being accused of getting preferential treatment for friends in criminal cases.

terms of employment suit you. Before signing a contract, check such details as compensation, start date, the company’s leave policy, professional development opportunities, perks and benefits, as well as items that could impact you in the future, like non-disclosure agreements. If you plan to negotiate, decide whether you’ll take the job if the employer doesn’t modify the contract. Stay courteous and professional throughout the process.

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Landing a dream job can be a labor-intensive process. However, leaning on new tools and tech to do some groundwork for you can help ensure you start your new position with purpose and energy.

History

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gun at Jason Daniel Hall.

30 years ago, 1993

- The Clay County School Board decided to build a new elementary school in Keystone Heights instead of Fleming Island after residents from Keystone Heights attended the meeting.
- Lt. Col. Thomas Scott and Connie Lynn Hogrefe of Melbourne become the parents of the first set of triplets born at the Orange Park Medical Center in 15 years and just the second set in the hospital’s history.

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reer advice and tips make it an invaluable one-stop site for job seekers.

Prepare for interviews

Answering common interview questions and practicing with a spouse or friend can help you feel competent and confident when the real interview rolls around. For behavioral questions, CareerBuilder recommends using the STAR method, in which you describe the Situation, Task, Action and Result to explain how you would act in specific work situations.

Check the terms

A dream job is only a dream job if the

National Night Out GCSPD, community celebrate National Night Out

By Lee Wardlaw
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The police department hosted their rendition of National Night Out. The annual community-building event held in thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide that usually takes place during the first Tuesday of August.

The goal of the event is to promote police-community partnerships, enhancing the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, all while fostering a true sense of community. It’s an excellent opportunity for law enforcement to connect with their neighbors.

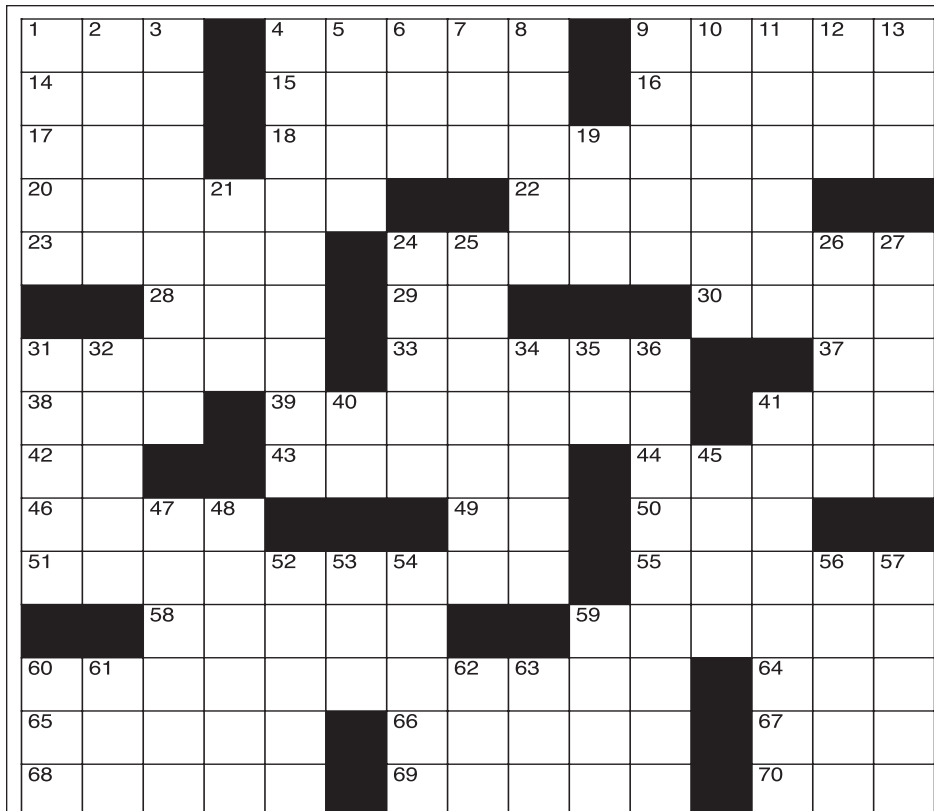


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National Night Out was packed with residents and their children seeking to build a bond with the officers of the city’s police department. A Hula Hoop competition involving officers, parents and children was one of the popular events at the Thomas Hogan Gym.

“It’s basically an opportunity for law enforcement to get out into the community and have an event to where it’s just fun.

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- Midway between east and southeast
 - At right angles to a ship’s length
 - William Penn’s business partner
 - ___ de plume
 - Accomplished soccer coach
 - Bone cavities
 - ___ juris: independent
 - Popular Philly sandwich
 - Northern Ireland county
 - Performing artist
 - S S S
 - Lacks flavor
 - Commercials
 - Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
 - Qatar’s capital
 - Indigenous peoples of Alberta
 - Popular footwear
 - Indicates position
 - Anglican cathedral
 - Aircraft part
 - Before
 - Blood group
 - Secretary organ
 - Fencing swords
 - The small projection of a mammary gland
 - Technological advancement
 - Male parent
 - Dissociable
 - More cold
 - Cape Verde Islands capital
 - Blood disorder
 - Creative
 - Sun up in New York
 - Made angry
 - Relieves
 - Brooklyn hoopster
 - Seasonsings
 - Movable barriers
 - Attempt
 - Occur as a result of
 - Spiritual essences
 - Representative
 - Entering
 - Nobel Prize-winning physicist
 - Midway between northeast and east
 - Consumed
 - Tablelands
 - Kids’ craft accessory
 - Not known
 - Sound directed through two or more speakers
 - A major division of geological time
 - Wild ox
 - Shock treatment
 - Turner and Lasso are two
 - Genus of flowering plants
 - Relating to ductless glands
 - Stock certificate
 - Satisfies
 - Places to enjoy a rest
 - Edward ___, author and writer
 - “___ but goodie”
 - One hundredth of a liter
 - Shabbiness
 - TV personality Roker
 - Triangular upper part of a building
 - Speed at which you move
 - Offend
 - A reference point to shoot at
 - Forays
 - Biblical city
 - Blatted
 - Northern sea duck
 - Shabby (slang)
 - Allege
 - Tax collector
 - Whereabouts unknown
 - Chinese philosophical principle
 - Indicates equal

Land

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hire a tree surgeon.

The trees on the town-owned property at Johnson Slough, the toe line of his property, pool and home, are on Nelson Drive.

"I didn't want to break wetlands laws, but these trees will fall and kill my kids," Chad Dew said.

It's an area where some trees, deemed as "widow makers" by Dew and Tyler Jacquin, a longtime resident, could present danger to nearby houses.

Dew said he had no other choice but to have the trees removed.

He said one tree already fell over on his neighbor's property and dangerously fell next to his neighbor's house while a limb hit the house. He pitched in to help by fixing her decking and shingles.

Dew said he spent \$2,000 to pay for the town's property repairs.

Town Manager Sarah Campbell said Public Works removed one tree leaning over his pool because they were concerned about it.

"They cut the tops of the limbs off, and they didn't come back after that," he said.

The town got frustrated with Dew after he dropped the logs in the creek. According to Campbell, a Town Public Works crew had to return to retrieve the logs jammed in the ditch.

Dew said the town needs to spend more time in the area.



"They definitely need to do something out here and spend a little more time. I did (most) of the work myself," he said.

Orange Park said it is trying its best in the flood-prone area and that some portions of the low-lying swampland are hard or nearly impossible to reach. A new \$7 million grant will address culverts at four locations.

The Public Works' Stormwater Program only has three full-time employees and is tasked with several other duties.

In an area inhabited by woodpeckers, turtles, otters, beavers, birds and fish, trash is another concern.

The creek's water flow is based on tides, which can bring in old debris and beer cans. It could happen at any time.

"My boys and I pick up trash every day. We go walking, and there is tons and tons of trash out there, old bottles and (other items)," Dew said.

Dew said he rarely got a return phone call in the past seven months, but Campbell had a different perspective.

"Mr. Dew's situation is complicated. He has come here to see me before. I've called and emailed him and have not heard back from him. We've had some ongoing frustrations with (Dew)," she said.

She said the resident also has multiple code violations, like putting up a fence and chopping down trees without a permit.

According to Town Public Works Director Kyle Croce, his decision to float the logs down the creek created even more blockage that negatively affected the waterway.

"Cutting down the trees and leaving the debris (in the creek) that we can't get to creates a huge problem. It causes flooding, and the biggest thing that flows down in a certain location stops up the water and actually gives beavers material to build their dams. It stops the water," he said.

But Dew maintains his position, saying the leaning trees posed a safety issue.

"I'm the one that cleared this out and made this better," he said.

On nearby Nelson Drive South, another problem exists – an electrical line that leans approximately five feet off the ground across the street from Rob Bradley Park.

"It's very easily touchable by a child," said Bridgett Dew.

The power line is the responsibility of the Jacksonville Electric Authority, Campbell said.

Jacquin, a resident who loves the area, is concerned with trees at Johnson Slough, which is a bird sanctuary, he said.

"It's a bird sanctuary. Let's get rid of these diseased trees so they don't spread to the other ones and don't kill people from falling. If you walk through the area, on your fingers and toes, you can count how many trees are dead and are full of holes. There's plenty of work and resources. There's no excuse for this. Why is this not done? It's such a nice area, but particular aspects need to be fixed," Jacquin said.

The town has been acquiring properties on Dudley Branch and Johnson Slough since 2020, which were privately owned.

"In 2020, we started our acquisitions, and we bought a couple of parcels every year," Campbell said.

She said that Orange Park has acquired eight to 10 parcels on both Dudley Branch and Johnson Slough.

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Sandridge Road re-opened at Henley Road

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LAKE ASBURY – After two months of frustrating delays and detours, Sandridge Road was re-opened last Sunday night at 11 at Henley Road, ending one of the worst traffic headaches for residents. Construction crews spent two months widening Sandridge from Henley to Lake Asbury Elementary to three lanes and adding a median. Barricades at Eagle Haven Drive and Jubilee Lane at Sandridge also were taken down. The re-opening couldn't come soon enough for thousands of residents along Sandridge who had to drive as many as 27 miles roundtrip in what now takes a minute. With traffic moving again, the crews started work on additional expansion on Sandridge from the elementary school to Russell Baptist Church. But unlike the closure at Henley Road, there are no planned shutdowns for that project.



Our ribbon cutting ceremony at our new expanded location is scheduled for August 10, at 11:30 am.

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We can be reached for tours and conference at 904 276 3339.



Community Briefs

Editors note: There were no obituaries submitted this week.

Book sale coming to Middleburg/Clay Hill Library

MIDDLEBURG – Friends of the Middleburg/Clay Hill Library will host a four-day book sale through Aug. 5 at 2245 Aster Ave. The public can shop on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members can fill their “Friends” book bag on the final day for \$5.

The organization will only accept cash and checks. The club will accept books in good condition. All proceeds will benefit the library. For more information, call (904) 502-2605.

Active After 50 Expo to return to Thrasher-Horne on Aug. 12

ORANGE PARK – The Active After 50 Group, the largest producer of expos for consumers 50-plus years of age in Northeast Florida, announces the fifth Annual Active After 50 Expo will be at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Aug. 12. If you wish to remain healthy and active, you won't miss the Active After 50 Expo, a Lifestyle, Health and Active Aging event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 283 College Dr. Presented by Millennium Physician Group in association with Active After 50 Online, the event is FREE to all who attend. Clay County Gen Xers, Baby Boomers, Seniors, Caregivers, family members and professionals who serve the Baby Boomer and Senior community are encouraged to attend. More than 50 vendors will be on hand. Attendees will enjoy a diverse range of exhibitors, fitness and nutrition tips, live music, free health screenings, Pickleball, Dance, Yoga Demos, job and volunteer opportunities and a free raffle with lots of door prizes. The generation gap is dwindling; boomers are rapidly becoming seniors and options for seniors have changed considerably. “Seniors are living longer and healthier lives. It is so important to remain active,” said Sara Malone, event director of the Active After 50 Expo.

Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Curt Towne Band add second night at St. Augustine Amphitheatre

ST. AUGUSTINE – Part of Lynyrd Skynyrd's 50th-anniversary tour will include a show on Oct. 5 and 6 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. The Curt Towne Band will join the legendary band. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show will start at 7:30 p.m.

Only a few tickets remain for the Oct. 6 show, prompting the promoter and bands to add a second one on Oct. 5.

Tickets are available at the venue at 1340C A1A South or ticketmaster.com and vary between \$65 and \$170.50.

New law erases databank of former mail-in requests

CLAY COUNTY – Did you request a Vote by Mail ballot in 2022? Then you may have received an email from the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office.

Last week, two emails were sent to approximately 18,600 voters who previously voted a Vote by Mail ballot in 2022, but don't presently have a request on file. A recent change in Florida law caused all Vote by Mail ballot requests to expire on Dec. 31. Moving forward, a voter will have to make a new request to Vote by Mail for each election cycle. The new legislation means the Elections Office is starting from zero. Only a fraction of those who Voted by Mail in last year's election have renewed their requests. Of the 36,780 Clay County voters who requested a mail ballot for the 2022 General Election, less than 6,000 voters have ordered mail ballots for 2024.

While the next election, the Presidential Preference Primary, isn't until March 19, Supervisor Chris H. Chambless encourages voters to be proactive. A request for a Vote by Mail ballot doesn't mean a voter must use it. If they haven't already voted their mail ballot, they may vote in person.

In the past, voters only needed to check a box on the Vote by Mail envelope to keep receiving mail ballots. While that's no longer an option, requesting a Vote by Mail ballot is still simple. Voters will need to provide either their Florida driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number when they request in per-

son, over the phone, through email, online at ClayElections.gov or by scanning the QR code. Note that you cannot use the online portal if your information is protected. Instead, you will need to request by phone, in writing, or via email, providing your name, address, driver's license and/or last four digits of your Social Security number.

Beyond King Tut: The Immersive Experience extended through Oct. 22

JACKSONVILLE – Due to popular demand, Beyond King Tut: The Immersive Experience, a one-of-a-kind exhibition developed in partnership with the National Geographic Society and produced by Paquin Entertainment Group, has extended its run at the NoCo Center for an additional seven weeks through Oct. 22.

The multi-gallery, multi-sensory exhibition is a magnificent, time-traveling adventure that makes guests feel as if they are actually in Ancient Egypt. With nine galleries to explore, Beyond King Tut: The Immersive Experience takes visitors on an epic journey through King Tut's life – his rule as a child pharaoh, his family, the discovery of his tomb and the mysteries surrounding his early death and his journey to the afterlife.

This extension follows a recently announced ticket program targeted for sixth-grade students, which will extend through the new dates. Through Oct. 22, Beyond King Tut is welcoming sixth-grade students to the exhibition free of charge when visiting with a paid adult admission.

The NoCo Center is located at 712 N. Hogan St.

County looking for tourism council marketing manager

CLAY COUNTY – The county is accepting applications for Marketing Manager of

Tourism. The manager will organize communication, marketing materials and campaigns for various tourist development and sports initiatives by specified county marketing objectives. Creative projects may include but are not limited to print, digital, web, email, video production, signage, apps, content development and other creative outlets. The manager will create original and modern marketing material(s) to invite visitors to Clay County, encouraging them to bring tourist dollars to the county while complying with state, county and Tourist Development Council (TDC) standards. For a complete job description and requirements, visit governmentjobs.com/careers/claycounty.

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, steps away from the pharmacy and will be available 24 hours a day. “When you call in a refill or activate new prescription, you can select the ScriptCenter for pick up,” said Lt. Cmdr. Jose Pulido, Pharmacy department head. “Even if you have someone pick up the script, the machine will take a photo to show who picked up medication. The only limitation on the new machines are on prescriptions that need to be refrigerated.”

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Sheriffs Association, State Farm work to improve teen driving

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The Florida Sheriffs Association is pleased to announce that State Farm has generously granted \$50,000 to the Teen Driver Challenge, an educational course that trains teenage drivers. This program has contributed to protecting Florida's teen drivers and everyone else on the roadway.

State Farm has granted the program a total of \$910,000 since 2011.

"We are so thankful for State Farm's support that has been instrumental in keeping this program completely free for Florida's teen drivers over the past 12 years," said FSA President and Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis. "We look forward to maintaining this partnership to keep our roads safe and educate our youngest drivers about the dangers of speeding, driving under the influence and distracted driving."

At the request of the Florida Sheriffs, the Teen Driver Challenge was created in 2007 to lower the high crash and fatality rate of young drivers. It's the largest commercial driving school in Florida and is offered to teens at no charge. The program's cost is covered by grants from State Farm and contributions from local sheriff's offices. Under the Florida Sheriffs Association's State of Florida Commercial Driving



New drivers are encouraged to register for the Teen Driver Challenge.

School License, instructors are certified law enforcement officers with accreditations from the State of Florida Division of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The program is currently available in more than 42 counties, including Clay.

"Instilling safe driving habits early on is crucial, and this program is a wonderful opportunity to do just that," said Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook. "By provid-

ing our young drivers with the foundational knowledge and understanding of vehicle dynamics, we can contribute to a safer driving culture in our community for years to come."

Statistics support the importance of the Teen Driver Challenge. According to the Center for Disease Control, teens are involved in three times as many fatality crashes as other drivers. Vehicle acci-



For more information and help to register for the Teen Driver Challenge, visit www.flsheriffs.org/law-enforcement-programs/our-programs/take-the-teen-driver-challenge.

dents are the leading cause of these fatal crashes. The Teen Driver Challenge aims to lower this rate by empowering teens with safe driving knowledge and practices. More than 2,000 students complete the challenge in Florida each year.

"State Farm strongly supports efforts that increase teen driver safety in our communities," said Jose Soto, State Farm Corporate Responsibility Analyst. "Each student who enrolls in the Teen Driver Challenge Program will learn and benefit from the special knowledge and skills of these trained, certified law enforcement instructors."

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Town still wrestling with naming, control of Bradley Park

Former Florida Senator said controversy is 'very upsetting' to family

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – The Town continued to wrestle with some residents about Rob Bradley Park at Nelson Point, which focuses on two key issues: how the park got its name and whether Orange Park or the county should control it.

An email correspondence dated June 23 from former state Sen. Rob Bradley to Pat Meeks, former part-owner of the pristine, 10-acre waterfront property, and husband Gary Meeks, former Orange Park mayor, paints a larger picture.

Several years ago, Bradley said he received a phone call "out of the blue," where he was told that the park would be named after him. He and his family were proud.

"As a fifth-generation Clay County resident, it meant so much to my family," he said.

Bradley said when all five town council members joined County Commissioners for a resolution naming the park, it was his crowning achievement, especially considering his legislative career, where environmental issues were a primary focus.

"It was like a dream. My Dad, who taught me to love the land and the environment, was beaming that day. It was the perfect capstone to my time in public service," he said.

The park opening ceremony, where he was accompanied by many old friends and family, which included the Meekses, was a special day for Bradley. Soon, that sunshine event was surrounded by dark clouds.

"We all spoke with excitement and warmth toward the community and one another. Then something changed. And I don't know what happened. My family's name is now disparaged periodically because of the park," he said.

Bradley said he's not sure what he did wrong.

"If I had committed a crime or something that would cause the community to consider taking off the family name, I would understand. But nothing like that



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

The roof and overall conditions for the park's restroom is a primary focus for the Orange Park Town Council, but a saving grace could be a possible \$200,000 grant from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, according to Town Manager Sarah Campbell. Meanwhile, residents continue to argue whether the park should be named after former Florida Sen. Rob Bradley or former Mayor Gary Meeks and his wife, Pat.



has happened. Therefore, we are left with a continuing attempt to tear down my family's name and reputation in order to convince people that naming was unjustified in the first place. It's not right," he said.

The senator closed the letter with a

plea to the Meeks.

"I've known you both for years. If I've done something to offend you since we exchanged the (late) warm emails below, where you both congratulated me on the park naming, please let me know. Let's

get coffee to discuss it! If not, please ask this to stop. You both have the power to do this," he said.

Bradley said he's used to pushback, but this issue hurts his family.

"My family never got used to it, which is very upsetting. It's just not right," he said.

Meeks said she received the email after receiving medical treatment, which surprised her.

She offered a different perspective. "I would like to share the other side of this coin," Meeks said.

Meeks said she and her family sometimes regret taking the property since there were two other offers on the table.

"We elected to go this route even though we sold for substantially less than the other offers and still had to donate (\$250,000) back to the state at the time of the closing, but did so since because it was our parents' dream," she said.

Ever since the naming of the park, Meeks said residents often stop at the grocery store, church, town events and other public places, who ask what her family did wrong to cause the park not to be named after her parents, especially considering the significant legacy that they carried in the Town since moving to the property in 1948.


Financial donations for events, volunteer work and hot meals are just the beginning of a long list of contributions made by her parents, who helped start the Town Skate Park, Boy Scout Troop 25 and more.

"I am asked, 'Why did the County Commissioners get to name the park when it is a town park, and the county provides no funding to establishing it or maintaining it?'" she asked.

"I tell them that it was named after you because you were one of the ones responsible for the funding of the purchase," Meeks wrote to Bradley.

Meeks said while she and the former mayor don't still live in the Town, their hearts are still entrenched in Orange Park. Meanwhile, the former state senator had

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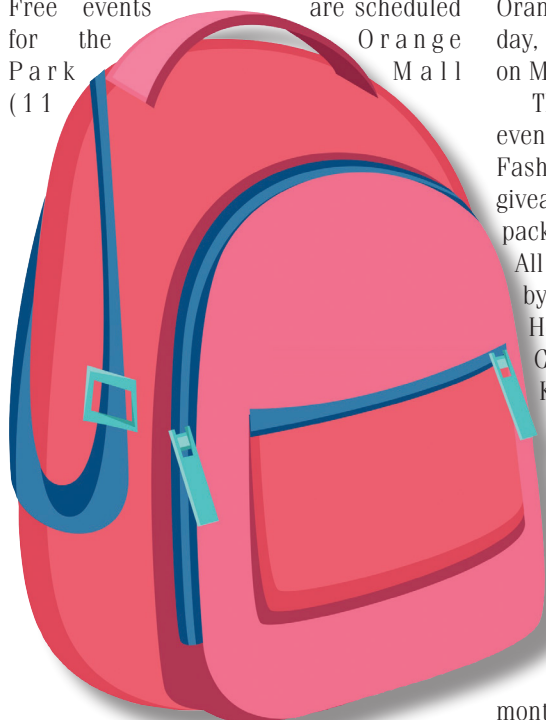
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More free back-to-school events scheduled this weekend

Backpack giveaways will be at Melrose, Orange Park, Middleburg, Fleming Island

By Don Coble
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CLAY COUNTY – If you didn't get a chance to pick up a free backpack filled with school supplies last week – and more than 3,000 of you did – don't worry. You'll have several major events this weekend to prepare for Thursday's first day of school. Free events are scheduled for the Orange Park Mall (11



a.m. to 2 p.m.), Middleburg Civic Association (9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.), Faith Presbyterian Church in Melrose (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.), The Spring Church in Orange Park (9 a.m. to noon), Fleming Island United Methodist Church (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.), O2B Kids on Fleming Island (9 a.m. to noon) and Clay County Ministerial Alliance in Orange Park (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) on Saturday, and the Middleburg/Clay Hill Library on Monday (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

The Orange Park Mall's back-to-school event will feature Dillard's Back-to-School Fashion Show. It also includes a backpack giveaway at 11:30 p.m. Items for the backpacks were 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.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office coordinated with the Clay Education Foundation to collect back-to-school supplies that the Middleburg Civic Association will distribute from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2102 Palmetto St.

The agency collected items last month at its main headquarters in Green Cove Springs, substations in Middleburg and Orange Park and the Keystone Heights City Hall.

The event includes school supplies, school and sports physicals and eye exams.

The event at The Springs Church will be at 900 Park Ave. Challenge Enterprises, Clay County Fire Rescue Paramedicine, Emmanuel Project, Impact Clay and Seeds of Love will join Spring Church to provide a hot meal, a food pantry and medical and hygiene supplies.



The Orange Park Mall will host its annual back-to-school event on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. near the Food Court. Included in the festivities will be the Dillard's Back-to-School Fashion Show. Backpacks will be given away at 11:30 a.m.

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Clay County Chapter 141 meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Orange Park Library at 2054 Plainfield Ave. at 12:30 p.m. Each gathering consists of a short business meeting and a presentation. The group will not meet in July and August.

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Mission of the Dirt Road offering free showers

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Adults can sign up for free showers on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Mission of the Dirt Road, 7790 State Road 100. Adults can utilize the services from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays. Families with children can get free showers on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. Showers are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Residents are required to sign up during

the day of the shower. To make a reservation, call or text (601) 568-3473.

Shred For Good: Challenge Enterprises offers shredding drop-off

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Shred for Good hosts Residential Shred Drop-Off events for the benefit of individuals that don't have an ongoing need for regular shredding service. During the drop-off events every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon, participants may deposit their sensitive documents in secure and locked bins at 3530 Enterprise Way in Green Cove Springs. The bins are then securely transported to the Shred for Good facility, where it is destroyed.

Residential consumers now follow the signs to the drop zone, complete a short form, donate and drive away without ever having to leave their vehicle. Both the form and donation have been made available online in advance to save time.

The average household drops off about 55 pounds and donates \$14 a visit. Considering that most drop-off shred sites charge more than 50 cents a pound, the Shred for Good's Residential Shred Drop-Off Program at \$.26/pound is a cost-effective alternative for the community it serves.

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Salvation Army outfits children with backpacks, shoes, and school supplies

By Don Coble
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MIDDLEBURG – Maritza Flores arrived with her three children two hours before the Salvation Army opened the doors for its Clay County Backpack Outreach on Friday, July 28.

She said outfitting her children with bookbags, school supplies and clothing was difficult, especially since the first day of school was only 13 days away.

“I don’t know what I would have done,” she said. “Because of this, my children have what they need for the first day.”

So will nearly 900 other children.

The seventh annual event attracted a record crowd of families and students to the outpost on County Road 220. The lines wrapped along the side parking lot, back toward the building and along the front. Everyone got snow cones, hot dogs and treats from some of the participating vendors.

Inside, students started in the chapel to pick out a backpack filled with school supplies. From there, they could get free sports physicals and haircuts or a free pair of shoes, more supplies, health supplies like toothbrushes and toothpaste, toys, books, face painting and information about the many programs available for needy



PHOTOS BY NANCY COLTRIN

The Salvation Army opened its doors and heart to provide bookbags, food, shoes, haircuts, counseling, physicals and school supplies to 900 children on July 28.

families.

For Flores, it meant not sacrificing other essentials to get her daughter and two sons ready for classes.

“Especially with three school-aged ones, it helps enormously with costs and everything between clothing supplies,” she said. “With the other expenses, sometimes it’s just not possible.”

Jennifer Wheeler, the Army’s Social



The needs were real, as 900 children got a head start on the first day of school during the Salvation Army’s Community Outreach. The event was supported by a host of local businesses and organizations.

Service Director, said in addition to seeing families receive the services they needed most, one of the most gratifying aspects of the three-hour event was seeing how the county united.

“This truly is a community event,” she said. “That’s what makes it so special.”

The group of volunteers included stu-

dents from Orange Park and Clay highs. “I know that some people won’t get it,” said Orange Park’s Pierce Hinds. “I try to do my best to help the less fortunate, you know?”

The outreach program was the second

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Hundreds stood in line on a Friday afternoon to be served by several organizations. Every student got a new bookbag filled with school supplies ahead of the first day of school on Aug. 10.

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The community can come out and talk to officers, ask questions, and get information about the agency,” explained Josh Lee, the Department’s Public Information Officer.

This year’s event was a hit for families and officers, with a big crowd from the community packing into the famous local Thomas Hogan Gym.

“Our agency is elated (with) the turnout,” Lee said.

Children shared smiles and laughs with parents and officers. Now, they can put a face to the name of the men and women that protect their safety at all times of day, 365 days a year. Youth swung their hips while participating in friendly Hula Hoop competitions against officers, sharing a night to remember with the department.

This all happened as a group of teens enjoyed a Nintendo video game booth, and an extensive line of hungry “patrons” formed for a meal of hot dogs, chips and dessert – all courtesy of community partners who generously prepared the meats, snacks and treats.

“We have such an amazing community,” Lee said.

The Clay County Public Library and Op-

eration Barnabas were among the local businesses and nonprofits that pitched a booth for the event. It’s an event that’s built to succeed in a law-enforcement friendly, tight-knit community like Green Cove Springs.

“This is just a huge opportunity for us to reengage with the community. In the past couple of years, law enforcement, in general, has suffered in that area. But not so much in Green Cove Springs,” he said.

The department thrives in engaging with the local community, but last year’s event only drew about 10 people at the department’s headquarters on Idlewild Avenue, Lee said.

A different approach was needed this year, according to Lee.

“We’ve participated in this event in the past, but we’ve never had a whole lot of community participation. This year, I said, ‘Hey, let’s try something different,’” Lee said.

An extensive social media outreach on multiple platforms was utilized, and key figures in the community helped play a role by actively promoting the event.

The Clay County Sheriff’s Office moved its National Night Out to Oct. 3 to avoid “extreme heat.”



Sam Garrison to leave as Orange Park Town Attorney

Council discusses background checks for groups

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – The Town Council learned Tuesday night that town attorney Sam Garrison will resign on Oct. 1. Members all had encouraging words for Garrison, who also serves Clay County as the District 11 in the Florida House of Representatives.

“We’re sad to announce that Sam will be leaving us,” said Mayor Randy Anderson.

“Sam, I thank you for your service, and I’m not sure we’ll find someone that advocates as hard for our town as you did,” said Councilman Doug Benefield.

“I express the same sentiment. Thank you, Sam, for what you have done and what you (will) keep doing (until your time is complete),” said Councilman Daniel Co-breiro.

“Thank you so much for your service (over) all of these years, and we are all going to miss you. You’ve done a lot of work for us, and I really appreciate it very much,” said Vice Mayor Susana Thompson.

“I want to echo what everyone else is saying. You will definitely be missed, and we thank you for all of your services, all of these years,” added Councilwoman Winette Sandlin.

Garrison helped lead the council through several items, including a proposed Employee Paycheck Withdrawal and Repayment Program. Officials held a productive conversation about the program, which sought to incentivize employees to move within town limits by assisting with housing payments such as an initial rental deposit.

After a long debate, the multi-faceted item was tabled for discussion for a later meeting to gather more information and consider suggested amendments.



Longtime Orange Park Town Attorney Sam Garrison told the council he plans to step down on Oct. 1. Garrison represents District 11 in the Florida House of Representatives.

Garrison also works with the Bradley, Garrison and Komando firm. He demonstrated his expertise when the council discussed whether background checks were needed for residents to serve on council, boards or committees.

“I would move with caution because that’s going to limit the number of people that can serve, and you need to be very clear about what would disqualify someone from service.

For just not passing a background check, I can tell you, from a legal perspective, that it’s very grey all the time. My recommendation is to be very specific when making this decision,” he said.

The explanation was another example of the deep context and background knowledge Garrison has provided to the town.

Anderson said he believed that creating a background check for residents to serve would be an overreach and that Orange Park already has processes implemented if somebody needs to be removed from a board or committee. Sandlin agreed, saying it was just another obstacle for residents wanting to serve the community.

Garrison also pointed out that requirements already exist for all residents to register to vote. All council members worked to create the best solution to benefit residents but also properly vet the process. The motion was tabled for a later meeting, with direction given to consider updating town council, board, and committee applications to seek more information about candidates.

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Books that will remain in school district libraries

Oversight Review Committee determined they didn't violate the obscenity guidelines outlined in Florida Statute 847

- "Arthur's Birthday" by Marc Brown
- "120 Banned Books" by Nicholas J. Karolides
- "Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stink-a-Lot" by Dav Pilkey
- "A Perfect Blank" by Rye Duran
- "Elevation" by Stephen King
- "For the Love: Fighting for Grace in a World of Impossible Standards" by Jen Hatmaker
- "Guilty Pleasures" by Laurell Hamilton
- "Guts (No. 3)" by Raina Telgemeier
- "I Am a Taxi" by Deborah Ellis
- "Love and Other Natural Disasters" by Misa Sugiura
- "Wild Tongues Can't Be Tamed: 15 Voices from the Latinx Diaspora" by Saraciea J. Fennell
- "Who Was Dr. Seuss" by Janet B. Pascal
- "The Midwife's Apprentice" by Karen Cushman
- "Anya's Ghost (Graphic Novel)" by Vera Brosgol
- "Blood Promise (Vampire Academy No. 4)" by Richelle Mead
- "Five, Six, Seven, Nate" by Time Federie
- "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen
- "Last Sacrifice: Vampire Academy No. 6" by Richelle Mead
- "Spy School Secret Service" by Stuart Gibbs
- "Summer of Salt" by Katrina Leno

Books that will be re-examined by full committee

- "American Street" by Ibi Zobol
- "Counterfeit Son" by Elain Marie Alphin
- "Tell Me How You Really Feel" by Aminah Mae Safi



Books

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visit the public library or download it from the internet after the Clay County District Schools' Oversight Committee determined they violated the guidelines set in Florida Statute 847.

The group determined 22 of the 45 requests submitted by Middleburg's Bruce Friedman contained material that may be obscene.

The four-person committee reviewed Friedman's complaints for several hours Tuesday at Fleming Island High. District Chief Academic Officer Roger Dailey led the committee, along with two school officials and one parent.

Their work was painstakingly te-



Bruce Friedman

dious, especially since Friedman seemed content with challenging many literary works.

"We have a complainant who's new to our area. He came in from New York and had a tremendous passion for this topic," Dailey said. "Close to 96% of the complaints, in fact, all the complaints in the last 12 months have been from this individual.

"So all of this is produced from this individual. We are bound by Florida statute. A number of books have violations of Chapter 847 – obscenity and pornography – which would be very descriptive passages about sexual activity or stuff like that. Also, I'd say the lion's share of these things are really topics that the complainant doesn't like."

Dailey said the county examines every objection and has a process that allows parents to be involved in what their children read.

"Clay County has always had both challenges available," he said. "It's not anything new. But recent events, I think nationally and statewide and brought it into greater focus."

SEE BOOKS, 19



The Clay County District School's Oversight Committee reviewed objections to 45 books on Tuesday and decided 22 didn't meet the requirements of the obscenity guidelines outlined in Chapter 847, which was created by the Florida Legislature and signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis in 2022 and will be removed. A full committee will re-examine three other books, while the remaining 20 will remain in media centers.



Books that were removed from school district libraries

Oversight Review Committee determined they violated the obscenity guidelines outlined in Florida Statute 847.

- "21 Proms" by David Levithan
- "37 Things I Love" by Kekla Magoon
- "Apt Pupil" by Stephen King
- "Carrie" by Stephen King
- "Every Heart a Doorway" by Seanan McGuire
- "Girl Means Up" by M.E. Girard
- "How I Paid for College: A Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship and Musical Theater" by Marc Acito
- "It" by Stephen King
- "Jarhead: A Marine's Chronicle of the Gulf War and Other Battles" by Anthony Swofford
- "Perfect Chemistry" by Simone Elkeles
- "Unicorn on a Roll" by Dana Simpson
- "The Kingdom of Little Wounds" by Susan Cokal
- "A Curse of Roses" by Diana Pinguicha
- "A Yellow Raft in Blue Water" by Michael Dorris
- "Always Running" by Luis J. Rodriguez
- "Picture Perfect" by Jodi Picoult
- "Sophie's Choice" by William Styron
- "Spirit Bound (Vampire Academy No. 5)" by Richelle Mead
- "Telling" by Marilyn Reynolds
- "The Clan of the Cave Bear: A Novel" by Jean N. Auel
- "The Lover's Dictionary" by David Levithan
- "You Know You Love Me" by Cecily von Ziegesar



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Make time for God

In this day and age, we live very busy lives. It seems as if there is always something pulling at our schedule and making demands of us. We need to find quiet time. We need space to breathe. God didn't create us to be machines. We are built for periods of rest and work, not to be constantly on the move. God Himself rested on the seventh day! No matter how important work is, rest is crucial too.

Not only that but being too busy and not giving ourselves space also hurts our relationship with God. Drawing closer to God takes time and space as well, just like any other relationship. Psalm 46:10 reads, "Be still, and know that I am God!" In that space, in that stillness, we encounter God and have the opportunity to know Him better.

Other relationships need quality time, and so does our relationship with God. Being as close as possible to God is not something that just happens on its own. It takes the same kind of time and effort that we put into our other relationships.

This is done through good spiritual habits of praying and reading God's Word. In those consistent routines, we must create space to just be with God, listening for His voice in the stillness.

Psalm 25:14 says, "The Lord is the friend of those who obey Him and He affirms his covenant with them." How beautiful is that? God is not only our Lord and our salvation, but He's also our friend. That's exactly the kind of relationship

God wants to have with you. He wants to be the rock of your life and your authority, but also as close as a friend.

We can never be too busy to make time with God. If we don't give our relationship with Him the time and attention it deserves, we will be unable to fully realize the kind of life-giving and life-changing relationship with Him that He desires for us.

Slow down and focus on Him. Every moment of time invested is worth it!

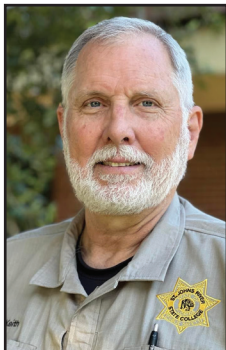
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Keith selected as SJR State Director of Campus Safety

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – St. Johns River State College selected Brian Keith as its Director of Campus Safety. Keith will oversee the Office of Safety and Security on the College's campuses in Orange Park, Palatka and St. Augustine following the retirement of James Griffith.

Keith previously served as SJR State's safety command officer for the Palatka Campus since 2019. He brings extensive experience to the department, including 21 years of service with



Brian Keith

the Palatka Police Department. He also served as a deputy with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, assisting part-time with cold-case homicides. Prior to working at SJR State, Keith also served as a College trustee from 2013 to 2019.

In addition to having two sons who graduated from SJR State, Keith is also an alumnus, graduating from SJR State's Criminal Justice Academy. He also holds an Associate Degree in Business from Vincennes University.

Keith said the promotion is a culmination of a dream that was 45 years in the making.

"I started my career in law enforcement with this College in 1978, working in security while attending the police academy. I pursued a career in law enforcement and was mentored by Verdell Jeffer-

son, then chief of security at SJR State," Keith said. "Over the years, I have worked beside many great law enforcement officers – Dan Thies, David Stout and James Griffith – who became directors of security at SJR State. I am honored that President (Joe) Pickens had the faith in me to follow in their footsteps."

Pickens said the College is fortunate to have Keith move into the role and looks forward to his leadership as the College's three campuses prepare for the fall semester.

"Brian's expertise is a valued addition to our ongoing commitment to providing quality safety and service to our students, faculty and staff," Pickens said.

"He is the perfect choice to guide us in building upon the direction of James Griffith."

Bradley

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not committed enough effort in a town with a park named after him, she said.

"You do not live in the Town, your business moved out of the Town. I can only suggest that you start making a presence in the Town. Let the people see and learn who the person the park is named after. Attend events in Town that your park is in. Be seen," she said.

She reiterated she did not want hard feelings between the Bradley and Nelson families but wanted to give her family's side of the story.

"We have taken a large amount of criticism for the financial burden we have placed upon the town residents by selling it for a conservation park for them to build out and maintain," she said.

The Nelson and Hiers families were included in the response alongside the Meekses.

She isn't the only one that agrees.

During the July 20 town council meeting, Vice Mayor Susana Thompson questioned why the county didn't request to put "Nelson" at the front of the parcel in honor of John Nelson and his family. Nelson, a military veteran, purchased the parcel after World War II.

Town Manager Sarah Campbell and Town Public Works Director Kyle Croce said there is currently virtually

no chance that the park will change hands to ownership from the Town to the county.

"For the foreseeable future, the council has not taken any action to do that. The (Town) would have to have a willing recipient to take it over for them, and I don't know if they have a willing recipient to take it," she said.

Campbell said after the Town was finally able to accept the deed from Clay County in Dec. 2019, a debate ensued about whether the Town or county should control the park.

"Ultimately, (they) decided that the Town should have control over the property so they could determine the operating hours and control the level of security and types of activities. If it was left in the county's hands, we wouldn't get a say in how the park was developed," she said.

She said Town Council asked Mayor Randy Anderson to discuss the possibility of an interlocal agreement with the county to share costs.

"You really can't separate (park users). County residents use Bradley Park, Clarke Park, and Skateboard Park. And town residents use county parks. (Many residents) have used parks in Duval County (as well)," Campbell said.

Croce said another factor is the county already has more than 50 parks to manage and maintain.

Meanwhile, the dilapidated roof structure of the park's restroom facility could be saved with a \$200,000 grant from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, according to Campbell.

"One thing to keep in mind is that we have a state grant," she said.

The grant would go towards the nature trail, kayak launch, and restroom facilities.

The grant would have to be matched by the Town, but most of that would be through labor instead of cash, Campbell said.

The process for the grant is ongoing.

"We are still waiting on the notice to proceed from the state. We do not have (the grant) in our hands yet. It's a little premature, but once we have it, we will start doing the grant work," she said.

The Town would then return to the council and ask whether they would prefer to build a new roof or a simply rebuild the restroom.

Anderson said he may be a proponent of tearing down the building. He proposed a motion to demolish the house on park property to save long-term funds, but council members decided not to take a vote.

Croce said the structure is not ideal for the park's setting and having a restroom facility closer to the park's exit would be more efficient.

"It makes it difficult to run all of the new electrical, wiring and plumbing," he said. The work's director also said should pursue funding avenues from nonprofits and state agencies such as the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida State Parks or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

"We could try to develop a relationship (with an entity) to work on a project," Croce said.

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Organizers overwhelmed by success of Back to School Bash

1,720 students receive new bookbags, school supplies at Thrasher-Horne Center

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – A grandmother with three children walked slowly through the parking lot of the Thrasher-Horne Center last Saturday. The heat was already oppressive with an index surpassing 100 degrees and sweat was rolling down her face.

And yet, she only had two words to describe the Back to School Bash: “A blessing.”

After serving nearly 700 students with their back-to-school needs a year ago a half mile down College Drive at Mercy Support Services, organizers of the all-volunteer event moved to Thrasher-Horne



to accommodate more children.

What they didn't expect was an increase of more than 1,000 students.

“It's a tremendous event, and so many wonderful hearts are here to make sure that this is pulled off without a hitch,” said Impact Clay CEO Connie Thomas. “We're so blessed to be here at the beautiful Thrasher-Horne. We thank them so much. This is an expanded event, and we really needed this space.”

Organizing the event was a herculean task. More than 100 volunteers, Mercy Support Services, Impact Clay, Emmanuel Project, the Clay County District Schools, Seeds of Love Ministry, Save2Serve, Kids First of Florida, The Springs Church, Elevate Life Church, Challenge Enterprises, Worth Pursuing Inc., Celebrate Church, River Christian Church, Orange Park Presbyterian Church, Quigley House, Grub Brothers, State Farm, Waste Not Want Not, The Way Free Clinic, Clay County Sheriff's Office, Clay County Schools District Police Department, Celebrate Recovery, Thrasher-Horne Center, niagra, Creative Memories Event Planning, West Productions, Journey Espanol, Missions, Valkyrie Hair Designs and Studio, Scruffy's Coffee, Eternal Redeemer Fellowship Church,



More than 1,720 students received bookbags filled with school supplies during Saturday's Back to School Bash at the Thrasher-Horne Center. The massive event also included free sports physicals and haircuts at Mercy Support Services. The collaboration of community-based services aimed to collect 1,500 bookbags, but they wound up with nearly 2,000. Children also were treated to food, clothes and shoes.



Clay County Community Services, 121 Financial Credit Union, Parental Responsibility Inspiring Dads Everywhere, Maxsip Telecom, True Life Church, Northeast Florida Area Health Education Centers, Vibes Barbering Lounge, St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Jacksonville, First Baptist Church of Orange Park, Fresh Ministries, Serve by Design, Wiggins Construction and Cultivate Behavioral Health and Education combined their commitment to serve more than 1,000 families. The bash took months to organize and collect supplies, and every

child got a new bookbag filled with supplies. “Without this, these children would have gone without,” the grandmother said.

Bookbags were divided into three pick-up locations – elementary, junior high and high school. A school district bus was so filled with donated bags and supplies, seats had to be removed from the back.

“We had 1,500 bags and we picked up some more on the way here. We ended up with 2,000,” said Superintendent David Broskie. “The turnout is amazing.”

Traffic was backed up on College Dr.

more than an hour before the line, which stretched from the roadway to the back of the St. Johns State College property, started to move through the maze of help.

Families also were allowed to pick up bags of food from a pantry, as well as free water and gifts from most of the sponsors, and Grub Brothers provided 1,400 breakfast sandwiches.

“It's hard to take this in,” Thomas said. “It's wonderful to be here and see all this love and great giving. It's heartbreaking at the same time.”

Orange Park's Eagan idolizes music notoriety

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – Chad Eagan won't get a free pass to the American Idol competition if he wins Jacksonville's version of the musical elimination showdown.

However, he believes a victory would be worth so much more.

The survivor will earn cash, get studio time, a professional photo shoot and six paid bookings for bigger events.

"It kind of gives you exposure, confidence to be on stage," he said. "It just prepares you for anything you're going to do in the future."

More than anything else, it means Eagan can keep signing. As long as there's a crowd, he will be performing.

"It would be great, but I'm not looking to be like the next Carrie Underwood or a major, major mega superstar," he said. "I just enjoy singing, sharing my gifts with people, and entertaining. As long as my music is heard, that's enough validation for me."

Now 35, Eagan knows he's already outgrown national competitions. He works as a stylist at Bleach Please Salon on Wells Road during the week. On Saturday night,



he hopes to advance when the finalists focus on Latin hits. Other topics have been Elvis and movie-themed songs. After Saturday's show, there only will be two rounds remaining. Previous winners now play on cruise ships and enjoy more prominent bookings.



When he's not styling hair at Bleach Please Salon on Wells Road, Chad Eagan works on his act for the Jax Idol competition. The showdown started with 68 contestants and Eagan has made it to the Top Five. The next round will be Saturday night at Lillian's Sports Grill.

"American Idol has a cut-off age of 29, and I'm 35," Eagan said. "This is a stepping stone to get you ready to move forward in your career."

Jax Idol has served the talent community at Lillian's Sports Grill on Roosevelt Boulevard for nearly 20 years. Eagan said he finished in eighth place before the competition took a six-year break.

"They haven't had it for six years," Eagan said. "And then this year, they were like, 'Hey, we're coming back – bigger and

better than ever. You might want to audition again.' So, I was like, 'OK, I'll give it a try.' I went to an audition and went for it."

While Eagan has shown an ability to adapt to most musical genres, he said his favorite songs are "bluesy soul with a hint of country." Eagan has been singing since he was 13. He's redefined his goals to include things that now seem more important than gold and glory.

"I just want to be heard," he said. "That's all."

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Doctor

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Meeting three nights a week for about three years, the three doctors cultivated a plan forever to change the trajectory of medical care in Clay County.

"That's a lot bigger project than you really realize. But, we did manage to do it and got all the stuff going," Thompson said.

Initially, Thompson said their venture got a lot of pushback. Many believed the building of a new hospital would interfere with neighboring ones. But weathering through the frustration, the group of men finally contacted a legal team that helped them move forward. And a new hospital was born.

The Orange Park Community Hospital, now known as HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, opened its doors 1974. The hospital quickly became successful, with Thompson obtaining the title of Chief of Staff twice.

Dr. Mohamed Antar, a urologist and former colleague, said he could remember Dr. Thompson's support when he first joined the team. Thompson was the first person he spoke to regarding coming to work in Orange Park.

"I told him about my intention to come here and work, and he was very encouraging. He said, 'Absolutely. You're more than welcome. We will help you get started [and] send you patients,'" Antar said.

Antar said he later went on to admit the first patient to the hospital. Tending to patients around Orange Park, Thompson said it became the highlight of his life.

"I think the most rewarding thing about being in the practice is the relationship you build with patients," Thompson said.

Thompson recalled a time when an emergency vehicle arrived at his office and three of the four people working on the vehicle were babies he had delivered.

This closeness towards patients continues to play a role in his career.

In a personal letter to his patients announcing his retirement, Thompson wrote, "I have come to know many of my patients and their families as friends, and it has been an honor for you to trust me with your healthcare and life decisions."

Patient Charlie Osborne said that Thompson's retirement will be a true loss to not just him but his entire family.

Osborne said his 50-year close bond with Thompson is something he will always

cherish. The two are next-door neighbors. Osborne said Thompson was just as much his doctor as his friend. He said his retirement would be a difficult gap to close.

"The thing I'll probably miss most about him is we have to get another doctor. We don't know anybody, but we're now looking for another doctor. Everybody's got to have a doctor. He was just a real good doctor as well as a friend," Osborne said.

Thompson's dedication to caring for others was not limited to his patients. Thompson said he always tried his best to help any young doctor who came into town. His support was something that resonated with many in the field. A rheumatologist and former colleague, Dr. Meera Oza said she remembered beginning her practice with no backing. She said Thompson was a beacon of light to her burgeoning career.

"He told all of the citizens how good Dr. Oza is. And that's the way my practice picked up. I started seeing, by March, 10 patients a day. By May, 15 patients a day," Oza said.

Oza added she credits the support of her practice to Thompson's giving nature.

Fellow Family Care Specialist and colleague Dr. Mohammed Mendhi said that

he would miss Thompson's ability to acknowledge someone and what they're going through truly.

Mendhi said the two would frequently guide and share their respective experiences in the field, creating an irreplaceable camaraderie and bond.

"He always looks into your eyes when he is talking to [you]. We have great mutual respect, love, and friendship for each other," Mendhi said.

Thompson sold his private practice to Family Care Partners back in 2021 and knowing his retirement was around the corner, Thompson said he plans to spend more time with his wife and children and take the time to travel—something he rarely gets to do.

"I have nine children and 26 grandchildren. So, [there's] lots of soccer games, football games, and basketball games to watch," Thompson said.

In 59 years in the medical field, Thompson's achievements rank high. Thompson has witnessed everything from delivering babies, caring for patients and saving lives. But amid his farewell, Thompson said seven words, to sum up his incredible experience:

"I enjoyed every single minute of it."

Books

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"We said if parents wanted to opt out, if they didn't trust the system, they could opt out. Six parents out of 42,000 students chose to do that. We're asking secondary parents, just like they would for a headache, medicine or anything else, they can have a form to give their child permission to check it out. It's in the hands of the parent."

Friedman didn't appear at Tuesday's meeting. But he gained national attention at the July 2022 school board meeting when he tried to read pornographic pas-

sages from some of the books into the record. After being told he couldn't describe pornography because the meeting was live-streamed, the board turned off his microphone.

"Somebody failed drastically in their mission to protect children," Friedman told Fox News. "As soon as I announced that I was going to read some books that parents – myself and others – found in the public school libraries that are clearly pornographic, they had the mic cut off."

All 45 challenges for July listed the same primary reason: "PROTECT CHILDREN!" Question No. 4 of the Request for Reconsideration or Review of Instructional Materials asks what would result from a

student using that particular piece of material. In every instance, he wrote, "DAMAGED SOULS."

All of his objections also listed specific concerns. "Arthur's Birthday," a popular children's book about a cartoon aardvark, was challenged because it mentioned a spin-the-bottle game. He wrote, "IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS 'SPIN THE BOTTLE' WITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN."

The committee disagreed.

"We did that one first," Dailey said. "We think their souls will be intact."

Friedman did make 22 successful challenges. They were removed because they violated state law, not because Friedman

had a personal dislike for them.

"He wants his personal lens to be everyone's personal lens," Dailey said.

Dropped from the district inventory were four of King's novels, as well as books like, "How I Paid for College: A Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship and Musical Theater," "Sophie's Choice" and "The Lover's Dictionary."

But Friedman unsuccessfully challenged "Who Was Dr. Seuss," "120 Banned Books" and "Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stink-a-Lot."

Three books – "Tell Me How You Really Feel," "Counterfeit Son" and "American Street" were set aside for further review.

Salvation

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for Capts. Mike and Julie Chamberlain. Last year set a record for the local non-profit with 777 bags. This year, the Army was prepared with 900 bags – and they needed every one of them.

"Everything went great," Mike Chamberlain said. "It was absolutely a good day."

Chamberlain said the Salvation Army will continue offering its back-to-school program on Fridays while Impact Clay's backpack program will be at the Trasher-Horne Center a day later.

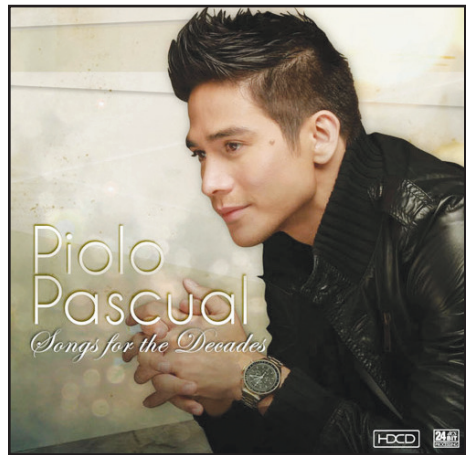
"We want to make sure people have an opportunity to go to either one," he said. "If they can't get there on Saturday, they can come for our day. I think it's all of us doing our part. Everybody can get help."

Saturday's event gifted more than 1,750 students with supplies. "It's great that people don't have to stress out about getting



Some of the children served by the Salvation Army sent thank-you cards after receiving school supplies last week.

Thrasher-Horne Happenings



Filipino actor, singer Piolo Pascual to perform on Nov. 18

One-night show open only to members

ORANGE PARK – Piolo Jose Nonato Pascual is a Filipino film and television actor, singer, model and producer. His father was a casting director for international films that are shot in the Philippines, though Piolo can't recall if it affected his ambition on becoming an actor, ramp model or performer.

The multi-talented artist will perform at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets for the show are available at the box office or at thcenter.org.

Pascual lived an ordinary life; he went to school and spent time on outings and celebrations with his family. Piolo attended elementary and high school at St. Francis School in Santa Ana, Manila. When he was in 5th Grade, Piolo joined the school theater group Teatro Ni Kiko, where he was introduced to the world of theater and acting.

While he was in his third year of high school, Piolo started appearing in *That's Entertainment*, a popular teen variety show in the 1990s. He eventually left *That's Entertainment*, however, to get into college full-time, studying at the University of Santo Tomas, where he studied AB General Education.

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

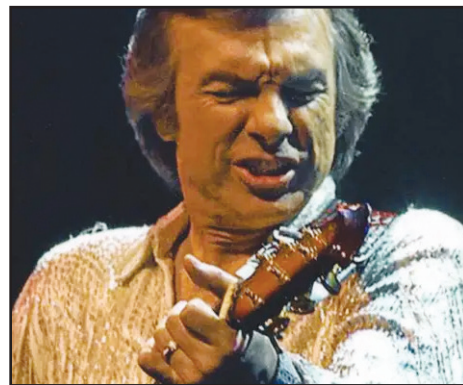
ORANGE PARK – The Sweet Caroline Tour is a Neil Diamond Concert celebration starring the No. 1 Diamond performer in the world – Jay White. It is the most authentic Neil Diamond Concert Experience on the planet.

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

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

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

During the past three decades, White has performed more than 10,000 concerts worldwide, reflecting the stage persona of an American Music Legend. Each expression of every Neil Diamond song performed by White evokes the power and the passion of a live Diamond performance.



Jay is grateful that his years of dedication and devotion has convinced tens of thousands of Diamond fans that he is the closest thing to the Real Deal – and he's also humbled to have been acknowledged and embraced by Neil, Neil's family and Band for performing the Brooklyn-born singer/songwriters' music live in concert in the most respectful, convincing way possible.

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

Tickets, which start at \$29, are available at thcenter.org.

Warrant to rock Thrasher-Horne on Nov. 3

ORANGE PARK – At its core, WARRANT is an American rock band through and through. Hitting it big in 1989, the Hollywood, California-based band rose through the local Sunset Strip scene ranks



to the level of multiplatinum-selling, chart-topping success.

The band first came into the national spotlight with their debut album "Dirty Rotten Filthy Stinking Rich." The album produced radio and MTV chart-toppers "Down Boys," "Sometimes She Cries," and the massive hit "Heaven," which reached #1 in Rolling Stone and #2 on the Billboard Hot 100 for two weeks in a row.

The band will bring its hard-rocking act to the Thrasher-Horne Center on Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at thcenter.org.

Warrant's sophomore album *Cherry Pie* debuted in September 1990. This album, which spawned the MTV and radio hits "Cherry Pie," "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "I Saw Red," all reached the Top 10 in the United States and went on to sell 3 million copies, getting Platinum sales in Canada and Australia. The band has played 200 shows in support of *Cherry Pie* it wound up being one of the top-grossing tours of 1991.

Warrant's signature style of rock music is very catchy and yet very melodic and remains the band's signature sound today. In September 2008, Robert Mason replaced Jani Lane as lead vocalist joining the other four original members, Jerry Dixon, Steven Sweet, Joey Allen and Erik Turner. Their current album *Louder Harder Faster*, released on Frontiers Records, has been highly regarded in reviews and embraced by fans.

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.

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.

The hits appeared on best-selling charts in all genres (pop, rock and country). Their records continue to sell worldwide, reaching beyond the borders of the United States into Japan, Canada, Holland, England, Germany, Spain and elsewhere. Tens of millions of THREE DOG NIGHT records have been sold through the years.

Wehner's Christmas Spectacular on Dec. 16

ORANGE PARK – The Wehner's Christmas Spectacular will be at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. The show is limited to members of the Thrasher-Horne Center.

Wehner's School of the Arts will present the show. It will feature music, dance and sights of Christmas. The Radio City Rockettes inspired it, and it will feature more than 80 dancers and the professional musicians of Wehner Weddings.

Tickets, which start at \$25, are available at the center's box office at 283 College Dr. or at thcenter.org.

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Community rallies to help family after fire

Legion Post 250 hosts benefit for Higher Ground's Westerwelle

By Don Coble
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MIDDLEBURG – Saturday's Poker Chip Run won't get Tim Westerwelle's family out of debt, be enough to build them a new home or replace everything they lost when their home burned down in late May.

But it went a long way toward comforting the family's sense of altruism and generosity.

"It was more than money, just people coming together meant more than any money, actually," Westerwelle said. "To me, doing that, I mean, it really showed me how our community just comes together."

Friends of the lead guitarist for Higher Ground came to American Legion Post 250 for a day of music, motorcycles and fundraisers to provide Westerwelle with money and support.

It started with more than 60 riders who made stops at Dalton's Sports Grill, Smith Lake Bar in Keystone Heights, Red Dog Saloon in Starke and Fat Boyz Bar in Jacksonville before returning to Middleburg.

That's when the party really got started. Southbound 41, Southern Junction, Vynl, JJ Rocs and Higher Ground all played shows for free while Cht'z and Giggles' Terry Martin and Joe Rose cooked enough pulled pork and chicken to feed 200.

There also were about 20 items for sale and auction.

Support for the family started while his 47-year-old mobile home in Clay Hill was still smoldering.

"We woke up at 4 a.m., and we saw flames," Westerwelle said. "We got our daughter out, and nobody was hurt. There were flames in her room. I tried to return to get my guitars, but I couldn't. I also lost a drum set because that's where we practiced. Everything was in flames. We lost everything."

The fire apparently started with a faulty jacuzzi motor on the back porch. Although the plug had a GFI breaker, it didn't cut the power off, and flames quickly consumed the back porch.

He didn't have insurance since the mobile home was bought in 1976.

"I have an RV that was on my property," he said. "We've been living in that, but just Friday, we will start renting a place until I can figure out what to do."

"It's kind of odd that a lot of people hate the world so bad right now, but when something like this happens, and everybody comes over, I mean, from the time the house caught fire, people were coming to the house. What do you need? Do you need food, do you need this? They brought generators so we could have power. The electric company had to shut the power off because of the fire. We stayed there for about a month without power, just running on generators."



Fellow musician Paul Wane called and offered a free guitar, all the wires and an amplifier so the band's music wouldn't be silenced.

One of Higher Ground's most-memorable sets came weeks after the fire at the famed Whiskey a Go Go in on the Sunset Strip in West Hollywood, California. The band planned and saved for that trip for months, and the travel wasn't refundable.

The thrill of playing at the world-famous nightclub was replaced by the reality of the family's plight when he returned. Saturday's Poker Chip Run was a much-needed distraction from the difficult road ahead.

"I'm not sure what they raised, but it



The Poker Chip Run benefit raised \$3,200 to help Tim Westerwelle's family after a fire destroyed his home – and most of his instruments – in late May. Friends surrounded the lead guitarist for Higher Ground during Saturday's fundraiser, including a day of live music, barbecue, motorcycle poker run and auction.



was a really good turnout," Westerwelle said. "I couldn't believe so many people came out, all the riders that got together. The community really came together (on Saturday)."

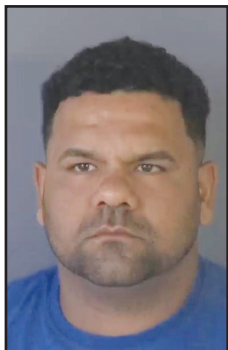
Organizers said they collected \$3,200. Anyone interested in helping the Westerwelle family can donate at www.gofundme.com/5e466ab1.

Police Briefs

CCSO, HSI team to arrest man for trafficking cocaine

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A joint investigation by the Clay County Sheriff's Office and Department of Homeland Security Investigations led to the July 26 arrest of a Jacksonville man after CCSO said he sold cocaine to an undercover detective.

Guillermo Garden, 31, of Jacksonville, was charged with five counts of trafficking cocaine, possession of marijuana, maintaining a dwelling or vehicle known to sell drugs and using a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony.



Guillermo Garden

According to the affidavit for arrest, on five occasions, the agent bought more than 656 grams – nearly a pound and-a-half – of cocaine between April 4 and May 30.

A search of Garden's home in Jacksonville led to the recovery of a glass jar with individual bags of cocaine, multiple plastic tubs of marijuana, a drug ledger, a handgun, two magazines and miscellaneous paraphernalia. The amount of the drug recovered was redacted from the arrest report. Under Florida law, trafficking is more than four grams but less than 14 grams.

Garden's next court appearance is Aug. 28. Until then, he will remain in the Clay County Jail with a \$960,024 bond.

OP man charged by FBI for selling child porn online

ORANGE PARK – An 18-year-old Egyptian was arrested after the FBI said he offered to sell child pornographic material online.

Omar Ayman Mohamed Abdelhady, 18, of Orange Park, was charged with transmission of pornography by an electronic device after an FBI covert notified the FBI's Omaha, Nebraska office he discovered Abdelhady offering "child sexual abuse material for sale" on Twitter on Oct. 4, 2022. Agents tracked down Abdelhady to his home on Crookedridge Court.



Omar Mohamed Abdelhady

According to the affidavit for an arrest warrant, an undercover FBI agent struck up an online conversation with Abdelhady where he offered six different files ranging from \$25 to \$200. According to the warrant, Abdelhady told the agent he used the CashApp, PayPal, BTC, Venmo and Amazon/VISA gift cards.

According to the warrant, Abdelhady offered to send a screen capture of "individuals engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including child pornography" to prove his offer wasn't a scam.

The FBI started issuing grand jury subpoenas to Twitter, internet companies

and financial companies on Jan. 3. After obtaining information from 12 subpoenas, the FBI served a search warrant at Abdelhady's home on April 25. An arrest warrant was issued on July 28, and he was arrested on the same day.

His bond was set at \$75,003.

CCSO arrests man for trafficking heroin during traffic stop

FLEMING ISLAND – A man who stopped because he didn't have his headlights on while it was raining wound up going to jail when Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies found heroin in his car.

Jeremy Dubre Shannon, 38, of Arizona, was charged with trafficking heroin after being pulled over on U.S. Highway 17 near the Doctors Lake bridge on July 29 during an afternoon storm.

Deputies employed K-9 Ory to conduct a sniff test of the car's exterior, and the dog alerted them to the likely presence of illegal narcotics. Deputies uncovered "a baggie of black sticky substance" in the sun-glass compartment. The substance tested positive for heroin.

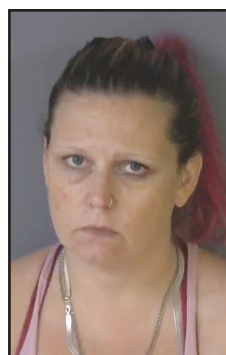
His bond was set at \$250,003. His next court appearance will be on Sept. 5.

Woman accused of holding up Wells Road liquor store

ORANGE PARK – A woman was charged with pointing a pistol and stealing two bottles of vodka and cash from the godfather of her children.

Cathryn Elizabeth Charland, 39, of

Orange Park, was booked on armed robbery charges after the clerk at Shores Liquors said she pointed a gun at him and took the vodka and \$625 from the register shortly before 11 p.m. on July 16.



Cathryn Charland

Investigators used surveillance footage to document the robbery. The clerk told deputies he was a godparent to her children.

CCSO deputies went to her house, but she refused to open her front door.

On July 24, deputies were called to a fast-food restaurant on Wells Road after Charland said her car was stolen. She was then arrested for the armed robbery warrant.

Her bond was set at \$250,000.

Orange Park arrests man following shoplifting sprees

CLAY COUNTY – A man suspected of a rash of shoplifting sprees was sent to the Clay County Jail on July 25 after video surveillance showed his walking out of stores with carts filled with tools.

Reginald Tyrone Keel, 54, of Orange Park, now faces a charge of coordinating with others to shoplift, shoplifting and grand theft after he was connected to at least three robberies.

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Arrest & 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, Aug. 1

- Brandon D. Scott, 27, Orange Park, vandalism
- Robert A. Love, 43, Orange Park, DWLSR
- James Perez, 56, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery
- Zachary R. Karpf, 39, Orange Park, DUI with property damage/injury
- Brandon M. Walter, 39, Green Cove Springs, VOP-warrantless arrest
- Daniel L. Duracher, 54, Green Cove Springs, fraud/impersonating ID for more than \$5,000
- Brittany K. Nettles, 33, Green Cove Springs, fugitive/out of state extradition
- Wesley S. Cowart, 36, Orange Park,

- battery, DWLSR
- Derick R. Voss, 37, Green Cove Springs, petit theft
- Wallach Julien, 28, Orange Park, domestic battery

Monday, July 31

- Rhonda D. Kent, 47, Fleming Island, domestic battery
- Tim A. Tilley, 43, Green Cove Springs, FTA
- Frankie Schreffler, 35, Green Cove Springs, VOP-fraudulent use of credit card
- Robert B.T. Albritton, 25, Green Cove Springs, two counts non-support

Sunday, July 30

- Walter G. Trancynger, 36, Middleburg, aggravated stalking
- Donald L. Messer, 36, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl
- Ambria B. Alexander, 41, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, DUI with property damage/injury

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Arrests

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Jessica L. Hoffland, 43, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery
Raelyn M. Stephens, 28, Orange Park, domestic battery

Saturday, July 29

Joshua A. James, 34, Orange Park, domestic battery
Daniel R. Guidry, 34, Orange Park, shoplifting
William J. Owen, 39, Middleburg, aggravated battery, criminal mischief
Destini N. Hunter, 32, Middleburg, VOP-possession-controlled substance, FTA-possession-drug paraphernalia, FTA-driving without valid license, possession-controlled substance
Jeremy D. Shannon, 38, Fleming Island, trafficking-heroin
Dustin C. Bridgman, 37, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia
Samantha R. Proffitt, 32, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia
Destiny C. Sears, 28, Orange Park, possession-drug paraphernalia
Wayne H. Gray, 32, Middleburg, disorderly intoxication
Robert S. Adkins, 37, Orange Park, driving without valid license
Robert L. Wilkins, 37, Middleburg, criminal mischief
Tamel M. Jernigan, 24, Orange Park,

DWSLR
Keidric M. McDonald, 32, Middleburg, domestic battery
Rickey J. Hanks, 43, Green Cove Springs, possession-marijuana, possession-molly/ecstasy, DWSLR, providing false name/ID
Dusty P. Cone, 42, Middleburg, DWSLR
Justin C. Johnston, 21, Middleburg, DUI
Andre M. Bowick, 25, Middleburg, battery, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Kenneth K. Kelly, 59, Middleburg, possession-drug paraphernalia, possession-firearm/ammo by convicted felon
Oscar A.P. Monastoque, 25, Middleburg, driving without valid license
Robert J. Beegle, 34, Middleburg, possession-drug paraphernalia, DWSLR
Brandon J. Beck, 25, Middleburg, DUI

Friday, July 28

Jeremy J. Mead, 38, Orange Park, felony domestic battery
Ronnie C. Seals, 21, Orange Park, VOP-felony battery
Omar A.M. Abdelhady, 18, Orange Park, transmission of pornography by electronic device
Justin K. Fussell, 38, Orange Park, trespassing
James L. Crosby, 35, Orange Park, vandalism
Jeremy S. Kay, 47, Middleburg, battery with prior conviction
Shaun D. Raley, 23, Green Cove

Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions for protection against domestic violence
Keynan E. Gilbert, 29, Fleming Island, shoplifting, possession-cocaine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Thursday, July 27

Douglas A. Terrell, 48, Orange Park, two counts grand theft auto
Sorilyn T. Rosario, 27, Fleming Island, shoplifting
Katina R. Heck, 42, Orange Park, shoplifting
William L. Lee, 41, Green Cove Springs, FTA, FTA-petit theft
Ricardo T. Servin, 20, Oakleaf, lewd/lascivious behavior to child 16 or younger
Kevin M. Culliton, 34, Orange Park, non-support
Kory A. Sampson, 34, Green Cove Springs, FTA-driving without valid license
Michael A.J. Richburg, 21, Green Cove Springs, VOP-burglary
Adam L. Johns, 35, Middleburg, trespassing
Devin K. Cummings, 28, Orange Park, trespassing

Wednesday, July 26

Taylor D. Lucas, 29, Orange Park, domestic battery
Keith M. Waugh, 54, Orange Park, false/fraudulent vehicle insurance application, insurance fraud
Clarissa A. Thomas, 29, Keystone Heights, felony domestic battery by

strangulation, criminal mischief
Charlie E. Helms, 44, Middleburg, DWSLR, failure to stop for accident with injury
Jordan S. Hollis, 22, FTA
Brittany N. Jones, 43, Green Cove Springs, burglary
Levy D. Hansell, 31, Green Cove Springs, giving false name/ID
Mellisa A. Cardenas, 39, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWSLR
Guillermo Garden, 31, Green Cove Springs, two counts trafficking-controlled substance, three counts trafficking-cocaine, possession-marijuana, operating structure for drug activity, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony
Ryan D. Fitz, 46, Keystone Heights, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, FTA-selling methamphetamine
Travis M. Hupp, 43, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DWSLR
Jacob F. Conaway, 25, Orange Park, DUI with BAL .15 or higher with child younger than 18 in car
Tyree B. Fanning, 34, Orange Park, larceny

Police

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The Clay County Sheriff's Office charged him with taking \$422 worth of tools from The Home Depot on Wells Road on June 22. Then on June 20, the sheriff's office said Keel was seen entering The Home Depot in Middleburg, loading a \$599 Universal Storage Box onto a flat cart and leaving with it without paying.



Reginald Keel

A witness took a picture of Keel and his truck. That same truck was involved in the June 16 theft of a \$36,700 stump grinder from AgPro in Middleburg a day later, CCSO said.

Deputies showed Keel a video of both thefts, and he admitted it was him, saying, "If the video shows it, then I guess I did it."

Keel also faces warrants in Duval County.

The total bond for Keel was set at \$60,005.

Father charged with making false car insurance claim

ORANGE PARK – A man was arrested and charged with filing a fraudulent car insurance claim three days after his policy was canceled for non-payment.

According to an affidavit for an arrest warrant, Keith Millard Waugh, 54, of Orange Park, is accused of telling his insurance company his daughter's car was suspected of running into a parked car in Jacksonville while claiming the crash happened two days after the incident. He paid to reinstate the policy nine minutes after learning of the crash.

According to records, Waugh signed an affidavit claiming there was no damage to the car while it was uninsured for nearly three days. He filed the claim on June 13, although it had been in a crash on June 11, 2022.

Waugh was charged with filing a false and fraudulent car insurance claim and making a fraudulent insurance application. He was released after posting \$5,006 bond.



Keith Waugh

CCSO: Man jailed after victim struck with golf club

MIDDLEBURG – A man was arrested on July 29 after the Clay County Sheriff's Office said he used a golf club to strike another man during an argument.

William J.J. Owen, 39, of Middleburg, was charged with aggravated battery and criminal mischief after he drove to the victim's house, approached him while he was in his yard and hit him in the arm with a golf club. The victim originally had a golf club, but Owen was charged with taking it and striking the victim with it.

Owen, whose bond was set at \$11,005, left with the golf club.

Orange Park man pleads guilty to defrauding homeowners

JACKSONVILLE – Brian Roy Lozito, 53, Orange Park, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud, according to U.S. Attorney Roger B. Handberg. Lozito faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison and payment of restitution to the victims he defrauded.

Lozito was arraigned on the indictment on Jan. 11, 2021, and initially released on bond. The court revoked his bond on Nov. 18, 2022, and detained him. A sentencing date has not yet been set.

According to court documents, Lozito owned and managed American Investi-

gative Services. AIS purported to offer consumers mortgage auditing services in exchange for a fee. Lozito and his conspirators solicited customers nationwide through mailings and telephone calls. In these solicitations, Lozito and AIS employees, under the direction of Lozito, made false and fraudulent representations to consumers, including that AIS would perform "forensic audits" of mortgage documents to uncover evidence of deficiencies in the mortgage documents. Lozito claimed AIS would obtain quitclaim deeds and other remedies, so the mortgage holders would be relieved of their mortgage debt and own their properties free and clear. If AIS could not help the consumer, Lozito promised to refund their money.

In reality, AIS did not perform the services paid for by consumers and did not refund money to consumers. Funds collected from consumers went to bank accounts controlled by Lozito. Lozito used the funds to keep AIS operating and for personal expenses.

This case was investigated by U.S. Secret Service - Jacksonville Field Office and the State of Florida Office of Attorney General – Consumer Protection Division, with valuable assistance from the Clay County Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin C. Frein is prosecuting it. Assistant U.S. Attorney Mai Tran is handling the asset forfeiture.



Parlor's early success driven by social media, giant doughnuts

By Don Coble
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FLEMING ISLAND – Comparing a Parlor Doughnut to a regular doughnut is like comparing a Ford Pinto with a Ferrari.

First, they really aren't doughnuts, which may be why the newly opened store at the Fleming Island Shopping Center on County Road 220 has become so popular.

And it may give the franchise a chance to succeed at the same location another trendy doughnut shop recently failed.

"We're trying to expand to different sectors in Jacksonville, and we bought the rights up to Clay," said co-owner Izzy Gubias. "It's a place where people and families can come in, especially on weekends, and have a donut and coffee."

Mini Bar Donuts opened an upscale doughnut shop at the same location. It also offered a unique menu with pastries being about one-third the size of a traditional doughnut. They also were made to order.

But the 2,200-square-foot store closed 10 months later. Parlor Doughnuts, which has expanded to 47 national outlets, including 13 in Florida, hopes to be different. Gubias said the site was appealing because the buildout process was particularly smooth.

Parlor Doughnuts are made in small batches, which guarantees freshness. They aren't anything like a traditional cake or yeast doughnut. They're the size of a croquet ball, fluffy on the inside and crispy on the outside.

Technically, they're a cronut, buttery



Store manager David V. showed off a tray of freshly created "doughnuts" at the Fleming Island store. In addition to offering unique pastries and coffee, Parlor Doughnuts has a comfortable dining room.



layers of croissant dough fried and glazed with toppings. The selection of flavored toppings is staggering. There are 27 selections, including Dreamsicle, raspberry pistachio, strawberry shortcake, turtle cheesecake, campfire, churro, blueberry hill, maple bacon, peanut butter cup and maple pecan. The store also has two Keto doughnuts, gluten/vegas-friendly, dog doughnuts and minis. If you don't see the doughnut you want, they can make one.

The shop also includes a variety of fresh-ground coffee, juice, kombucha and milkshakes.

One of Parlor's immediate appeals has

been driven by social media. Many first-time customers said they saw reviews and photos online.

One review by Taylor Vagrin Dyees on the ClayEats Facebook page said she visited the shop three times before making her post.

"Let me start by saying, these donuts are nothing short of perfection!," she wrote. "Their texture strikes the perfect balance between crispy and fluffy, and the flavors are absolutely delightful. I had the pleasure of trying the churro donut, the French toast donut, and to cover all the bases, I even grabbed a box of minis. And boy, oh boy, let



me tell you, each and every one of them was simply divine.

"Now, I couldn't resist venturing beyond the donut realm and decided to give their bacon breakfast taco a whirl, not just once but a few times! And let me just say, it did not disappoint!"

"People can walk here and bike here. It's like a neighborhood hangout," said co-owner Craig Mullen.

Staff reporter Lee Wardlaw contributed to this story.

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Oakleaf High running back Chris Foy, here making soft-fingered catch, will be one of a handful of rugged power running backs in Clay County in 2023.

Power plus speed game for area RBs

By Randy Lefko
Sports editor

FLEMING ISLAND - With guys like Sam Singleton, JoJo Restall, T.J. Lane and Devin Outlaw graduating from their respective teams, area high school football will see a fresh face of quarterhorses intent on punishing enemy defenses.

One of just two returning varsity running back with extensive game time last year is Ridgeview High senior Rayhn Hutchinson (215lbs.) who leads a cadre of ball carriers that seem heft, strong and fast a foot in open field.

Hutchinson was coach Bryan Arnette's battering ram through an offensive line that was undersized at best and had most of yardage after initial contact.

"I try not to go down on the first contact hoping to get outside and put the jets

on," said Hutchinson, who, with expected action at linebacker, bulked up a bit more over the summer. "I worked a lot on my separation acceleration once through the line and, with our line a little bigger and a little more experienced, I want to finish with a big year for the team."

The second guy who returns with high expectations in Keystone Heights, where the Indians used power running to finish 10-2 two years ago, but graduated the entire team to encore at 2-8, junior Cartez Daniels may be a guy who could emerge as the next great back as an Indian. Daniels, nearly 900 yards last year with a very green offensive line, sprouted to a 6'-1" frame with some bulk and, with a massive and little more experienced front line, could be the surprise of the

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Broncos to be lone playoff team for Clay

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - Middleburg High football stood in an odd situation at Wednesday's Baker Sports High School Football Media Day as the lone playoff team from Clay County.

"It's kind of weird for us that no one is paying attention to Middleburg football and we are the only team that went to the playoffs last year," said Middleburg High coach Ryan Wolfe, now in his fourth season. "These players are not from the

SEE MEDIA, 30



Two new faces on the Fleming Island High football sidelines; Mike Kenny, left, and Derek Chipoletti will be part of an high-powered that includes two former Fleming Island coaches returning to the gridiron.

Two guys who know football return to gridiron

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Derek Chipoletti's coaching career has been a ride into multiple towns of various sizes with one thing in common.

He wins.

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Clay High football coach Kyle Kennard has a laugh during pic with his seniors; Payton Dykas, Chandler Thomas, Eli Iscoa and Omar Goosby during Baker Sports Media Day at TIAA Bank Field.



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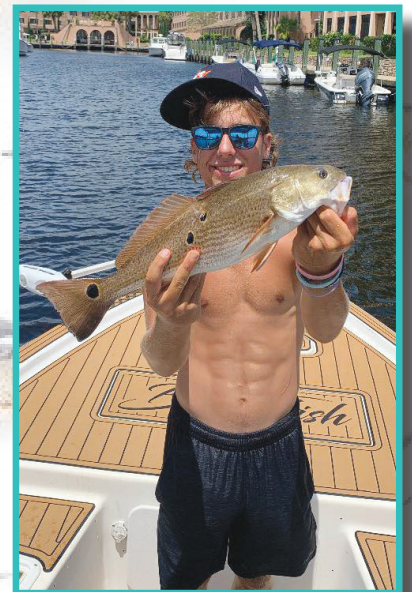


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schools, metro schools and even a very, very small private school and have been able to get wins and move those programs forward,” said Chipoletti, who was one of first coaches for Fleming Island football with his dad, Neal, the head coach at the onset of Golden Eagle football. “I like to think that I use football to build boys into men and prepare them for life. In that thought, it’s not just about the wins and losses, but that preparation thought process works in many aspects of life.”

Another guy who has returned the gridiron after a brief hiatus is offensive football strategist Evan Scharf, also a former Fleming Island High football staffer.

Now, Chipoletti, who has taken two brief rests from his busy coaching career; one after leading Oakleaf to a region final and an undefeated regular season in 2014.

Chipoletti stepped away from the Oakleaf program to address some family issues and was thought to have had enough success to move forward with a career in finance.

“Then the idea to return came about three years after I left Oakleaf, got myself a career that worked to prepare me to take care of my family,” said Chipoletti. “St. Johns Country Day School had had a good run in the independent realm of Florida football and was interested in pushing the program a little further.”

At St. Johns, Chipoletti brought a big school mentality to a school that fielded a team with just 20-25 players.

Chipoletti had some success in inject-



Fleming Island new head coach Chad Parker, center, has a word with his two veteran coaches; Derek Chipoletti, left, and Ivan Scharf who returned to the gridiron after short hiatuses.

ing some of his football knowledge into the program with wins and competitive teams, but the school was at its limits. Chipoletti stepped away, as did assistant Steven Reynolds, now head coach at Keystone Heights.

Again, Chipoletti backed into the shadows of being a former coach and seemingly again to be content to be a businessman, even taking a run at a Clay County school district slot.

Note: Chipoletti’s runs at football in other towns included Bradford County (state playoffs) and Williston (region playoffs) after Fleming Island, then a three year stint at Oakleaf where he coached an All American in Shaquille Quarterman

(now linebacker for Jacksonville Jaguars), got the region final finish, an undefeated district season slate and three straight home playoff games. Chipoletti, an Orange Park High linebacker graduate, also had stints at Sandalwood and his alma mater as a defensive coach which is where he will be coaching at Fleming Island.

“I live in the neighborhood, played football with Fleming Island High athletic director Travis Cunningham (at OPHS) and have ties to the community,” said Chipoletti. “Coach Parker reached out, we talked and I’m excited to be back on the field. I have always loved the sport of football and its relationship with teaching young kids to be successful.”

Ironically, Scharf’s hiatus was more to be with family and some young kids added to his home roster.

“I never really stepped away from football in general,” said Scharf. “I kept studying and researching the latest trends and thought I was in a good place that if I got an opportunity, I might take it. That’s when coach Parker called me.”

Having the two football intellects on his sideline is only a benefit for Parker who takes over after a long run from departed to Georgia Damenyum Springs.

“I learned from Darrell Sutherland at Bartram Trail that surrounding myself with great people who can teach football is one key to success,” said Parker, who coached prior at Orange Park in the county before going to Bartram Trail. “I think a good head coach is not the guy who has to be at every station and explain ever aspect of his take on the game. Coach Chipoletti is someone I can learn from with his experience and coach Scharf is someone I want to watch do what he does because his football knowledge has made a lot of kids successful football players.”

Scharf intention is to take the vast offensive weaponry available to him at Fleming Island and put defenses on the defense, pun intended.

“Cibastian (Fleming Island junior quarterback Cibastian Broughton) is a very smart, very athletic quarterback that I want to develop with a system that puts defenses in stressful situations,” said Scharf. “He can win games with his feet, with his arm and with his intuitive play to make big plays happen. I want to give him a system that he can do all that.”

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CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Fleming Island will look to senior Tyler Beverly to power the ball upfield as the latest great Golden Eagle running back.

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On the field for Clay County football lugging the rock will be running backs, left, Rayhn Hutchinson of Ridgeview, Jaydan Jenkins of Middleburg with, below left, Jaden Boyd adding speed to Bronco backfield. Bottom right, Keystone Heights will ride the strong legs of Cartez Daniels who has a wall of big muscle in front of him.



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Orange Park's Damar Jackson could be the Raiders next power runner.





Baker Sports High School Media Day featured most of the northeast Florida football programs showing off some of their best talent with, left, Ridgeview coach Bryan Arnette and his Panther troops, and right, Keystone Heights first year head coach Steve Reynolds looking to put his stamp on a strong Indians program left by former coach Chuck Dickinson.



Left, Orange Park has some new faces to turn around a few sub-par seasons for the Raiders with speedster Jermel Brown, second from right, a top threat for coach Marcus Wimberly. Right: Fleming Island has a new coach, center, Chad Parker, who has some seasoned players on his squad that will look to return the Golden Eagles to the region playoffs.

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Middleburg years of losing football and they understand that what they did is from hard work and focus. We'll use our lack of attention to motivate us."

Wolfe traveled the Jacksonville's TIAA Bank Field for the annual football fest with four senior players; defensive back Errick Fryer, linebacker Austin Cruce, quarterback/utility Jaydan Jenkins and mammoth tackle Micah George as key elements of a team chock full of talent and drive that looks to encore last year's playoff finish.

"We're going to have speed on our side and multiple positions," said Wolfe. "Jaden Boyd, Errick, Jaydan, Joe Forte, and Darren Rozier will all be part of an offense that

will attack from all points. Our offensive line is big with Micah here (250 Lbs.) and Luke Green with newly arrived Gage Isbell, a state weightlifting champion."

One question Wolfe will have to answer is at quarterback where Jenkins drove the team last year, but will not as much this year.

"Two new faces, two new styles; Mason Zwilling and Carson Stewart, are now battling for the start slot and we are going to have Jaydan float in different spots on offense to use his athletic talent more," said Wolfe. "Jaden is also our top running back after a great season as defensive back, but I think we have enough talent to cover defense and give Jaden's speed some test on offense."

Wolfe also talked of his opening salvo of a schedule with a gauntlet of state top-

ranked teams again as in last year that saw Middleburg start out a 0-4; Hawthorne (state champion), Bishop Kenny (region qualifier), Ponte Vedra (4S contender) and Final Four finisher Bradford County.

"We know we gave them too much early in the game and had to come back," said Fryer, a defensive back specialist. "This year, we learned about that and how costly it was and plan to come out storming from the first whistle."

For Fleming Island, with a new coach, former Orange Park and Bartram Trail coach Chad Parker, his quartet of Tyler Beverly RB; Braden Cunningham OL; Joey Couch OL/DL and Ladarius Jackson LB brimmed with anticipation of a new look for Fleming Island under Parker.

"We are excited to execute his plan," said Cunningham, a top-ranked offensive

line player with a college commit in his pocket. "We have new coaches and we are excited to turn the page at Fleming Island."

The top thought at Fleming Island centers around third-year starting quarterback Cibastian Broughton.

"Cibastian is a student of the game and our new offensive coach Evan Scharf comes back to Fleming Island to direct our offense which will be able to move the ball from many points," said Parker, who also brings back former Fleming Island assistant coach Derek Chipoletti to lead the defense. "The kids here are talented and we just want to put a new wrinkle in their step. We've got some great coaches back on the sideline."

Beverly, at running back, showed his stuff with a strong sprint game against Middleburg with a handful of long break-



Oakleaf High's four seniors at Baker Sports Media Day will lead new coach Chris Foy into Nightmare territory with some very big people up front while Clay High with Omar Goosby hoisting the boom box look to bring historical Blue Devil football back to Clay High School.



out plays; two for scores. Beverly, unfortunately, has had FSU running back Sam Singleton in front of him for three years.

"It's my time and I will take advantage," said Beverly, also a state weightlifting champion. "I've been working for this season; learning and honing my skill set. With our offensive line like it is, we should move the ball quickly downfield."

Couch and Jackson will man the defense from Chipoletti's shifting schemes and surprise attacks with Couch a top sack master from the line.

"I moved into the defensive tackle position and will be closer to the action," said Couch, also part of the offensive line with Kevin Reyes, also a state weightlifting champion. "We will be mobile and disruptive."

Oakleaf, also under new leadership with former Andrew Jackson coach Chris Foy; who won two district titles for Jackson in his three years, looks primed to return to the days of their deep playoff run (region finals) during Chipoletti's tenure.

"We will be ready for a strong fourth quarter and be able to finish games," said Foy. "Last year, Oakleaf scored a ton of points but lost games that they should have won. We will change that."

Senior quarterback Brandon Wallace, Jr., will be the focal point of Foy's pound-and-ground offensive attack that features a massive offensive line led by senior Quory Ambrose and Chase Johnson.

"We are big and agile," said Ambrose, nearly 300 pounds. "Coach Foy has us in conditioning to be fast, strong and in shape for the duration. We will be attacking in the fourth quarter."

Wallace, who was in mentorship, kind of, behind graduated Drew Ammon last year who amassed gigantic stats, sees his opportunity to show off his own physical skills as well as his football IQ.

"Watching a guy like him put points on the board in the ways he did it gave me

something to put into my game," said Wallace. "Drew was also thinking of ways to get downfield no matter who was in front of him."

For Foy, Wallace is a quarterback with a special skill set physically. "He took a bunch of plays to the house after breaking from the pocket in camps we have been to," said Foy. "He has wheels and that makes him dangerous."

Foy's defense features a host of young, physical faces; including top tackler De'Shun Brown and safety man James Kitchens with youth Foy's top concern.

"We are young and aggressive, but this district is full of very good teams that like to throw the ball," said Foy. "So far, I like their responses at camp against good teams that we've seen."

Ridgeview will look to reverse two seasons of 1-9 with a power-packed line up that finally has size on it.

Running back Rayhn Hutchinson is 215 lbs., defensive end JJ Moore is 235 pounds, offensive lineman Jacob Jones is 250 and fullback Braylon Hawkins is 255 pounds.

"This could be our biggest team ever," said coach Bryan Arnette. "We have been undersized since I've been here and maybe this year, we've found big guys in our hallways that are good football players."

Moore is a monster defensive end with 14 sacks last year plus a bruising tight end, Hawkins converts from an offensive line to a Sniffer-type player to be a lead blocker with more space for momentum and Jones is going to be a force up front.

"These guys want to end their Ridgeview football on a solid note and they are capable of it," said Arnette. "With a little luck, we can turn our records around."

Orange Park coach Marcus Wimberly has had immense offensive firepower around him and 2023 is the same with trickster Jermel Brown a top threat anywhere, but Wimberly has had his anxiety finding quarterbacks to deliver the ball to



Ridgeview High running back Rayhn Hutchinson has the attention of his teammates at Baker Sports Media Day and will also be looked upon to better the Panthers attack in 2023.

his weapons.

Keystone Heights has the look of Keystone Heights of the past with big offensive linemen, rugged running backs, ornery defenders and, this year, a passing game that could become a key part of the offense under new coach Steven Reynolds, the former defensive coach at Keystone Heights under Chuck Dickinson.

"I see a lot of Chuck's success from his strong run game approach and dominating offensive line play and we look to keep that intact," said Reynolds. "We are just adding a passing game that can capitalize."

Reynolds had senior running back Cartez Daniels on hand with lineman Bryce Wester, wide receiver Wyatt Van Zant and fullback Ben Ulsch.

"I've been here for the good (10-0 season 2021) and the bad (2-8 last year after massive graduations) and this team gives

me a good feel," said Van Zant. "Coach Reynolds has new eyes on the program but is keeping tradition. We will always come with a big running game and Cartez will answer that call."

Daniels, at 6-0, 210 lbs., showed off speed on top of his physical skills in the Indian's spring games against Santa Fe and Ridgeview and the Keystone Heights offensive line; with Wester and two near 300-pound underclassmen Tyler Duncan, and freshman Bryce Daniels, getting into the mix with a year under their belts.

"Both of those guys have learned with our top offensive line from that unbeaten team and will take the reigns this year," said Wester, a four-year starter on the line. "We pride ourselves in driving downfield and we have a big running back and a fullback that will put us where Keystone Heights is strong."

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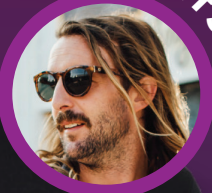
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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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PUBLIC AUCTION

On August 19, 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: 1G2JB1246W7539716 1998 PONT **Legal 78312 Published 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Florida County School Board will hold a Florida School Boards Association Master Training on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.** in the Teacher Inservice Center, Lab 1001, located at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island, Florida 32003. 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 or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at 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 78311 published 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2023CA001070 FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC, vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF EMMA C. KING, DECEASED, et. al.

Defendant(s), TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF EMMA C. KING, DECEASED,

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein. **TO: SAMANTHA KING,**

whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein. **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTICED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 4, OLD JENNINGS JUNCTION UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 23, PAGE(S) 27 AND 28, 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 counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 or on before 09/11/2023 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) 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 filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 28th day of July, 2023

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Gracie Moore DEPUTY CLERK **Legal 77983 Published 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

On August 29, 2023, at 10 A.M. 246 Jefferson Ave, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The following vehicles will be auctioned off for towing and storage charges. 2011 KIA KNDJT2A2XB7315003 2014 MAZDA JM1GJ1T6E1142131 **Legal 77982 Published 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 2023-CP-374 DIVISION: A IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JANE WOODLEY CUMMING, deceased. The administration of the estate of JANE WOODLEY CUMMING, deceased, whose date of death was April 12, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Court-house, 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 the first publication of this Notice is August 3, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: MARY C. COBB, Esquire The Cobb Law Firm, P.A. 431 Stowe Avenue Orange Park, FL 32073 (904) 269-5800 Florida Bar No.: 23972 Email: maryc.cobb@gmail.com Personal Representative: JACK A. WOODLEY 7013 Fontainebleau Crescent Jacksonville, FL 32211 **Legal 77980 Published 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2023CC001020 UNIVERSAL LENDING TRUST 2, LLC, a New Mexico limited liability company, Plaintiff,

v. ORANGE HOLDINGS 32065, LLC, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST PARCEL #15-04-25-007941-005-07, DATED JULY 14, 2015; and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons, unknown entities, unknown parties or unknown spouses claiming by, through or under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Consent Final Judgment to Foreclose Mortgage entered in this cause, in

the County Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein UNIVERSAL LENDING TRUST 2, LLC, Plaintiff; ORANGE HOLDINGS 32065, LLC, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST PARCEL

#15-04-25-007941-005-07, DATED JULY 14, 2015; and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons, unknown entities, unknown parties or unknown spouses claiming by, through or under any of the above-named Defendants are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern/Standard Time) on the 6th day of September 2023, online at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com as set forth in the Summary Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 7, HICKORY GLEN UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 47, PAGES 5 THROUGH 8 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Property address: 3234 Woodglen Drive, Orange Park, Florida 32065 **IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.**

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TARA S. GREEN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Nicole Barrie As Deputy Clerk **Legal 77860 Published 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION Case No. 2023-CP-000355 Division: B

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILMA J. SCHNELL a/k/a WILMA JUNE SCHNELL, Deceased.

The administration of the Estate of Wilma J. Schnell a/k/a Wilma June Schnell, deceased, whose date of death was May 16, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is August 3, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: Cameron H.P. White, Esq. Florida Bar Number: 021343 Law Office of Cameron H.P. White, P.A. 9100 Conroy-Windermere Road, Suite 200

Windermere, Florida 34786 Telephone: (904) 994-9073 Email: cameron@chpwhitelaw.com Secondary: ashley@chpwhitelaw.com Personal Representative: David R. Schnell 5920 Lunenburg Drive Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 **Legal 77859 Published 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: KEYS FUNDING LLC - 2021, 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.: 2912/2021**

Legal Description: LOT 25-A STONE CREEK @ EAGLE HARBOR O R 3048 PG 1515

Parcel ID No.: 090526-014176-009-38
Opening Bid Amount: \$15,166.74
Physical Address: 6376 ISLAND FOREST DR A, FLEMING ISLAND
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ATTACHED
Name in which assessed: MARY B LISTER

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 20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. **Dated this 26th day of July, 2023**

TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk **Legal 77858 Published 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: RAM TAX LIEN FUND LP, 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.: 1268/2021**

Legal Description: PT OF SW1/4 S5T5R24 A/K/A LOT 4 MIMOSA WOODS UNREC AS REC O R 1848 PG 1421

Parcel ID No.: 050524-005931-003-04
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,237.16
Physical Address: 101 PLANKTON AVE, MIDDLEBURG
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: JOHN L & PATRICIA L HILLS, PATRICIA L HILLS

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 20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. **Dated this 26th day of July, 2023**

TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk **Legal 77857 Published 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC & OCEAN BANK, 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.: 904/2021**

Legal Description: LOTS 22 & 23 BLK 84 HIGHRIIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 1314 PG 602 1669

PG 2193 F/J & 2688 PG 671
Parcel ID No.: 220823-003972-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$18,749.45

Physical Address: 6072 JUILLIARD AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: VIRGINIA MAYO BENNETT

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 20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. **Dated this 26th day of July, 2023**

TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk **Legal 77856 Published 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: RB TAX INVESTMENTS 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.: 2127/2021**

Legal Description: LOT 10 BLK 35 MEADOWBROOK 10 AS REC O R 45 PG 594 & 887 PG 289

Parcel ID No.: 010425-011758-123-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$7,163.94
Physical Address: 409 LIBRA LN, ORANGE PARK

Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: COLLEEN FORTE (HEIRS)

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at

www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. **Dated this 26th day of July, 2023**
TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk **Legal 77855 Published 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: DEL REY PACHECO, 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.: 921/2016**

Legal Description: LOT 10 BLK 108 HIGHRIIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3071 PG 2171, 3072 PG 502 & 3076 PG 501

Parcel ID No.: 160823-004468-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,701.61
Physical Address: 7090 SEWANE ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: TAX CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION INC

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 20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. **Dated this 26th day of July, 2023**

TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk **Legal 77854 Published 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CLAY COUNTY SHIP PROGRAM

On July 7, 1992, the Governor of Florida signed the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act into law. The Act is a comprehensive funding package for state and local affordable housing programs. Pursuant to this Act, Clay County SHIP Program has adopted a State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025. The projected distribution amount of SHIP funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is approximately \$2,593,331.00. SHIP funds will be expended for the LHAP strategies ("strategy" or "strategies") listed below and will be distributed to qualified applicants on both a competitive and non-competitive basis depending on the strategy and appropriation. To be eligible for funding, applicant's income must not exceed the applicable income limits for each strategy: Extremely Low (30% of Median Income), Very Low (50% of Median Income), Low (80% of Median Income), and/or Moderate (120% of Median Income).

Application Period begins September 2, 2023. Applications will be processed in the order they are received on a "First Qualified, First Served" basis and will be accepted until all funding has been distributed. A waiting list will be established when there are eligible applicants for strategies that no longer have funding available. Please contact the Clay County SHIP Program ("SHIP Program") for questions about the application process and for instructions on submitting an application along with the terms, conditions and eligibility requirements. The SHIP Program is located at 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida and can be reached via telephone at (904) 278-4700 or (904) 529-4700. Ship Program office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

STRATEGIES: OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION

Funds in this strategy will be used to assist qualified homeowners whose houses are in need of repairs. Repairs will be determined by the SHIP Program Coordinator. This strategy is for applicants with income in the Extremely Low, Very Low and Low categories. The maximum award under this strategy is \$49,999.99 per house. These funds are made as a no interest loan with a deferred repayment. **PURCHASE ASSISTANCE/DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE**

Funds in this strategy will be used for qualified persons in need of down payment and/or closing costs assistance to purchase a new or existing home. This strategy is for applicants with income in the Very Low, Low and Moderate categories up to 140% of AMI. The sales price or value of the home may not exceed \$359,263.00. The maximum award under this strategy is up to \$30,000.00. Funds for this program are contingent upon budget appropriation and must be used in conjunction with another first time homebuyer program. These funds are made as a no interest loan with a deferred repayment. **DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Funds in this strategy will be used to provide funding for minor repairs to mobile homes owned by a qualified applicant. The mobile home must not be older than ten years in age. Assistance will be awarded to applicants with income in the Extremely Low, Very Low and Low income categories. The maximum award under this strategy is \$49,999.00. These funds are made as a no interest loan with a deferred payment. Clay County, its officers, staff, and agents disclose that it is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, sex, familial status, marital status, national origin or handicap in the award application process. Howard Wanamaker County Manager Theresa Sumner SHIP Program Coordinator **Legal 77853 Published 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

vide emergency repairs to victims of a natural disaster as declared by State or Federal Executive Order. Funds may be used for items such as, but not limited to, purchase of emergency supplies to weatherproof damaged eligible homes, interim repairs to avoid further damage, tree and debris removal, construction/repair of wells where public water is not available, and soft costs required to process assistance applications. This strategy is for applicants with income in the Extremely Low, Very Low, Low and Moderate categories. The maximum award under this strategy is \$10,000.00. These funds are made as a grant. **SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING (Non-Profit)**

Funds in this strategy will be used to provide funding to a not-for-profit entity for the purchase of new construction or existing housing and the rehabilitation of or additions to existing housing used for special needs housing groups as noted in s. 420.9075(1)(a), Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, homeless people, the elderly, migrant farm workers and persons with disabilities. This strategy will provide funding for the purchase of generators or any other special use equipment required to maintain a group home. This strategy is for applicants with income in the Extremely Low, Very Low or Low categories. The maximum award under this strategy is \$300,000.00. These funds are made as a no interest loan with a deferred payment, and if eligible can be forgiven after ten years.

HOMELESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Funds in this strategy will be used to provide funding to assist families and individuals who reside in Clay County who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless (Eviction Prevention) and those who are already homeless (Rapid Rehousing). Assistance for Eviction Prevention cannot exceed six months' rent and assistance for Rapid Rehousing cannot exceed 12 months. Assistance will be awarded through a Sponsor to applicants with income in the eligible income category. The Sponsor must be an agency or not-for-profit group whose mission and focus is to end homelessness and to promote self-sufficiency. The maximum award under this strategy is \$10,000.00. These funds are made as a grant.

DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION - HOME REPLACEMENT

Funds in this strategy will be used to provide funding for the replacement of an existing single family dwelling that has been determined not economically feasible to rehabilitate. This strategy will also provide for the replacement of mobile homes that are over 10 years in age with a single family dwelling. This strategy will only be available if the property is free and clear of any mortgage or debt. Assistance will be awarded to applicants with income in the Extremely Low, Very Low, or Low categories. The maximum award under this strategy is \$300,000.00 per house. These funds are made as a no interest loan with a deferred payment. **HOMES FOR DISABLED VETERANS**

Funds in this strategy will be used to provide funding for new construction, rehabilitation, and/or retrofitting of an existing home for a veteran with a disability threshold of at least 60%. This strategy is for applicants with income in the Extremely Low, Very Low, Low, or Moderate categories. The maximum award under this strategy is \$300,000.00 per house. These funds are made as a no interest loan with a deferred payment and if eligible can be forgiven after ten years. **NON-PROFIT HOUSING CONSTRUCTION**

Funds in this strategy will be provided to not-for-profit organizations to be used to develop affordable housing for resale to eligible buyers/households in Clay County. The homes built by the not-for-profit will be purchased by persons in the Extremely Low, Very Low and Low income categories. The maximum award under this strategy to the developer is \$75,000.00 per house and the maximum award to a homebuyer is \$75,000.00 per house. Funds provided to a developer under this strategy will be secured with a recorded Note and Mortgage with the possibility of forgiveness of the loan when the home is sold to an income eligible buyer. Funds provided to a homebuyer under this strategy will be made as a no interest loan with a deferred payment to the homeowner, with the possibility of forgiveness of the loan.

REPAIRS TO MOBILE HOMES

Funds in this strategy will be used to provide funding for minor repairs to mobile homes owned by a qualified applicant. The mobile home must not be older than ten years in age. Assistance will be awarded to applicants with income in the Extremely Low, Very Low and Low income categories. The maximum award under this strategy is \$49,999.00. These funds are made as a no interest loan with a deferred payment.

Clay County, its officers, staff, and agents disclose that it is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, sex, familial status, marital status, national origin or handicap in the award application process. Howard Wanamaker County Manager Theresa Sumner SHIP Program Coordinator **Legal 77853 Published 8/3/2023 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 August 17, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

2003 Toyota ID# 5TBR934173S359908
2010 Ford ID# 3FAHFOJA0AR168220
2004 Harley Davidson ID# 1HD-1CLP104K401200
Legal 77650 Published 8/3/2023 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. 2022CA000534
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.

JAMES EARL FRAZIER A/K/A JAMES E. FRAZIER AND DOTTIE BROWN FRAZIER A/K/A DOTTIE FRAZIER, et al.
Defendant(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **August 31, 2022**, and entered in 2022CA000534 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and JAMES EARL FRAZIER A/K/A JAMES E. FRAZIER; DOTTIE BROWN FRAZIER A/K/A DOTTIE FRAZIER; SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS 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.clayreforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on **August 30, 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 164, SPENCER PLANTATION UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 47, PAGE(S) 43 THROUGH 48, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Property Address: 2784 WOOD STORK TRAIL, 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 26 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 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 77649 Published 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

The Town of Penney farms will conduct a Special Public Meeting on **August 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM EST** at the Penney Farms Town Hall located at **4100 Clark Ave., Penney Farms, FL 32694**. The purpose of the meeting is to give the citizens an opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed Utility Truck for the Town of Penney Farms and to comment on such economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternative to the project and other matters of concern. The meeting will include discussion of the application process and the Town of Penney Farms action relative to approving, executing and submitting a formal application to USDA Rural Development for funding. Any questions may be directed to David Cooper, Town Manager at 904-529-9078.
Legal 77648 Published 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO MODIFY CONSENT FINAL JUDGMENT (WITH MINOR OR DEPENDENT CHILD AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10-2019-DR-000885-FM
DIVISION: F
IN RE: The Former Marriage of KATELYN NICOLE MCRAE, n/k/a KATELYN NICOLE THRASHER, Former Wife/Mother And BEAU NICHOLAS MCRAE, Former Husband/Father
TO: BEAU NICHOLAS MCRAE
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 3414 Tallman Dr., Middleburg FL 32068
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Supplemental Petition to Modify Consent Final Judgment has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on KATELYN NICOLE THRASHER, at her attorney's address at: **DRAKE LAW FIRM, P.A., 4600 Touchton Rd. E., Bldg. 100, Suite 150, Jacksonville, FL 32246.**

on or before , and file the original with the clerk of this Court at: **Clay County Clerk of Family Court, 825 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043** before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the supplemental petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Courts office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office. **WARNING:** Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: July 25, 2023.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk
Legal 77647 Published 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10-2021-DP-000088
DIVISION: JV, E
IN THE INTEREST OF:
T.M.D.
DOB: 06/11/2021
A MINOR CHILD
THE STATE OF FLORIDA
TO:

Genie McHenry, MOTHER
Address Unknown
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, T.M.D. born June 11, 2021. You are hereby commanded to appear before 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 September 12, 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 T.M.D. AND YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THIS CHILD.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crtntrp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 25th day of July 2023.

Tara S. Green
As Clerk of Said Court
By: Denise Haselwood
Legal 77646 Published 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Meeting Armstrong Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Armstrong Community Development District will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
Marilee Giles
District Manager
Legal 77644 Published 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-354
Division: A
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROSE NANETTE WEEKS, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of ROSE NANETTE WEEKS, Deceased, whose date of death was May 14, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698 or 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is August 3, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Dale S. Wilson
Dale S. Wilson, Esquire
E-Mail Addresses:
wilsdale@bellsouth.net
Florida Bar No. 176945
Dale S. Wilson PA
PO Box 1808
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Telephone: (904)284-5618
Personal Representative:
/s/ George Cary Weeks, III
7769 Forest Circle
Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
Legal 77530 Published 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Space City Sports Cards** located at 3400 Laurel Leaf Dr, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 24th day of July 2023.
Reyes Torres Duran Jr
Legal 77529 Published 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: SAVVY FL LLC FTB COLLATERAL ASSIGNEE, 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.: 1609/2021
Legal Description: LOT 3 BLK 10 BLACK CREEK PARK UNIT 3 AS REC O R 3838 PG 1261
Parcel ID No.: 210524-006700-278-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,260.89
Physical Address: 4695 ROSEMARY ST , MIDDLEBURG
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: MATTHEW B RICKS
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 **20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 24th day of July, 2023
TARA S . GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 77528 Published 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: SAVVY FL LLC FTB COLLATERAL ASSIGNEE, 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.: 1798/2021

Legal Description: LOT 12 BLK 204 BLACK CREEK PARK UNIT 2 AS REC O R 3454 PG 1580
Parcel ID No.: 350524-006699-885-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,996.35
Physical Address: 2681 N PERIWINKLE AVE , MIDDLEBURG
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: HANH N HOANG & SANG HOANG VO
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 **20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 24th day of July, 2023
TARA S . GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 77411 Published 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: SAVVY FL LLC FTB COLLATERAL ASSIGNEE, 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.: 2010/2021
Legal Description: LOT 30 BLK 3 LAKESIDE TERRACE AS REC O R 299 PG 242 & 1869 PG 142
Parcel ID No.: 140824-007116-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,070.33
Physical Address: 7159 QUAIL ST , FLORAHOME
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: RALEIGH W & NADINE M BALLOU
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 **20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 24th day of July, 2023
TARA S . GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 77410 Published 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: SAVVY FL LLC FTB COLLATERAL ASSIGNEE, 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.: 2010/2021
Legal Description: LOT 30 BLK 3 LAKESIDE TERRACE AS REC O R 299 PG 242 & 1869 PG 142
Parcel ID No.: 140824-007116-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,070.33
Physical Address: 7159 QUAIL ST , FLORAHOME
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: RALEIGH W & NADINE M BALLOU
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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Certificate No.: 2044/2021
Legal Description: PT NW1/4 OF SE1/4 AS REC O R 609 PGS 129-135
Parcel ID No.: 180824-007178-003-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,809.35
Physical Address: COUNTY ROAD 214 , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: OSCAR LEWIS
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 **20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 24th day of July, 2023
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Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
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Opening Bid Amount: \$1,809.35
Physical Address: COUNTY ROAD 214 , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: OSCAR LEWIS
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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Certificate No.: 2098/2021
Legal Description: LOT 11 LIVE OAK FOREST AS REC O R 1481 PG 699(PUTNAM CO) & 4 038 PG 1527
Parcel ID No.: 310824-007852-034-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,673.11
Physical Address: 5499 DARWOOD ST MELROSE
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: MARITZA MENDOSA & BENJAMIN M GOMEZ
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 **20th**

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Physical Address: 5499 DARWOOD ST MELROSE
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Name in which assessed: MARITZA MENDOSA & BENJAMIN M GOMEZ
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Certificate No.: 1798/2021

day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 24th day of July, 2023
TARA S . GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 77408 Published 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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Certificate No.: 3270/2021
Legal Description: PT W1/2 OF N1/2 LOT 4 AS REC O R 317 PG 439;703 PG 133;1652 PG 137;2522
PG 1905;3366 PG 1650 & 3824 PG 2028
EX PT O R 801 PG 400 & 1171 PG 474
Parcel ID No.: 020726-015750-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,511.03
Physical Address: 5217 S US HIGHWAY 17 , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: LUKE A WILSON
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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Deputy Clerk
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Legal Description: LOT 30 BLK 3 LAKESIDE TERRACE AS REC O R 299 PG 242 & 1869 PG 142
Parcel ID No.: 140824-007116-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,070.33
Physical Address: 7159 QUAIL ST , FLORAHOME
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: RALEIGH W & NADINE M BALLOU
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND

Date of Publication: August 3, 2023
Town of Penney Farms, FL
P.O. Box 1041
Penney Farms, FL 32079-1041
Phone: 904-529-9078
To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Town of Penney Farms has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection to determine the potential affect that the activity in the floodplain and/ or wetland will have on the environment. The activity is funded by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program with grant funds from the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Construction activities will include the replacement of deteriorated lead jointed water lines with newer, safer, and more durable water lines. The project will also involve connecting the Town's water system with the water system that serves the PRC Retirement Community. The CDBG funded replacement water lines will be located along Town streets in the following segments: Segment 1 extends from the WATER TOWER which is on the south side of Caroline Blvd. to the north side of Caroline Blvd.; Segment 2 extends along HOFFMAN ST. between Clark Ave. and Lewis Ave.; Segment 3 extends along HOFFMAN ST. from Lewis Avenue for less than 50 LF to the Penney Farms Retirement Community (PRC) interconnect meter site; Segment 4 extends along CLARK AVE. between Hoffman St. and Caroline Blvd.; Segment 5 extends along CAROLINE BLVD. between the water tower and Clark Ave.; Segment 6 extends along CAROLINE BLVD. between Clark Ave. and Lewis Ave.; Segment 7 extends along LEWIS AVE. between Hoffman Street and Caroline Blvd. The replacement of these water mains and the interconnection of the Town of Penney Farms and PRC water systems will help to improve water quality, reliability, and safety for all Town residents. After the water line segments described above are addressed, and if funds are available, the water line replacement activities will be extended to the next block. Street segments for these additional water line replacement activities include CLARK AVE. between Hoffman St. and Morton Dr.; MORTON DR. between Clark Ave. and Wilbanks Ave.; and LEWIS AVE. between Morton Dr. and Hoffman St. The intent of this project is to replace approximately 2,630 LF of water lines, plus up to an additional 2,000 LF, based on available funding. The construction activities will impact approximately .1 acres of flood prone area. The replaced water lines will be located 3 to 5 feet underground in the public right of way next to existing streets that are already in the floodplain.

The Town of Penney Farms has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

The do nothing alternative was considered, but this was not a feasible alternative because it would allow the water lines to continue to be a potential health hazard due to the lead joints in the water lines. Also, relocating the water lines outside the floodplain is not feasible because then the lines would not be able to serve the existing houses that are also in the floodplain. For these reasons, it has been determined that no practicable alternative other than to proceed with the work is available. The proposed water line replacement activities will have no significant impact on the environment because erosion control measures will be used during construction to control stormwater runoff. In addition, when construction is complete, the water lines will be buried 3 to 5 feet underground and thus will have no impact on flood and drainage conditions. Also, the proposed improvements will conform to applicable state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures. The proposed improvements will include the replacement, repair, and/or rehabilitation of existing Town water lines that are already located in the floodplain/wetland. Failure to provide the planned improvements could result in continued health hazards from deteriorated water lines.

The Town of Penney Farms has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain/wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative due to the scope of the project. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/ or 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

CANS 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 crtintrp@ccj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 13th day of July, 2023.

Tara S. Green

As Clerk of the Court by:
By: Gracie Moore
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 77403 Published 7/27/2023 and 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Thursday the 17th day of August, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 996 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL, 32065 Webb, Michael 605 vacuums, vacuum parts, air purifier, fans, disc cd player, popcorn maker, Insulation, HP pc media center, hampers filled w misc items, purses ,shelf, desk chair, suitcases, lock box. Roberts, Breanna 256 kids toys, hamper, boxes of misc, guitar in cover, canopy, shelf, wire shelf. Davies, Eldon 616 misc furniture, totes of misc, step ladder, tv, tools, pictures. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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Legal 77399 Published 7/27/2023 and 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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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 77398 Published 7/27/2023 and 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: DEL REY PACHECO, 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.: 835/2016
Legal Description: LOT 1 BLK 82 HIGHLRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3144 PG 497
Parcel ID No.: 210823-003904-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,952.63
Physical Address: 6207 KENT AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: CRYSTAL I LLC
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 21st day of July, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 77034 Published 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC & OCEAN BANK, 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.: 1026/2021
Legal Description: PT OF S33T8R23 A/K/A PRL R&S AS REC O R 1364 PG 497;1630 PG 1932;1720 PG 1122;1767 PG 402; 1783 PG 1750 & 2948 PG 1117 EX PT O R 3305 PG 434
Parcel ID No.: 330823-004923-008-09
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,505.66
Physical Address: COUNTY ROAD 214 , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: ANN S BEHR REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
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 20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 21st day of July, 2023
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Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 77033 Published 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate No.: 207/2021
Legal Description: PT OF W1/2 OF SW1/4 SEC 16 & PT OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 SEC 17 AS REC O R 3532 PG 1191 & 3623 PG 1837
Parcel ID No.: 160623-000587-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$56,937.71
Physical Address: 6305 KINGSLEY LAKE DR STARKE
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: FIRE LANE 24 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 20th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 21st day of July, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 77032 Published 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate No.: 1855/2021
Legal Description: LOT 12 PLANTATION FARMS SOUTH AS REC O R 863 PG 108
Parcel ID No.: 280724-006919-060-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,430.44
Physical Address: 5918 TRAWICK , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: DORIS M RODGERS

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 77031 Published 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023, 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 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.: 2272/2021
Legal Description: LOT 23 BLK 2 RIDGEWOOD DIV SEC 19 O.P. AS REC O R 207 PG 6; 1436 PG 368 & 3089 PG 1341
Parcel ID No.: 220425-020517-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$18,501.03
Physical Address: 492 TAYLOR AVE A , ORANGE PARK
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: ROGER D WILLIS ET AL, VERA M WILLIS (HEIRS)

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2023CA001113
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MAYNELLE R. CROSBY, DECEASED, et al.

Defendant(s)
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MAYNELLE R. CROSBY, DECEASED,

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
LOT(S) 23 OF FOXMEADOW UNIT 3 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 11-13, ET. SEQ., 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 counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) 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 filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Clay County, Florida, this 20th day of July, 2023
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Rebecca Crews
DEPUTY CLERK
Legal 76844 Published 7/27/2023 and 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGETS AND TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD THE Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District ("District") will hold two Public Hearings on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fleming Island Plantation Splash Park, located at 1510 Calming Water Drive, Fleming Island, Florida 32003, for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the proposed budgets ("Proposed Budget") of the District for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2023/2024") and on the imposition of Operations and Maintenance Special Assessments. 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. 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 Inframark, Infrastructure Management Services, 210 North University Drive, Suite 702, Coral Springs, Florida 33071 ("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. 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.

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Janice Eggleton Davis
District Manager
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2023CP000289
IN RE: ESTATE OF FENIDE XAVIER Deceased.

The administration of the estate of FENIDE XAVIER, deceased, whose date of death was August 14, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Probate Court, 210 Washington St, Suite I, Fort Gaines, GA, 39851. 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 27, 2023.

By: /s/ Patrick Jean-Gilles, Esq.
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Rodney Evariste Xavier, Petitioner/ Personal Representative
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023 CP 000350
DIVISION: Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF:
SUSAN COX GRIFFIN,
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of SUSAN COX GRIFFIN, deceased, whose date of death was April 17, 2023, and whose last four digits of her social security number is 5228 is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, P.O. Box 698, Orange Park, 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 SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is July 27, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representatives:
Julie K. Kurtz, Esquire
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4606 Marsh Hawk PL
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904-643-3855
904-569-0102 - Fax
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Attorneys for Personal Representative

Personal Representative:
JOHN H. BISHOP, JR.
163 Gulfstream Way
Ponte Vedra, FL 32081
Personal Representative
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 08/20/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 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.
**1FMCU9D7XCCK84027 2012 FORD
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The online bidding and auction for Storage Rentals of America, 369 Blanding Blvd. will be held online at lockerfox.com through August 17, 2023, at 11:00AM.

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

PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

Unit # Tenant or Business Name
A64 Jenna Montalbano
B45 Joyce Grace
B47 James Whitfield
D27 Keith Rowell
E05 Raymond Villa
E44 Branson Green
G30 Tiffany Phillips
H22 Rubielis Martinez
J38 Terrell Davis
J47 Julien Amos
Total Units: 10
Sale being held to satisfy Landlords' lien. The seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. CASH ONLY. Contents to be removed within 48 hours.
Storage Rentals of America
369 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32073
904-977-6400
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2023-CA-001049
625 OAKLEAF PLANTATION # 714 LAND TRUST, PORTS OF IONNA, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, as trustee, Plaintiff,

vs.
CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST TRUST, (#06-04-25-007869-070-40), NATIONS ASSET MANAGEMENT 1, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, as Trustee, Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to that certain [Agreed In Rem Final Judgment of Foreclosure by Consent] entered on June 2, 2023, in this case, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, and in conjunction with the court's order of July 7, 2023 rescheduling the clerk sale, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:
UNIT #714 IN BUILDING NO. 7, PHASE 7, OF THE COVENTRY AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION CONDOMINIUM A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORD IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2954, PAGE 1405 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED.
More commonly known as: **625 OAKLEAF PLANTATION PARKWAY, #714, Orange Park, Florida 32065**, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at: www.clay.realforeclose.com, on August 8, 2023, beginning at 10:00AM.

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.
DATED: July 18, 2023.
TARA S GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT



Have you registered your name with the state and now need to run a fictitious name advertisement?

One easy step
Email legal@claytodayonline.com or call 904-579-2154 to request the necessary form. It will run in our legal section for one week for \$35. Affidavit will be mailed to you.

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

By: Jennifer Brosky
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-306
Division A
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GODOFREDO ARELLANO Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Godofredo Arellano, deceased, whose date of death was May 16, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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.

First publication occurred on July 27, 2023.
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2849 Robinette Drive
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2022 CA 000177
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SHELBY J. CRAW, DECEASED; PACE ISLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendant(s)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed June 14, 2023 and entered in Case No. 2022 CA 000177, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC is Plaintiff and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SHELBY

BY J. CRAW, DECEASED; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; PACE ISLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; are defendants. TARA S. GREEN, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash BY ELECTRONIC SALE AT: WWW.CLAY.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at 10:00 A.M., on August 14, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 14, PACE ISLAND UNIT FOUR REPLAT, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 23, PAGE 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
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. Dated this 17th day of July, 2023.
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of said Court
By Leigh Lucroy
As Deputy Clerk
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crintrp@coj.net 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.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2023-CP-000188
Division: A
IN RE: ESTATE OF OLIVER FRANKLIN MEDFORD Deceased.

The administration of the Estate of Oliver Franklin Medford, deceased, whose date of death was March 22, 2023, 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 27, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
T. Hailey Hatcher
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 0064303
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1405 Kingsley Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073
Telephone: (904) 637-2700
E-Mail: serviceofpapers@lukelaw.com
Secondary E-Mail: thn@lukelaw.com
Personal Representative:
Laura M. Jones
5045 S. Highway A1A
Melbourne Beach, Florida 32951
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on August 23, 2023. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on August 16, 2023 and end at 10AM on August 23, 2023. The public sale will take place on www.storagetreasures.com.
KO Storage of Keystone Heights, 7350 FL-100, Keystone Heights FL 32656, (952) 314-7121 Time: 10:00AM CST KM006, Pons, Steven
KO Storage of Keystone Heights - Annex, 1029 FL-100, Keystone Heights FL 32656, (952) 314-7121 Time: 10:00AM CST K066, Matthews, Lisa, K056, Clear, Amanda
Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storagetreasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305, (952)-314-7121.
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Bid Advertisement - 44th CST Ready Building Addition/Alteration, Florida Army National Guard

STG Contracting Group, Inc., will be accepting bids as the Design-Build Contractor for 44th CST Ready Building Addition/Alteration, Florida Army National Guard, Project Number 120330. The project is located at the Camp Blanding Regional Training Institute, Starke, Florida. The project includes an addition (new construction) of approx. 10,200 gross square feet, with up to 7,023 square feet of alteration to the existing Ready Building. Work includes, but is not limited to, selective demolition, concrete, masonry, metal fabrications, re-roof, fluid-applied membrane air barriers, standing-seam metal roof panels, fireproofing, HM door, HM frames, door hardware, overhead coiling doors, aluminum entrances and store-rooms, LG metal framing, GWB, resilient flooring, painting, wall & door protection, egress path markings, PEMB systems, fire suppression systems, plumbing, gas piping, split system cooling and heat pumps, fuel-fired unit heaters, electrical, diesel generator, lightning protection, data, access control, video surveillance, site earthworks, site utilities, storm water, concrete paving, and asphalt paving. There will be a pre-bid meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 10:00 am located at the project site. It is suggested to arrive at the Main Gate Security at least 30 minutes earlier to obtain a base pass. A photo ID for all those entering the base for the Pre-Bid, along with car registration and vehicle insurance must be presented for base entry. **The pre-bid meeting will be mandatory for the following trades: Site, Demolition, Roofing, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, and PEMB erection subcontractors.** Requests for Information will be accepted up to 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 10, 2023. Sealed bids will be accepted at the STG Contracting Group Office located at 109 Nature Walk Parkway, Suite 103, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, August 21, 2023. Sealed bids will be opened and tabulated at the office of STG on Tuesday, August 22, 2023. All bidders will be required to register with STG Contracting Group, Inc. Please contact Candace Williams (clw@stgcontractinggroup.com) for bid documents, including plans, specifications and bid form. Bids will be accepted only in the format of the bid form, without modification. In bidding this project you must comply with Section 20.055 of the Florida Stat-

utes. All contractors are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, 2 CFR part 180. Please note that all submitted quotations, bids or proposals are made to the Design-Build Firm and that the Owner is not a party. Direct all questions to the attention of Gene Staton and John Lemen. Contact info: STG Contracting Group, Inc. 109 Nature Walk Parkway, Suite 103 St. Augustine, FL 32092 Phone (904) 287-9898 Fax (904) 217-3750 Email: gs@stgcontractinggroup.com Email: jkl@stgcontractinggroup.com Legal 76726 Published 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO MODIFY PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, VISITATION OR PARENTING PLAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE# 2013-DR-2402
Division F
Marina Heil
Petitioner
and
Kirk Michael Heil
Respondent.
TO: Kirk Michael Heil
8057 Graff Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32221
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Supplemental Petition to Modify Parental Responsibility, Visitation or Parenting Plan has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Christian Javera Hollinger, Esq whose address is 9526 Argyle Forest Blvd, Suite B2-325, Jacksonville, Florida 32222, on or before August 28, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.** **You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.** **WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.** Dated: July 14, 2023.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Leigh Lucroy
Deputy Clerk
Legal 76359 Published 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: ATCF II FLORIDA A LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 2298/2021
Legal Description: PT OF LOT 16 BLK 8 RIDGEWOOD SEC 19 AS REC O R 1853 PG 864
Parcel ID No.: 230425-020602-001-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$28,564.20
Physical Address: 412 POLK AVE , ORANGE PARK

Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: TERRY JANE MICHELLE DURHAM
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 14th day of July, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 76353 Published 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: ATCF II FLORIDA A LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 1906/2021
Legal Description: LOT 275 OAK FOREST AS REC O R 1607 PG 1415
Parcel ID No.: 030824-006919-360-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,226.81
Physical Address: 5600 INDIAN TRL , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: SYLVESTER LORENZO
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 14th day of July, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 76352 Published 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: LANE VANCE-LAVA ASSETS INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 899/2020
Legal Description: LOT 7 BLK 95 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3928 PG 1208
Parcel ID No.: 210823-004201-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,962.77
Physical Address: 7161 WHEATON ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT COMP PLAN
Name in which assessed: NOISUFNOC LLC (TRUSTEE)
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **23rd day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 14th day of July, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 76351 Published 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC & OCEAN BANK, 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.: 2047/2021
Legal Description: PT E1/2 OF W1/2 SUBJ TO OIL GAS & MINERAL RIGHTS AS REC O R 1995 PG 411 & 1996 PG 1274
Parcel ID No.: 180824-007231-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$54,486.80
Physical Address: 7275 BEAUTY BUSH LN , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: JOHN VINCENT HURST
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 14th day of July, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 76350 Published 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLOA OF FLORIDA LLC, FOR SECURED PARTY, 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.: 949/2021
Legal Description: PT OF TRACT H FLA FRONTIER REPLAT UNIT 1 AS REC O R 3534 PG 618
Parcel ID No.: 240823-007626-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,129.43
Physical Address: 0 CHALMETTE ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT COMMERCIAL
Name in which assessed: AEB HOME SERVICES 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 14th day of July, 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: TLOA OF FLORIDA LLC, FOR SECURED PARTY, 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.: 2435/2021
Legal Description: LOT 46 BLK I LAKE-SIDE ESTATES UNIT 9 AS REC O R 3720 PG 633
Parcel ID No.: 380425-013787-332-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$95,568.81
Physical Address: 5519 BRADFORD CT , ORANGE PARK
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: SHEILA D & THOMAS W WOOD, THOMAS W WOOD
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **23rd day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLOA OF FLORIDA LLC, FOR SECURED PARTY, 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.: 2435/2021
Legal Description: LOT 46 BLK I LAKE-SIDE ESTATES UNIT 9 AS REC O R 3720 PG 633
Parcel ID No.: 380425-013787-332-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$95,568.81
Physical Address: 5519 BRADFORD CT , ORANGE PARK
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: SHEILA D & THOMAS W WOOD, THOMAS W WOOD
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 76344 Published 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: LANE VANCE-LAVA ASSETS INC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.: 893/2020 Legal Description: LOT 12 BLK 94 HIGHLRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3142 PG 457 Parcel ID No.: 210823-004180-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,904.62 Physical Address: 7141 WESLEYAN DR, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: ELLA III LLC Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed

according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 23rd day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 14th day of July, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk Legal 76342 Published 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC & OCEAN BANK, 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.: 1703/2021 Legal Description: LOT 6 BLK 6 BLACK CREEK PARK UNIT 3 AS REC O R 1733 PG 1125 & 4071 PG 2118 Parcel ID No.: 280524-006700-236-01 Opening Bid Amount: \$5,496.90 Physical Address: 2763 PRIMROSE CIR., MIDDLEBURG Classification: MOBILE HOME Name in which assessed: MAUREEN DYLINSKI BLUETT EL/E, BRETT DY-LINSKI 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 14th day of July, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk Legal 76341 Published 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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15 LAKE GENEVA S/D & W1/2 7TH ST (CLOSED) LY-ING ADJACENT TO LOT 1 BLK 15 AS REC O R 4216 PG 930 Parcel ID No.: 290823-021879-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$5,597.65 Physical Address: 7844 LAKE GENEVA LN., KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: SINGLE FAMILY Name in which assessed: JONATHAN MICHAEL LANEY 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 14th day of July, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk Legal 76340 Published 7/20/2023, 7/27/2023, 8/3/2023 and 8/10/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DOMESTICATE FOREIGN ORDER FOR CHILD SUPPORT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE# 10-2023-DR-1045 Division F Milagros V. Hudson Petitioner and Jeremy J. Ferrell Respondent. TO: Jeremy John Ferrell 573 Oakleaf Plantation Pkwy, Unit 428, Orange Park, FL YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Domesticate Foreign Order for Child Support has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Milagros Venus Hudson whose address is 3023 Stonewood Way, Orange Park, FL 32065, on or before August 24, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the peti-

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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 BU-CHANAN (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

MEETING DATES OF THE CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, call (904) 213-2464. Legal 78434 Published 8/3/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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