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## James uses colorful imagination to create unique pieces of art

Middleburg man with retinitis pigmentosa isn't limited by disability

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MIDDLEBURG – Mark James' world is filled with the bright colors of dragonflies, palm trees, alligators and elephants. He just can't see them.

His imagination isn't limited by retinitis pigmentosa that stole his sight. If he can touch it, he can see it.

The artist learned to twist wiring scraps into artwork, which brought him emotional clarity.

"You know, for some reason, I don't know what it is, but when I'm sitting here bending wire, I actually feel like I can see it," James said. "Sometimes I have to look away because I get so focused. I feel like I can see it in my hands when I'm twisting it. I just sit there and keep bending until it lands in the right spot."



Retinitis pigmentosa robbed Mark James of his sight but not his creativity. He learned to transform scrap pieces of wire into pieces of art. He has more than 100 pieces at his Middleburg home, including a giant shark hanging in his carport and a purple elephant on his mantle.

Retinitis pigmentosa is a genetic disease that breaks down the light-sensitive layer of tissue in the back of the eye. The disease is incurable, affecting a person's ability to see in the light.

"I can't see colors," James said. "I can barely make out shapes."

James offers some of his pieces to fundraisers and friends. A few have been sold, but his inability to drive makes it difficult for him to sell his work.

"I've given away a few. I've sold a

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Emily Johnson, a server at the Hooters in Orange Park since 2017, was crowned Miss Hooters International at the 26th annual Miss Hooters International Pageant held on Aug. 4 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Johnson won \$30,000 and several unique associated benefits, such as being able to fulfill her dream of becoming an occupational therapist.

## Orange Park server wins Miss Hooters International pageant

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – Emily Johnson, a long-time employee at Hooters on Wells Road, returned to Northeast Florida after a life-changing achievement on the big stage in Las Vegas on Aug. 4.

After working as a server since 2017,

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## Green Cove Springs to consider beautification project for Orange Avenue

By Kyla Woodard  
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – City council members discussed a potential plan to improve more of the city's scenery at Tuesday night's meeting. According to Assistant City Manager and Public Works Director Mike Null, the city is currently looking to design a project to landscape the two medians on Orange Avenue (U.S. Highway 17).

"[We're] basically looking just to beautify those two medians. Grape myrtles, maybe some larger trees, shrubbery. Whatever DOT will allow us to do," Null said.

The landscaping will enhance one median north of Harbor Road and the other south of Harbor Road. Null said there is no immediate necessity to the project, just an act to make the area more appealing.

"That's the front door to the city, as you're coming south on 17. So, just to make it look nicer when folks are driving in," Null said. If approved, funding for the potential project may come from the Department of Transportation. Null said that the city's match for the budget would require providing utilities and maintenance for the medians moving forward.

Null said plans regarding the beautification project have been in the works for

a while. He added about three weeks ago, an engineer notified the city about an FDOT Beautification Grant application cycle.

"Part of that process is to get with DOT personnel to make sure that the project is a good fit. To make sure they would sign off before we go through the grant process," Null said.

Null furthered that in coming to scope out the potential project, the DOT concluded that a grant wouldn't be necessary to complete it.

"The funding in the grant program is very limited," Null said. "So, for our district, the landscaping folks came out, looked at the project, they liked it, and said most likely they have money [that's] available in their regular annual budget."

In not pursuing the grant any longer, Null said it would hopefully leave the money to other districts that don't have the funding available. Currently, there is no set time frame on when the project will come to fruition. Null said the project's development depends on near-future arrangements with DOT.

"So, the question is are they going to fund the design, [or] do we – and then construction. [We] don't know any details on that yet. Hopefully, in the next few days, we'll know," Null said.



Jim Renninger will seek reelection to his District 3 seat on the Board of County Commissioners.

### Renninger to run for reelection for BCC

By Lee Wardlaw  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – With the stroke of a pin, District 3 County Commissioner Jim Renninger became an official candidate for reelection in 2024.

So far, nobody else has filed to compete for the District 3 seat.

The incumbent said that while it is still nine months until the petition deadline next May, his constituents have been asking him whether he would seek

a second term.

Renninger, who also serves as the Vice Chair for the Commissioners, has addressed several issues, such as evictions and code violations, the Gateway to Clay initiative to improve Wells Road and aligning Clay's priorities with the Northeast Florida Regional Council through the Strategic Plan, which focuses on forefront issues like affordable housing, stormwater resilience and parks.

He discussed several centerpiece issues he plans to run on as the campaign for his second term looms ahead. During his next term, Renninger would seek to address the situation at the airport in Reynolds Park in Green Cove Springs, which Pegasus Technologies own.

The company and city are in a legal dispute because the city annexed and rezoned approximately 14 acres less than a mile away from the private airstrip in June 2022.

"The local governments should have developed codes for operations of airports so that you can maintain operability and security for all concerns. You need safety for the pilots, and you need safety for the people on the ground," he said.

Count initiatives aimed toward the county's military veterans as another item he plans to focus on. Renninger said he would like to create a more effective chain of communication among veterans' organi-

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## Property Appraiser's Office completes Homestead Exemption Audit

Special to Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – One of the responsibilities of the Clay County Property Appraiser's Office is to ensure that all eligible property owners receive the full benefit of those exemptions, reductions and classifications to which they are entitled.

Conversely, property owners who are improperly or fraudulently receiving tax exemptions are problematic and create inequity within the assessment roll and tax base. In the end, honest taxpayers are left with making up the difference that property owners who are improperly receiving or fraudulently claiming a tax exemption create.

Florida law provides for many property tax exemptions that will reduce the taxable value (and taxes) of real property; the most common is homestead exemption. Every person who owns real estate in Florida makes the property his/her permanent residence as of Jan. 1, and files an application with the property appraiser, may be

eligible to receive a homestead exemption.

Applicants must establish and maintain proof of permanent residency. Once a homestead exemption is granted, it is renewed every year. Therefore, a subsequent application to maintain the exemption is not required.

Homestead exemption is much more than just a taxable value reduction, as it can protect against large assessment increases. In 1992, Florida voters approved the Save-Our-Homes Constitutional Amendment, thereby limiting the annual increase in the assessed value of properties with a homestead exemption to no more than 3% a year. If a property's market value exceeds the annual increase limitation amount allowed for the assessed value, the difference between those values becomes the SOH assessment differential, which is non-taxable. The SOH assessment differential benefit begins the year after a homestead is granted and can accumulate to a significant property tax savings.

As of July 1, the countywide SOH as-

essment difference is more than \$6.5 billion.

Due to the automatic annual renewal and the tremendous benefits of a homestead exemption, Florida law requires property owners to notify the property appraiser if exemption eligibility has changed – and there are severe penalties if not reported.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, the property appraiser may review the exemption status for any current or prior year for up to 10 years and shall file a tax lien against any property determined to be improperly or fraudulently claiming a homestead exemption. Such property shall be subject to the taxes owed due to the ineligible exemption, plus a penalty of 50% of the unpaid taxes for each year and 15% interest per year.

More than 56,500 parcels are receiving homestead exemption in Clay County and more than 5,000 new applications are received each year. Although the CCPAO has the ability and capacity to process new

applications and investigate individual cases of possible homestead ineligibility, a systemic review of all existing exemptions is not plausible.

Therefore, the CCPAO partnered with TrueRoll, an independent research firm, to conduct a homestead exemption audit. The audit was intended to confirm exemption eligibility and certify that all property owners pay their fair share – no more, no less.

During the past 18 months, all existing homesteads in Clay County were reviewed for compliance. After much investigation and research, 190 tax liens were filed, resulting in more than \$55 million in taxable value and \$1.4 million in potential tax revenue. To date, 117 tax liens (61.57%) have been satisfied, equating to more than \$750,000 in property taxes recovered.

All property owners have an interest in protecting the homestead exemption benefits. Although the CCPAO will proactively monitor for homestead exemption compliance, exemption abuse can be reported at [www.ccpao.com/report-exemption-abuse](http://www.ccpao.com/report-exemption-abuse).

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# Nearly 42,000 head back to school in Clay County

District celebrates opening of Spring Park Elementary

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LAKE ASBURY – The front office and halls of Lake Asbury Junior High buzzed with excitement on Thursday, Aug. 10, as students returned for their first day of classes.

Douglass, a first-year seventh-grade student, was one student ready to meet new friends and teachers and dive into new learning material.

“I feel excited, pretty excited,” he said. The “dog days” of summer were fun, and they will be missed, but it’s time to turn the page for the young student that enjoys socializing and learning with his friends. “I feel like it has been a long summer, but at the same time, pretty short, you know. I did miss my classmates from last year, but I plan on making some new friends,” he said.

One subject that has already caught Douglass’s eye is mathematics.

“That excites me a little bit,” he said. “There’s no better place to do it than the high-achieving junior high school.”

Superintendent David Broskie said Thursday’s openings were the smoothest in



his 37-year education career. “I would say it’s exciting,” he said. “When I go to schools, I see young people smiling to be back at school, where they get to see their friends and their teachers. And on a side note, I would say many parents are also happy the children are back



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

Students at Lake Asbury Junior High were greeted by Assistant Principal Daniel Davis, Principal Lydia Creel and Assistant Principal Jennifer Umbaugh on Thursday, Aug. 10. Nearly 42,000 students returned to classes at one of the District’s 43 schools.

in school, which usually brings a little bit of laughter.”

As Douglass walked to the gymnasium, where more than 1,000 students were greeted, Karen McMillan, Coordinator of School Choice for the Schools District, directed traffic and oversaw students and parents needing assistance.

McMillan was one of several district staff members at several district schools.

She first noticed the incredibly smooth traffic flow on Sandridge Road, which was closed at the Henley Road intersection for two months. The roadway opened 13 days

before students returned.

“It looks like all of the traffic patterns are working nicely and smoothly. I haven’t noticed any traffic jams. That’s a big plus,” McMillan said.

The only traffic jam occurred at the front office, where parents arrived to ask questions about their child’s class schedule and bus routes. Staff answered most of those concerns.

“I would just ask (parents) to continue to check their email, listen for (automated)

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# Rep. Bean awaits court decision on redistricting

By Jacob Ogles  
For FloridaPolitics.com

Development in a redistricting case could leave U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean without his congressional district. But for now, the Fernandina Beach Republican is patiently awaiting developments in court.

Following news an upcoming legal challenge will focus on North Florida's configuration, Bean's campaign provided a statement to Florida Politics.

"We will not comment on pending litigation and Congressman Bean is very proud to represent and serve his constituents and community in Congress," the statement from Bean spokesperson Sarah Bascom reads.



Aaron Bean

Meanwhile, a challenge by minority advocacy groups of Florida's congressional map, signed into law last year, continues to play out. On Friday, the state and plaintiffs reached a joint stipulation, effectively agreeing the map diminished Black voting power in North Florida.

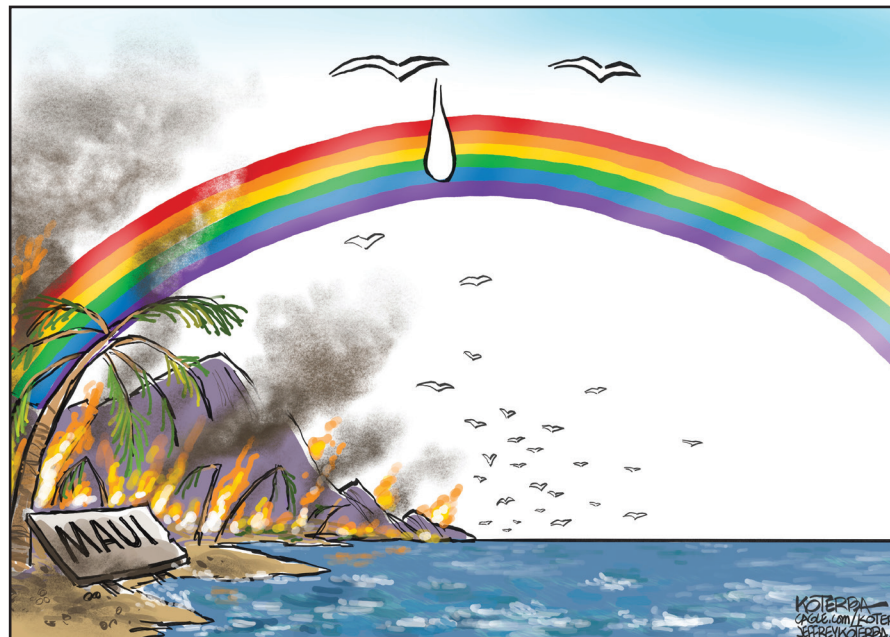
The map, drawn by Gov. Ron DeSantis' office, eliminated a prior configuration of Florida's 5th Congressional District, which spanned from Tallahassee to Jacksonville and covered a number of heavily Black communities.

"Defendants concede that if the non-diminishment standard applies to North Florida (Question No. 1), then there is no Black-performing district in North Florida under the Enacted Map," the stipulation agreement reads. "The parties agree that the former congressional district 5 used for the 2016, 2018, and 2020 congressional elections was a Black-performing district."

The prior district had been represented since 2017 by former U.S. Rep. Al Lawson, a Tallahassee Democrat. Lawson under the new lines, ran in a new version of Florida's 2nd Congressional District covering all of Tallahassee, but U.S. Rep. Neal Dunn, a Panama City Republican, successfully de-

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## OPINIONS



# Silence, uncertainty is a parent's worst nightmare

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

Nancy got a text message from her brother last week that triggered a level of anxiety no parent should face. He warned his baby sister of a fire sweeping through Maui.

Immediate shock quickly turned into frustration and desperation. Nancy had been a mother figure to Danielle since she was in diapers, raising her for much of her childhood. Now she's 39.

Danielle lives in the tiny town of Lahaina, the epicenter of the Hawaii wildfires.

Nancy called everyone who may know something. Others called her, including her niece, who was in the Philippines.

The fires destroyed everything, including much of the island's communications. The only word from the seaside resort was about destruction and death.

A little more than six hours later, Nancy finally got a text from Danielle. She got out on time. She was lucky.

Other than she's safe and without power, Nancy hasn't been able to get many details about Danielle. She's now on the safe side of the island. But Nancy has seen the pictures of Front Street in Lahaina. The restaurant, Papa'aina, where Danielle took Nancy for Mother's



Don Coble

**But Danielle, still Nancy's little girl, is alive. And for now, that's all that matters. She has no job or power and is unsure if or when they will return. She has survivor's guilt because she wonders why she got out alive and some of her co-workers didn't.**

Day lunch, is gone. So is the marina where Danielle worked and Fleetwood's of Front Street and Fleetwood Mac drummer Mick Fleetwood played nightly.

But Danielle, still Nancy's little girl, is alive. And for now, that's all that matters. She has no job or power and is unsure if or when they will return. She has survivor's guilt because she wonders why she got out alive and some of her co-workers didn't.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency didn't issue a warning. They texted an alert for a "huge plume of black smoke." But where there's smoke, there's fire.

Hawaii has the most comprehensive alert system in the world. There are more than 400 alarms on the islands to warn of tsunamis. There were 80 alarms on Maui, but they were silent because tsunami alerts are issued by the National Weather Service, not HEMA.

Once the smoke settles, let's hope NWS and HEMA develop plans to overlap their services.

But, like everything else on Maui, that will come later. There's so much to be done first – like scheduling funerals

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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.

**Deedy:** (DEE-dee) an adjective that means industrious or effective.

"Shad Khan's deedy plans for a new stadium for the Jacksonville Jaguars will make the franchise one of the most popular destinations in the NFL."

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2018

- The Clay County Utility Authority offers to buy Orange Park's water and wastewater system for \$20 million.
- The BCC accepts a payment of \$81,500 to resolve \$96,050 in county liens held against property owner Jacinta Blackmon after she was awarded an undisclosed amount from the Florida Department of Transportation to resolve an eminent domain case that started 13 years earlier.
- Katherine Findlay works with the Walmart on Fleming Island to fill 25 backpacks with school supplies for children in the Exceptional Student Wing at Fleming Island Elementary.

### 10 years ago, 2013

- The county commission voted to advance plans to build the Big League Dreams complex in Middleburg.

### 20 years ago, 2003

- Father Moises Palaroan, the former pastor of St. Williams Catholic Church, is arrested for taking \$196,707 in church funds.
- Orange Park Medical Center earns the designation as one of the Top 100 hospitals in the nation by Solucient Institute.
- Head custodian George Davis is given a surprise farewell party after he announces his retirement from Wilkinson Elementary.

### 30 years ago, 1993

- Green Cove Springs Interim City Manager Bob Paine withdraws his application as one of the 10 finalists for the full-time job.
- Ridgeview Junior High seeks approval

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### Send us a letter ...

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### Opinions ...

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# History

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for the school board after being established for three years.

## 40 years, 1983

- Ground is broken in Green Cove

# Nightmare

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for nearly 110 people.

Last week's tragedy was another that nobody said it was easy to be a parent. You want the best for them. When there's a chance your children could be hurt, you compromise with higher authorities, keep a vigil by the telephone and worry. And you cry.

I remember in 1999 when my daughter was diagnosed with malignant ovarian cancer on a Monday. She was in surgery by Thursday morning. I waited for two hours to learn they got it in time.

I also remember on May 26, 2002. I was in Charlotte, North Carolina, for the Coca-Cola 600. I got ready for breakfast when I saw a breaking news bulletin on television. A barge had run into a 2,000-foot suspension bridge on Interstate 40 in Webbers Falls, Oklahoma. A 580-foot portion of the bridge fell into the Arkansas River, and

Springs for a new Barnett Bank.

- Former Clay County Sheriff's Office investigator Gary Newman is selected as the chief of police for NAS Jacksonville.
- Green Cove Springs Police Chief is asked by Mayor George Killian to enforce the city's littering laws.

there were immediate death reports.

I knew my son was driving back to his Air Force base in New Mexico from Atlanta. I know he was supposed to spend the night east of Oklahoma City, get up early that Sunday and continue his drive.

I did a quick calculation and realized he would be very close to that bridge at 8:45 a.m. when it collapsed. I called his cell phone and didn't hear back. I called again. And again. And again.

An hour later, he called. He was in Oklahoma City and wasn't unaware of the bridge. I told him when it happened, and we realized he had driven over that bridge 15 minutes ahead of the disaster.

Fourteen people died that morning.

I can't imagine the parents' anguish in Hawaii and Oklahoma have gone through. They waited for calls that would never come.

So if you'll excuse me, I will call my children. I want them to know I love them.

The dismantling of Lawson's district resulted in a new configuration of Florida's 4th Congressional District and created an opportunity for Bean. As a state senator, Bean voted to approve the new map in a Special Session. In November, he handily won election to the open seat, winning more than 60% of the vote against Democrat L.J. Holloway.

re-election. He would either have to run in a heavily Democratic district, possibly against Lawson, or find another seat.

There are no residency requirements for members of Congress to live in their district, only their state. But all incumbents in nearby Republican districts, including .S. U.S. Reps. Kat Cammack, Rutherford and Michael Waltz, are expected to seek re-election.

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# LETTER TO EDITOR

## Reader wants great emphasis on school successes

### Editor:

In case you didn't notice, Clay County Public School students and teachers excel. In the last paragraph on an article regarding School Board news you would discover what should be front-page news.

With all that is inflicted on our public schools by our governor and the legislature by their various "you shall" and "you shall not" edicts, Clay County students excel, as they do yearly.

As a retired Clay County educator with 37 years of experience, I would sometimes hear folks say, "Kids today are not taught American History well at all and they don't know Civics." Well, they do know Civics. Seventh graders were No. 1 in the state in Civics. Great job! At the high school level, American History came in No. 4. They indeed were taught and learned well.

With all the manufactured criticisms, our public schools face, it would do well to recognize and give thanks to all the people in the Clay Public Schools. They could use a thank you.

In case you missed the article, here is the good news about our students' performance in the state. In English Language Arts, sixth graders were No. 2 and 10th graders were No. 6. In Math, sixth graders were No. 3, (while) eighth graders were No. 5, and those taking Algebra One were third. In Science, fifth and eighth graders were both No. 6 in the state. And in Social Studies, seventh graders were tops at No. 1 in Civics, while high school American History they were No. 4.

That's a lot of top-10 rankings.

As radio commentator Paul Harvey used to say, "Now you know the rest of the story."

**Dave Neal  
Fleming Island**

# Redistricting

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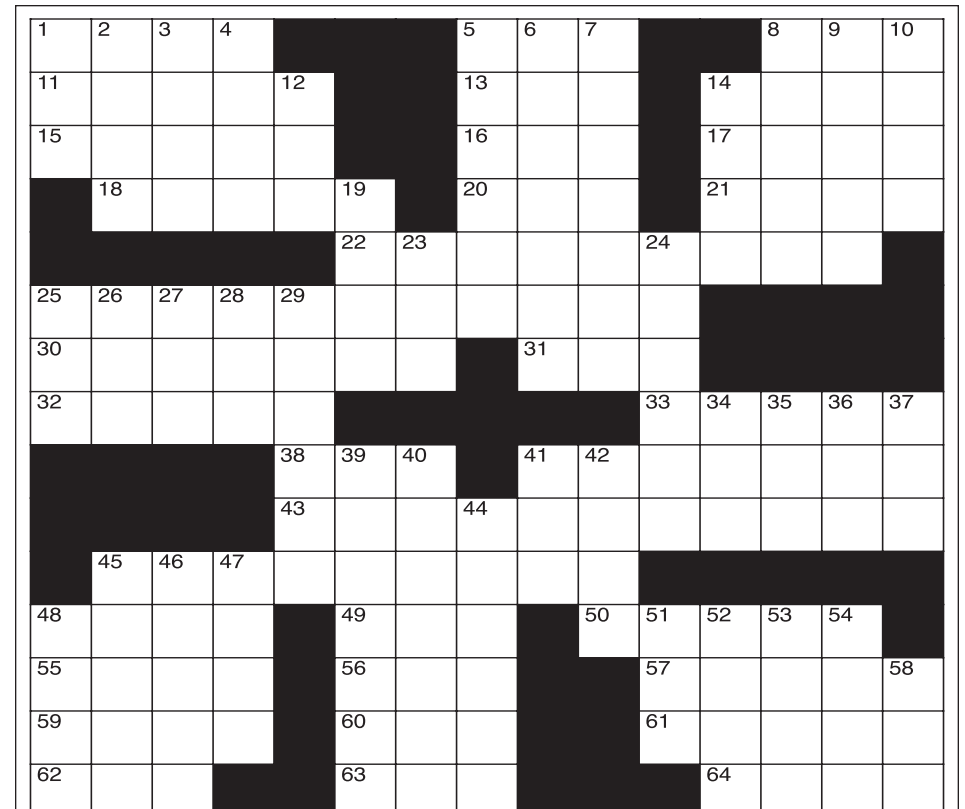
fended the seat in November.

The dismantling of Lawson's district resulted in a new configuration of Florida's 4th Congressional District and created an opportunity for Bean. As a state senator, Bean voted to approve the new map in a Special Session. In November, he handily won election to the open seat, winning more than 60% of the vote against Democrat L.J. Holloway. Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. John Rutherford, a Jacksonville Republican, ran in the new version of Florida's 5th Congressional District.

But of note, Bean in the Florida Legislature also voted for a prior congressional map that preserved a version of Lawson's district but was ultimately vetoed by DeSantis. Indeed, he also voted for a map that only passed in the Florida Senate.

DeSantis rejected those maps, specifically deriding Lawson's wide and shallow district as an "unconstitutional gerrymander." In the current lawsuit, the state has held that the Florida Supreme Court, when it enacted the district in 2015, erred by creating a district motivated primarily by race. That ultimately led to the Legislature taking up a map drafted and submitted by Alex Kelly, now Commerce Secretary and DeSantis' acting chief of staff, that was put in effect for the 2022 elections.

Should courts restore a district similar to Lawson's prior constituency, Bean would likely face a treacherous road to



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Civil rights organization
  5. Calendar month (abbr.)
  8. Monetary unit of Burma
  11. Twyla \_\_, US dancer
  13. Everything included
  14. "Antman" actor Rudd
  15. Italian city
  16. Nowhere to be found
  17. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
  18. Turkish officer
  20. Perform on stage
  21. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
  22. Canadian coastal provinces
  25. Furnishes anew
  30. Edible mollusk
  31. No seats available
  32. Garden figurine
  33. Two-legged support
  38. Rest here please (abbr.)
  41. In a silly way
  43. One from the Golden State
  45. Photographers
  48. Native religion in parts of China
  49. Dickens character
  50. Broadway actress Daisy
  55. Ancient Greek sophist
  56. Undivided
  57. Daniel \_\_, French composer
  59. Nocturnal S. American rodent
  60. Rusty
  61. Jewish spiritual leader
  62. Patti Hearst's captors
  63. Popular global holiday (abbr.)
  64. Tall, slender plant
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1. Defunct US energy company
  2. Fellow
  3. It's issued from volcanoes
  4. Type of acid
  5. Winged nut
  6. Arouses
  7. Things are served on it
  8. San Diego ballplayer
  9. Currency and a Chinese dynasty
  10. \_\_ mater, one's school
  12. Exclamation that denotes disgust
  14. Hairstyle
  19. Supreme ancient Egyptian god
  23. They \_\_
  24. Connecting line on a map
  25. Mock
  26. One point north of due east
  27. Chinese philosophical principle
  28. Type of tree
  29. Persuade to do something
  34. A place for travelers to rest
  35. National Gallery of Art designer
  36. Panamanian province
  37. Field force unit (abbr.)
  39. Whalers' tool
  40. Simply
  41. Nigerian City
  42. Not one
  44. Obstruct
  45. Political plot
  46. Manila hemp plant
  47. Dough made from corn flour
  48. Fishes by letting the bob fly
  51. Swiss river
  52. Plant that makes gum
  53. A French abbot
  54. One point east of northeast
  58. Get free of



# Schools reopening rekindles poison concerns

**Distractions, hectic routines contribute to accidental dosing**

By Lee Wardlaw  
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CLAY COUNTY – As students head back to school, parents and educators are urged to remain vigilant about potential poison exposure that can unexpectedly arise for children during the transitional period.

Michael McCormick, Media Relations and Education Coordinator at the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center, wanted to emphasize the importance of heightened awareness regarding toxins around children.

With changing routines, increased use of cleaning products at schools, and concerns like energy drinks and online dares to be aware of for teens, the need to err on the side of caution has never been greater. Children have consisted of 37% of the Poison Information Center's calls in the last six years.

"We always see an uptick in calls when school reopens. The surge can be attributed to a variety of factors. Family routines change during the summer, and all of the sudden, you're back to school, and your

routine has to change back again. People are getting up early, and there's a mad morning rush," he said.

During these times, medication errors can occur. A typical scenario is "double dosing," when a parent or caregiver accidentally administers a second dose of medication, McCormick explains. He advises caregivers to take a moment, read the medication label carefully, and administer it without distractions.

"It's crucial to focus solely on giving the medication and ensure that you aren't doing anything distracting you. Put the cell phone down and take that 'medicine time.' Make (that time) solely focused on giving medicine," McCormick said.

McCormick also addressed the challenges of handling multiple children.

"You're very busy, trying to make breakfast and getting dressed, and you might hand the wrong medicine to the wrong child or administer the incorrect dose. We know it's hectic. We go through it, too. You have to stop and pause for a second and make sure that you read the bottle every single time. Our memories have a crazy way of forgetting sometimes," he said.

McCormick also urged parents to lock their medicine high and tight, away from



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J. Michael McCormick is the Media Relations and Education Coordinator at the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center.

children, while also being wary of cleaning products, which contain dangerous toxins like alcohol, among other chemicals.

With the increased use of cleaning products in classrooms, such as hand sanitizer, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers should also be especially wary. "Obviously, since COVID, there's been a greater emphasis on making sure classrooms are germ-free as possible. We've seen an increase in children ingesting things like hand sanitizer, and that can become very dangerous because some of those are alcohol-based, which raises blood sugar levels," he said.

Teachers should also keep items locked away out of the reach of children.

But that's not all. McCormick said that it's common for younger children to attempt to eat pens, pencils, markers, and crayons. However, there is one saving grace.

"The good news is that most of these are non-toxic," he said.

But in this and all situations, he still encouraged adults to play it safe by calling the Poison Information Center. "We still encourage you to go ahead and call us.

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# Students return to classes with cellphone, dress restrictions

New laws also require teaching social media safety

By Don Coble  
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CLAY COUNTY – New rules passed by the Florida Legislature made schools a cellphone-free zone this year. Also, students can no longer wear pants with holes and rips above mid-thigh.

The rules require students to learn social media safety, which includes the ban of TikTok, Snapchat, Twitter and other social media platforms on school-provided devices. The Florida House of Representatives voted unanimously to approve the social media guidelines, and it went into effect on July 1.

House Bill 379 states: “A student may not use a wireless communications device during instructional time. A teacher shall designate an area for wireless communication devices during instructional time.”

Superintendent David Broskie said the Clay County District Schools will enforce the law, but it will issue a warning on the first offense.

“The student gets a warning, and their parent is contacted on the first offense for cell phone for certain cell phone issues,” he said. “And then it goes from there. You know, it’s kind of like a phased-in approach, OK? Some schools, by the way, were already doing that last year. That policy was already in place because they recognized that, perhaps, cellphones cause a distraction.”

Students can bring phones to school but only send and receive text messages between classes.



And during class, cellphones must be silenced and out of sight.

According to the policy, the first violation will result in a warning and a call to a parent or guardian. A second violation will be punished with one afternoon of detention; a third violation will earn two days of afternoon detention; a fourth violation will result in two days of in-school suspension, a fifth violation will lead to five days of in-



New laws in Florida mean students can't make cellphone calls during school hours, and nobody is allowed to wear pants with rips above their knees.

school suspension; and, a sixth violation will result in one-to-three days of out of school detention.

There also are new dress code rules.

No apparel with off-color remarks or pictures is allowed, along with drug, alcohol or tobacco-related slogans or violent imagery.

Also banned are spandex shorts, tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, crop tops, spa-

ghetti straps, mesh and see-through shirts, muscle shirts, chains hanging from clothing, bedroom slippers and jeans or pants with holes above mid-thigh.

Finally, students in grades seven-through-12 must have a signed permission slip to check out books in school libraries. Each student is required to have their own form, which is available at docs.google.com/.../1Snwx/mobilebasic.

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# NE Florida law agencies detail fentanyl scourge to Senator Marco Rubio

Agencies plead with U.S. Senator to strengthen southern border

By Don Coble  
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FLEMING ISLAND – U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio looked in astonishment when he was told about a Flagler County Sheriff's Office deputy who, just a day earlier, was overwhelmed by an apparent fentanyl overdose.

The deputy was testing the substance seized during a DUI arrest was indeed fentanyl when he told a fellow deputy he needed an ambulance. Just touching the synthetic opioid can be deadly, especially for law enforcement officers without tolerance.

A FCSO deputy administered Narcan to save the other deputy's life, Sheriff David Williams said. Narcan is a drug that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose.

More than 15 law enforcement officials, including representatives from the Green Cove Springs and Orange Park police departments, met with deputies and



drug chiefs from several sheriff's offices at CCSSO's Fleming Island substation to tell Rubio the fentanyl crisis has never been greater in Northeast Florida. They asked for help on the federal level – especially securing the southern border – to better



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

The Clay County Sheriff's Office hosted a contingent of law enforcement agencies, including the Green Cove Springs and Orange Park police departments, last week to update U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio about the influx of fentanyl, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine in Northeast Florida. Sheriffs told the senator most of the illegal narcotics are smuggled into the country across the southern border and delivered to California, Arizona and Atlanta.

restrict drug flow into the country.

"It is overwhelming, really overwhelming," Cook said. "It really is priority No. 1 for law enforcement in Northeast Florida."

Cook said distributors and street-level dealers are so eager to create addicts many now give Narcan with purchases. She said they are adding fentanyl, which is 100 times stronger than morphine, to marijuana to hook unsuspecting victims.

"This is a local problem. It's a state problem. It's a national problem, and only through the cooperative efforts and enforcement from the local, state and federal

partners can we even make a dent in this," Cook said.

"Standing here today. I want to tell you, as a parent and as a sheriff, you need to talk to your kids. We are seeing fentanyl being laced into almost anything and everything. A child or a young person could be experimenting with drugs. Something as simple as marijuana is laced with fentanyl. This could kill them. And so you have to be talking to your kids about drugs and not taking things given to them by their friends or people they don't know."

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# Sheriff's Office looks for new leads in vandalism cases

By Lee Wardlaw  
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CLAY COUNTY – After finding no solid leads, the Clay County Sheriff's Department has inactivated an investigation into a string of bizarre and symbol-laden graffiti vandalism incidents that have defaced property in the county's northern portion for the past several months.

The case is not closed and can be re-activated as soon as investigators find additional evidence.

The most recent incident was on July 20 when private and public properties were damaged in Orange Park. Sgt. Zachary Cox first observed the graffiti spray paint at 2 p.m., on the traffic control box owned by the Department of Transportation at the intersection of Wells Road and Blanding Boulevard.

That was just the beginning. Deputies found more graffiti at the Orange Park Mall. The same purple-spray paint logo was painted on two separate light poles – one with a circular logo design, the other with star, planet and moon, ordained with the words "Super Gotcha M2N."

The brand of vandalism, defined by the purple spray paint and a heart and star logo, has been spray-painted onto multiple businesses, traffic boxes and light posts over the last six months, according to the sheriff's office. A potential suspect did meet in the parking lot with deputies, but the individual provided a Lyft receipt showing travel from Jacksonville to St. Johns County.

"The heart-star logo design is interlocked with each other as one symbol," deputy Patrick McFetridge wrote in a redacted incident report. Along with that wild series of star-ridden graffiti vandalism incidents, another publicly-owned property was tagged by vandals at the overpass of Plantation Oaks Boulevard over State Road 23 at 4000 Plantation Oaks Boulevard late last month.

By the time deputy Matthew Edmonson discovered the wall had been heavily spray painted by numerous forms of graffiti, that "appeared to be spray painted by numerous individuals on both the north and south side of the retaining walls," on July 26, several months could have already passed.

"There are numerous weeds and foliage grown over the graffiti, which would lead me to believe it has been there for at least several months," Edmonson wrote in his report.

The vandals, who left behind the graffiti with random and discernible patterns, did not leave behind names or specific brands, which would have potentially helped provide a lead to a possible suspect. However, they did leave behind graffiti in numerous colors with famous juvenile cultural markings such as smiley faces, penises, cartoon characters, and phrases such as "Class of 2023" and "Deez Nuts."

This time, public property was once again the victim. The County Roads Department owns a portion of the wall, while the State Turnpike Authority owns the other part of the road.



The Clay County Sheriff's Office needs new leads to solve a series of vandalism cases, particularly a man riding an electric bicycle in Orange Park who's on several video surveillance systems spray-painting stars on public and private property. The county has been busy for months removing graffiti from power poles, traffic boxes and buildings.



After observing the crime scene, Edmonson quickly reached out to the County Public Works Department, advising that a work order be requested to have it painted over. The representative said the graffiti would be removed. Due to a lack of evidence, the case is considered inactive until new leads are established.

The investigation can be reopened. In the meantime, the sheriff's office, county officials and the Turnpike Authority have talked to address the incident. The criminals acted in Alexandra Compere's district, which quickly addressed the issue. She mentioned the criminal activity at the county commissioners' meeting on July 27.

During commissioners' comments, Compere said she was inundated with phone calls, texts and social media messages from

her constituents. She expressed her disappointment in the actions, sharing the shame with the community.

"Anytime someone defaces public property, that's unacceptable. It's frustrating because (the suspects) just need a creative outlet," she said. During the Aug. 8 commissioner's meeting, Compere provided an update. "The Turnpike Authority has let us know that it is scheduled for cleaning, and their portion of the wall would be handled, leaving a time frame for the end of the month, as well as the end of the week for the county's portion of the wall," Compere said. She talked with Sheriff Michelle Cook and the Turnpike Authority.

"I'm thankful for swift action on this, and there were quite a few collaborators on this," she said.

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## Fentanyl

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Cook said her agency learned of an overdose death, the 25th in the county this year, minutes before the roundtable.

"It's like some of the other drug epidemics we have faced in the past," Rubio said. "This is the first where incidental exposure to the drug can actually kill everyone around, including the person or the people who responded to that call. So we have a very serious challenge here."

Rubio said the federal government needs to fight the scourge from several directions.

"We're really deeply concerned about border security," he said. "It's not just that I'm not in favor of someone coming into this country. They want to work here, but the real danger in the country, the immediate danger, is it's not just the person who's crossing illegally because they have a relative here. They want to work here."

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"That network that traffics them is the same network that's also bringing in the drugs. You have to disrupt that network. It's too easy to get across the country. And so we have a lot of work to do in that regard in terms of improving that."

Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper didn't mince words when describing the drug crisis.

"They don't give a \$&#@ about closing the border," he said. Leeper then held up a ballpoint pen and said you could put enough fentanyl on the tip of a pen to kill someone.

Rubio said another key will be the upcoming presidential election in Mexico. Current President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador doesn't appear to be as concerned about the flow of drugs from the cartels into the United States.

"There will be a change in government in Mexico at some point here (in 2024) with a new election coming up," Rubio said. "We need an administration over there that's more open to disrupting the activities of these cartels."

Rubio also said the federal government also needs to be tougher on China, which provides the cartels with the chemicals that become fentanyl. Cook said most Northeast Florida counties and municipalities combine resources to create a more formative line of defense. But for now, it's an impossible battle.

# Orange Park Methodist's Early Education more than a daycare

By Kyla Woodard  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK — Located on Reed Street is a hidden gem dedicated to changing the lives of young children.

Since 1982, Wonderworks, the early education center of Orange Park Methodist Church, has dedicated time to teaching kids from infancy. From 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., the center makes its mission to allow local children to learn.

And with the start of the new school year, Director Pat Noonan said the center is ready to continue its calling.

"We've had so many kindergarten teachers say that the kids from here are just ready. They're ready to learn. They love learning because we instill that in them," Noonan said.

Opening 30 years after the church's birth, the quaint center originally began as a "Mother's Day Out" program, eventually morphing into a full-blown childcare facility.

The center has found great success in the local area, focusing on providing an early education and a social environment for children.

With about 75 children currently enrolled, Noonan said her daily responsibilities as the center's director consist of maintaining the flow of the school, such as caring for maintenance and ensuring the school is fully staffed.

"Even though we're a daycare, we try to run it as a preschool," Noonan said.

Noonan said her journey at the school first began back in 1987. Searching for somewhere to place her child, Noonan said working at the center was the last thing on her mind.

"I mentioned that I had worked with young children, [and] the director gave me a job application," Noonan said.

After working with the school's bookkeeping and resource offices, she took her place as the woman in charge back in 1991.

In her time at the center, Noonan said she has witnessed the dire need for childcare in the community, especially during the pandemic. As many of the parents were first responders, Noonan said that the center kept its doors open daily through the pandemic to give the parents and children a place of solace.

"A lot of our parents are policemen,



PHOTOS BY KYLA WOODARD

While it's considered a daycare, officials with the Orange Park Methodist's Early Education run it like a preschool, where children are immersed in educational and social environments.



"When you've been working with them with something, and they're not quite getting it, and just the look on their face when they're like, 'I get it now.' It's rewarding to see that happen."

—Susan Nowlan, VPK Teacher

nurses, doctors. And they needed us. They needed a place to go," Noonan said.

With its colorful and kid-friendly atmosphere, the school continues to be a place of comfort for many. Filled with rooms about each child's educational and social needs, the school prides itself in being the 'first stop' to a child's future success.

Following the Starfall curriculum, Noonan said the school aims to create a computer-based, interactive learning environment for VPK students to participate in. Noonan said the school tries its best to allow children to have fun while providing the necessary educational nourishment to satisfy the curriculum requirements.

VPK Teacher Susan Nowlan said for her class, she likes to take an interactive

approach to teach her kids the alphabet, numbers, basic math, and even their five senses.

"We do a book a week that goes along with the letter of the week. And, then, we try to pull in a science activity," Nowlan said.

Students are currently reading the popular children's book, "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom." Nowlan said for that lesson, the kids will experience cracking a coconut open and using their five senses to explore it.

With servicing children all over the county, Noonan said most students filter out into local schools such as R.M. Paterson, Orange Park and Grove Park

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# School News

For Clay Today



## District schools hosting college and career night in September

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State and out-of-state universities will be at the event, as well as local industry partners. The event also will highlight the district's Career Technical Education programs.

For more information, contact Dorothy Shier at [dorothy.shier@myoneclay.net](mailto:dorothy.shier@myoneclay.net).

## Oakleaf High hosting fall theatre auditions

OAKLEAF – The Oakleaf High theatre troupe is holding auditions for the fall play, "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" at their theatre competition Aug. 24.

Students are welcome to audition. They will be held in Room 514, located on the stage. Please bring a 30-60 second memorized monologue. If you would like to be considered for a singing role in the District Competition, please prepare a 16-32 bar musical theatre audition song.

For more information, contact [cameron.carmello@myoneclay.net](mailto:cameron.carmello@myoneclay.net).

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Passes can be purchased at GoFan.co.



## Ridgeview JROTC joins Walmart's re-opening ceremonies

ORANGE PARK – The Ridgeview High School Navy JROTC was invited to present the colors and sing the National Anthem at the Orange Park Walmart for their grand re-opening ceremony last Friday. The store manager, Julian Sprirrollari, presented the cadets with a check for \$2,500. Walmart has strongly supported the cadets over the years, welcoming them to collect donations for Wreaths Across America and bell ringing to support the Salvation Army. Walmart headquarters invested \$7 million to renovate the store. It's the only flagship store in Florida featuring cutting-edge programs and services, the latest technology and elevated brands of apparel. Dignitaries included Sheriff Machel Cook, Clay County Commissioner Jim Renninger, Clay Chamber President Jon Cantrell and Justin Horan from the Clay County Clerk of Court Office.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Clay County Utility Authority has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clay County Utility Authority Board Room, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida.

### BUDGET SUMMARY CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2023/2024

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Self Insurance Fund	Total Fund Budget
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Projected Cash at October 1, 2023	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 59,512,753	\$ 525,000	\$ 62,037,753
Water & Sewer Revenue	70,342,495			70,342,495
Miscellaneous Revenue/Borrowing	3,332,104	50,000,000		53,332,104
Fund Transfers		16,768,404		16,768,404
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 75,674,599</b>	<b>\$ 126,281,157</b>	<b>\$ 525,000</b>	<b>\$ 202,480,756</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Debt Service	\$ 9,919,127	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,919,127
Fund Transfers	16,768,404			16,768,404
Operation Expenses	44,199,888			44,199,888
Due in Lieu of Taxes	2,787,180			2,787,180
Capital Projects		97,742,820		97,742,820
Projected Cash at September 30, 2024	2,000,000	28,538,337	525,000	31,063,337
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 75,674,599</b>	<b>\$ 126,281,157</b>	<b>\$ 525,000</b>	<b>\$ 202,480,756</b>

Additional information on the proposed budget is available at [www.clayutility.org/rates](http://www.clayutility.org/rates) or you can come to the office of the Clay County Utility Authority at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except legal holidays.

Following the public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, The Board of Supervisors may adopt or modify the proposed budget.

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) 272-5999 x 2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Those requiring auditory assistance can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend.

CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
Jeremy Johnston, Executive Director



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AMENDING CERTAIN RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY.

The Clay County Utility Authority ("CCUA") will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM, in the Clay County Utility Authority's Board Room, located at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning the adoption of the 2023/2024 budgets.

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5/8" x 3/4"	\$12.28	\$27.86 *	\$18.58
3/4"	\$18.42	\$38.24	\$27.91
1"	\$30.79	\$69.65	\$46.45
1 & 1/2"	\$61.50	\$139.28	\$92.92
2"	\$98.43	\$222.91	\$148.64
3"	\$196.83	\$445.82	\$297.28
4"	\$307.57	\$696.37	\$464.50
6"	\$615.12	\$1,392.75	\$928.99
8"	\$984.20	\$2,228.96	\$1,486.40
10"	\$1,414.79	\$3,202.90	\$2,136.70
12"	\$2,642.94	\$5,988.47	\$3,993.74

\*Residential Wastewater will be charged the same rate regardless of meter size

WATER SURCHARGES:

Alternative Water Supply Surcharge - Per Monthly Water Bill	\$1.18
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CONSUMPTION CHARGES (based on 30 days):

Water System Consumption Rates:

Residential Service:

First 6,000 gallons	\$1.70
Next 6,000 gallons	\$5.04
Next 6,000 gallons	\$6.53
All usage over 18,000 gallons	\$8.37

Note: Consumption charge per 1,000 gallons with allowance per meter equivalent ERC

General Service:

All consumption per 1,000 gallons (Excluding Potable Irrigation Meters)	\$2.54
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Potable Irrigation Metered Services

First 10,000 gallons	\$1.70
Next 15,000 gallons	\$5.04
Next 25,000 gallons	\$6.53
All usage over 50,000 gallons	\$8.37

Note: Consumption charge per 1,000 gallons with allowance per meter equivalent ERC

Wastewater System Consumption Rates:

Residential Service:

All Meter Sizes (10,000 gallon cap)	\$4.16
Unmetered Flat Rate	\$59.84
Multi-family Unmetered per Unit	\$47.11

Note: Where reclaimed water is available the cap for residential wastewater usage will not apply

General Service:

Consumption charge per 1,000 gallons of metered water, no cap	\$5.07
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Reclaimed Water Consumption Rates:

Residential and General Service:

First 15,000 gallons	\$0.92
Next 5,000 gallons	\$1.79
All usage over 20,000 gallons	\$2.71

Note: Consumption charge per 1,000 gallons with allowance per meter equivalent ERC

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT: (per ERC)

Security Deposit Amount:

	Water	Wastewater	Reuse
Initial Deposit	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Initial Deposit for Customers Without SSN	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00

Annual Interest Rate of 0.94% will be paid on deposit held at least 6 months

Note: A security deposit is required for all new accounts including transfers and existing accounts that become delinquent and require a field visit. An additional deposit will be required for accounts that are disconnected twice in one 12 month period.

SERVICE CHARGES & MISCELLANEOUS FEES:

After Hours Prepayment for New Service	\$250.00
Same Day Service Charge and After Hours Premise Visit Surcharge (Normal Hours 8 AM to 5 PM, M-F)	\$30.00
Initial Connection, Premise Visit Charge, Normal Reconnection, Reconnection due to Repair, and 2nd Trip	\$30.00
Special Meter Rereads, Hydrant Reading Charge and Backflow Test Final Notice	\$30.00
Nonpayment Charge Before 4:00 PM, Monday - Friday	\$30.00
Nonpayment Charge After 4:00 PM and before 9:00 PM, Monday - Friday	\$90.00
Nonpayment Charge on Weekends and Holidays	\$120.00
Nonpayment Charge Flat Rate Sewer Account	\$80.00
Late Notice Charge	\$3.30
Returned Check Charge	\$30.00
Hydrant Meter: Application Set Up, Relocation Charge, and Fee to Replace Cut Meter Lock	\$30.00
Meter Inspection Fee for New Meter Installations	\$30.00
Meter Testing Charge (5/8"x3/4" & 3/4") (1" & Above Meters: Actual Cost)	\$70.00
Meter Reset Fee	\$130.00
Meter Tampering Charge	\$60.00
Replacement of Broken Curb Stop	\$80.00
Lien Charge (Charge does not include any recording costs, additional collection fees or attorney fees)	\$130.00
Violation Reconnection	\$30.00
Monthly Hydrant Base Charge (plus water at metered rates)	\$100.00
Hydrant Meter Deposit per Hydrant Policy	\$550.00 to \$1,210.00
Hydrant Meter One-Time Fill at CCUA Main Office (plus water at metered rates)	\$60.00
Waste Disposal Deposit per Septage Haulers Disposal Deposit Policy	
Building Water Monthly Charge All Systems (Un-metered used during construction)	\$70.00
Wholesale Reclaimed Water Usage Charge Per 1,000 Gallons	\$0.52
Waste Disposal From Portable Toilets, Septic Tanks, and Landfill Lechate at Sewage Treatment Plant Per 1,000 Gallons	\$110.00
Processing fees to CCUA for Potable Water (Public Water Supply) Distribution and Transmission System Permits	\$280.00
Processing fees to CCUA for Domestic Wastewater Collection/Transmission System Permits	\$280.00
Processing fees to CCUA for Permit Modifications	\$60.00
Energy Surcharge (to be assessed based on a formula) when actual energy sensitive operating expenses exceed budgeted energy sensitive expenses	

Account collection fees and/or costs incurred by CCUA in the course of collecting delinquent balances, which may be based on a percentage at a maximum of 40% of the debt, and all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, which CCUA incurs in such collection efforts, will be paid, in addition to the original balance due, by the customer responsible for the delinquent balance.

SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES:

Water Capacity Charge Per ERC	\$450.00
Alternative Water Supply Charge Per ERC	\$388.01
SJRWMD Black Creek Water Resource Development Project Connection Charge Per ERC	\$105.19
Wastewater Capacity Charge Per ERC excluding Keystone included in FDEP Grant SG481030 and LP0512	\$4,100.00
Reclaimed Water Capacity Charge Per ERC For Developments with Reclaimed Water Piping Systems	\$300.00
Surcharge for Development of Reclaimed Program (Applicable To All Developments That Do Not Install Reclaimed Piping Systems)	\$410.00
Debt Service Charge Per ERC	\$191.00
Fire Protection - Initial Charge (Per Gallons Per Minute "GPM" Flow)	\$15.81
Inspection, Plan Review, As-built Drafting, and Recording Fees	Actual Cost
Potable Water Meter, with Backflow Device (5/8"x3/4" Meter with other sizes at cost) Includes Meter Box	\$483.47
Reclaimed Water Meter (5/8"x3/4" Meter with other sizes at cost) Developments with Reclaimed Water Piping Systems & Includes Meter Box	\$417.33
As defined in Rate Resolution:	
Supplemental Developer Agreement Administrative Charge	\$100.00
Financed Developer Agreement Administrative Charge	\$100.00
Flex Space Meter Audit (2nd and subsequent trips) - \$50.00, plus \$75.00, per hour in excess of .75 hours per trip	
Master Meter Violation Charge, where applicable	\$500.00
Carrying Charge for Middleburg Service Area Policy and Infill Policy	2.20%
Finance Charge	3.69%
Middleburg Service Area Development Policy - Distribution and Collection Infrastructure Charge Per Acre	
Water	\$5,692.00
Wastewater	\$10,911.00

Additional information on the proposed rates, charges, and fees is available for inspection in the office of the Clay County Utility Authority at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, except legal holidays. Following the Public Hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Board of Supervisors may adopt or modify the proposed rates, charges, and fees.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068-3907, or by telephone at (904) 272-5999, extension 2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Those requiring auditory assistance can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend.

CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
Jeremy Johnston, Executive Director

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# Education

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elementary schools. Noonan even noted that some come from Green Cove Springs.

Equipped with many teachers on-site, the facility operates as a full-time, year-round program. Only closing on six holidays a year, the facility undoubtedly puts childcare needs before anything else.

As a teacher for the 1-year-old group, Sydney Fields said her favorite part about her job is watching the kids advance through the program.

"Seeing how the kids grow from when they come into your class to when they go out. Seeing how far they've come, that's my favorite part," Fields said.

Beginning the job in 2019, Fields has been dubbed the 'mother duck' of the center.

"She'll walk on [and] she'll have six kids, and they all follow her. She makes it look easy," Noonan said.

Nowlan said her favorite part of the job is the satisfaction of knowing she is doing something right and impacting a child's life.

"When you've been working with them with something, and they're not quite getting it, and just the look on their face when they're like, 'I get it now'. It's rewarding to see that happen," Nowlan said.

In addition to servicing the currently enrolled children, Noonan said it's always a pleasure to see past students come back and visit the center later on.

"We have so many kids that they're A students in school. They love to learn. They'll come back, and they'll read to our kids. And they love to show off," Noonan said.

Wonderworks remains a place where children can be themselves and learn simultaneously. And Noonan said the overall success of the childcare center can be attributed to just that.

"The one thing that a lot of people have commented is the kids are happy. They're not crying. They're happy to be here," Noonan said.





## Artwork from Nagata, Molerio, Gerstner featured at Thrasher-Horne Center Gallery

STAFF PHOTOS BY JILL MCLEOD

ORANGE PARK – Artists Thomas H. Nagata, Yamel Molerio and John Gerstner was unveiled during a special opening on Aug. 9 at the Thrasher-Horne Center's Gallery. Nagata's works feature bold-colored orchids with their blooms, while a quieter cluster in the background, though not direct, creates a depth of field, allowing the artist to manipulate positive and negative spaces. Molerio has participated in exhibitions in the Art Center of South Florida, Bakehouse Art Complex, Coral Gables Museum, Palm Beach State College, Latin Art Core, Fredric Snitzer Gallery, Art Palm Beach, Miami-Dade Public Library System, Ormond Art Museum, Alonso Art gallery and Art Center Sarasota. Gerstner has career experience as a writer, photojournalist, magazine editor, multi-media artist, video producer, Internet/intranet strategist, and book author/creative director. He authored and edited *Genuine Value: The John Deere Journey*, a coffee-table art business book named *Best Coffee Table Book of 2001*. The exhibit, which will run through Dec. 8, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no cost to view.

## Community Briefs

### Thrasher-Horne offers back-to-school discount for upcoming shows

ORANGE PARK – Concert-goers can get a 25% discount for future tickets as part of the Thrasher-Horne Center's back-to-school sale.

To get the discount, purchase tickets online at [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org) and use the discount code "BACK2SCHOOL." The offer is good through Monday, Aug. 21.

Upcoming shows include John Michael Montgomery on Friday, Colt Ford and the LACS on Sept. 1, Sammy Kershaw, Collin Raye and Aaron Tippin on Sept. 15, Plain White T's on Sept. 23, Lonestar on Oct. 20, The Newsboys on Oct. 21, Billy Ocean on Oct. 25 and Warrant on Nov. 3.

### Green Cove Springs Library to close for construction

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The library will be closed from Aug. 21 to Nov. 1 for a scheduled construction project.

Residents will be able to utilize the services at other branches – Fleming Island at 1895 Town Center Blvd., Keystone Heights at 175 Oriole St., Middleburg-Clay at 2245 Aster Ave. in Middleburg and Orange Park at 2054 Plainfield Ave.

### Orange Park High planning 50-year Reunion

ORANGE PARK – The Class of 1973 from Orange Park High will celebrate its 50th Reunion on Oct. 13 and 14. For more information, call (904) 910-7575 or (904) 614-5659. Graduates also are encouraged to join the Facebook page.

### Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Curt Towne Band add second night in St. Augustine

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 leg-

endary 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](http://ticketmaster.com) and vary between \$65 and \$170.50.

### Beyond King Tut: The Immersive Experience extended

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. *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.

### Mission of the Dirt Road offering free showers

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

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

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Hayley Gartner is a Clinical Toxicology and Emergency Medicine Fellow. McCormick and his agency continue to warn the public of dangers. He said that in the last six years, 37% of calls to the center serving the state are for children 6 and younger.

## Poison

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There's no cost to call, and we can make sure that the substance is definitely non-toxic and see if there's any sort of treatment we can give you over the phone," McCormick said.

The changing of season ushers a unique set of additional concerns, including those related to wild plants such as mushrooms. Teachers should be especially wary of this when children are on the playground.

McCormick also is concerned by the popularity of energy drinks.

"When you start to look at the amount of caffeine in caffeine energy drinks, you

can very quickly put yourself in a case of caffeine poisoning," McCormick said.

He said a new brand, Prime, contains approximately half the daily caffeine dose in one drink. The key is to monitor children's habits and familiarize them with potential hazards.

With schools back in classes, food poisoning becomes an issue. Cold foods should be kept at 40 degrees or colder, and hot foods should be at least 140 degrees.

Poison Information Center's calls are computerized and entered into a database that tracks more than 500,000 substances. Florida's locations are part of a national network, including 55 locations. The center's hotline, (800) 222-1222, is a national phone number.

## Hooters

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she was crowned Miss Hooters International 2023 at the Annual Miss Hooters International Pageant at Caesars Palace.

"It's a dream for anyone that comes to this company. [Hooters] has built me into who I've become today. I never thought I would actually be able to hold this title. When I heard my name, I was overwhelmed and was just very proud of who I am," she said.

The pageant included an interview modeling a swimsuit round, where she impressed hosts and judges like UFC fighter Bobby Green, former Miss Ukraine Natalia Shvachko and Chase Elliott's rear tire changer Chad Avrit. Hooters sponsors Elliott's Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet.

"I just told myself to remember the five points about who I am today because of the (Hooters) brand. I was able to take that deep breath, let my stress out, and speak from my heart," Johnson said. Johnson had already earned Hooters Girl of the Year accolades in 2022, and she's been featured in the Hooters calendar four times. She's thrilled to bring the title home to the restaurant that's been home for the last six years.

"It's just like bringing (Miss Hooters International) back home because of the people that I've gotten to meet. It's a home away from home. It's nice to be able to celebrate with people that I can call friends and family," Johnson said.

In the coming months, she will serve as the face of the world-famous restaurant's brand by contributing to marketing initiatives and special events,

including leading Elliott's crew at NASCAR races.

The glitz and glam weren't the original plans for the soft-spoken, hardworking woman. With the win in Vegas also came \$30,000. The money will be used for her education. She will return to occupational therapy school.

Johnson studied the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at the Florida State College of Jacksonville for one year. But with student loan debts to worry about, she was in a bind. Now, she will return to pursue her dreams, which were always to earn a doctoral degree in occupational therapy.

"I'm in between programs, so now, I will choose whichever (path in the field) is suitable for me. I'll be able to put more (effort) into it since I won't be pulling out student loans," Johnson said.

Her drive, passion, and motivation for occupational therapy are driven by watching her brother battle brain cancer when she was a child. "My reason (for pursuing a career in occupational therapy) is because of my brother. We've had a lot of things going on within my family, and (after) watching the rehab team, it really brought me to the point that I wanted to do it. That's why I'm continuing my education in therapy," she said. Johnson briefly enjoyed the big win, but it didn't take long for her to get back into the Clay County community. She was at the Orange Park Hooters alongside colleagues on Saturday, Aug. 12 for a car wash event to raise money for the Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville. All proceeds went straight back to the charitable organization.

"It's nice to be a part of a company that allows us to have the voice to give back to the community. It's amazing to do that at a place where you are around people in the community that care just as much as we do, honestly," she said.

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## School

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calls, and just reach out to let us know what your concerns are because we certainly want to address those. We always encourage parents to reach out. Call us or email us. We all understand that the transition from elementary school to junior high is a big deal," said Principal Lydia Creel.

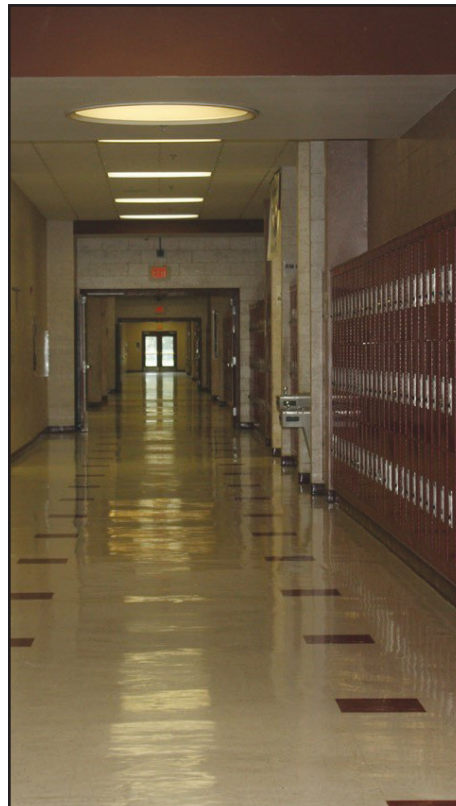
While some parents had concerns, the school diligently works for their students, and it's nearly impossible to get every schedule and bus route right on the first day, especially in a county with 43 schools.

But with bus routes, class schedules and construction obstacles considered, all things went extremely well.

"I thought, for all intents and purposes, it went well this morning. Parents were patient, and students hopped out of their cars, largely looking happy to be here today. The traffic flow went well, and we're going to make sure that everyone gets picked up on their right bus this afternoon in a timely fashion," she said.

"It's fantastic," the first-year principal said. "We're really excited. You have the whole year in front of you."

All of the pieces are coming together. Eighth graders are stepping up for seventh graders to show them the ropes of Lake Asbury. Teachers and faculty spent a large portion of the summer making preparations, which included professional development sessions and breakout groups,



inviting an opportunity for teacher collaboration.

"They feel like they're ready to go and that they're supported. Happy teachers make for happy students. I find that this is one of the most supportive and diligent faculties you will find in Clay County. They have a great heart for the students, learning, and growth. You couldn't ask for more. I think the students will have a great year," Creel said.

# FCC offers spiritual counseling for life's challenges

By Kylie Cordell  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Foundations Christian Counseling opened its new branch recently. FCC helps those struggling with the challenges of everyday life, providing a safe space in which each client is supported on their journey toward wholeness.

The office is located at the First Baptist Church of Orange Park on 1140 Kingsley Ave. and offers counseling and other vital resources to our community from a Christ-centered perspective.

"We are what you would consider biblical counseling," said Russell Franklin, the Regional Director and one of two counselors. "First and foremost, we are going to come to it with scripture, but also we look at each and individual issue. We want to get to know that person and their unique situation."

Franklin said it's not a "one shoe fits all" approach to therapy. How the Bible is used directly in the counseling room depends on the client's unique needs.

"People come in with various issues and we want to listen. The first session or two is getting to know that person and letting them know we care and they have a place to share in a non-judgemental environment to help them navigate that program," he said.

Clients may participate in journaling, in-depth readings of the Bible and memorization of passages to help them navigate their own lives.

"The thing about the Bible is, whatever you are going through, the folks in the Bible went through them too," Franklin explained. "We see throughout scripture so many examples of shame, depression, grief, sorrow, and how that affects people emotionally. And then we can point them to what the word says when someone goes through a particular issue."

FCC partnered with Orange Park and Middleburg First Baptist Churches. They are also reaching out to churches and ministries to get involved.

"The goal is to come alongside churches. Our office is inside Orange Park First Baptist Church on Kingsley, but we are not a part of the church. And you don't have to be a part of one of the partnered churches to receive counseling."

However, partnering with FCC will help lower the costs for your church



Foundations Christian Counseling recently opened a branch at First Baptist Church of Orange Park on Kingsley Avenue to provide "Christ-centered" counseling.

members, attendees or staff.

Partners will also have access to exclusive audio, videos, links and content, as well as a biblical presentation at your facility on various topics. Resources provide numerous insights for ministry and personal counsel.

FCC raises funds from the community to help low-income families in need of Christ-centered counseling to receive counseling services at a reduced rate. To fill out an application, visit [wwefoundchristcounsel.org](http://wwefoundchristcounsel.org) and click "Karen Hoffner Memorial Fund Scholarship."

To talk to intake specialists and counselors, contact their main line at (877) 414-4673 or schedule an appointment online. If your church wants to partner with Foundations Christian Counseling, you can contact Franklin directly at (904) 326-0596 or by email at [rfranklin@foundchristcounsel.org](mailto:rfranklin@foundchristcounsel.org).


"We're available. We're accessible. We want to be available to the community, especially if they feel overwhelmed or that they are stuck in a situation. We want them to know that there is hope, and we will walk with them through whatever challenge they are facing," Franklin said.

"There's a lot of work involved. It's not something that happens. You have to re-train how you think to look at things differently and work through bitterness to forgiveness, to learn how to trust people again or move on. But to see that change of heart and see relationships restored is an amazing thing to see it happen."





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Dancing for dollars

# Celebrities battled for ballroom dancing supremacy to raise money for scholarships

By Kyla Woodard  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK- Seven 'celebrities' put their dancing shoes on and 'cha-cha-chaed' to the beat last Friday night – all in the name of raising money for local scholarships.

The first Battle of The Ballroom was a star-studded event hosted by the Florida Federated Republican Women Fleming Island. Held at the Thrasher-Horne Center, the occasion aimed to raise money for county students seeking vocational scholarships.

"The spike in tuition cost, educational cost, living cost ... anyway we can help those to avoid long-term debt because of education through vocational scholarships is a win-win for everyone, especially our students in Clay County," said FFRWFI President Ruth Swissa.

The "celebrities" featured Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dr. Susan Legutko, District 1 School Board Member Erin Skipper, UK actor William Tapley, entrepreneur Kaya Frechette, entrepreneur Susana Bentley, Clay Young Republicans Chair Ted Clark and Founder of the Mass Exodus Movement Quisha King.

Before the event, each celebrity participant campaigned to raise donations for the cause. Along with donations, sponsorships were also available for the public to purchase.

Like the popular TV show, 'Dancing With the Stars', all seven dancers partnered with professionals to perform ballroom numbers and vie for the coveted "mirror ball trophy."

Dressed to the nines, guests donned elegant gowns and tailored suits at the event, aiming to pull off the extravagant 'Rodeo Drive' theme. To begin the event, attendees could mingle and eat a Mediterranean-style dinner. Elegant white covers dressed tables while light music filled the room.

In addition to mingling, guests could participate in a silent auction during the dinner, bidding on items such as certificates and gift baskets.

The scholarship was also awarded during the dinner, with scholar Judy Null being announced as the recipient. In total, the event raised \$8,035 for Null's vocational pathway. Guests filtered into the studio theater to witness the anticipated dancing. Along with the dancers, judges Sheriff Michelle Cook, Senator Jennifer Bradley and professional judge Stass dedicated their time to giving helpful critiques on each performance.

Sheriff Cook said her decision to participate in the fun event was easy.

"I think this is the first time we've had something like this in our community. It's



something fun, and it's something different... at the end of the day, we're raising money to provide scholarships for young ladies," Cook said.

One by one each contestant, wearing sparkly and flashy ensembles, took their turn, leaving it all on the dance floor. From upbeat tunes to intense melodies to full blown lifts, the engaging performances had the crowd cheering and applauding their way through the dance.

First up was King, who scored 27 points for her dance. In her post-dance remarks, King said she and her partner started training for her dance three months ago. She noted her favorite part about the whole experience was the fact that it was unfamiliar territory.

"It was something that I had never done before...so, it was really cool to kind of stretch myself and do some ballroom dancing," King said. "And, [of] course, I had a fantastic teacher."

Next up was Clark, who scored a total of 24.5 points. Skipper followed, scoring the first perfect score of 30 points. The judges raved over Skipper's song choice, noting she was 'unstoppable' on the dance floor.

"First of all, that music, you are unstoppable," Senator Bradley said.

Legutko was next with a total of 26 points. In her post-dance remarks, Legutko said her dance took her three weeks to



learn. Next was Tapley, with 28.5 points. In his post-dance remarks, Tapley said his travel from London was a reason for his fatigue.

"Well, I'm jet-lagged. I'm not sure if that helped," Tapley said.

Frechette with a perfect score of 30, while Bentley had a 29.5. In the end, however, only one winner prevailed. As a result of an apparent tie and more deliberations by the judges, Frechette was titled the queen of the ballroom. Frechette held up her trophy in victory as the crowd cheered her on.

To end the night, the professional dancers came together to perform their routine, dazzling the audience one last time.

Swissa said finding the right people to be involved was relatively easy, as it was



PHOTOS BY KYLA WOODARD

Local celebrities danced for dollars to support local scholarships last Friday night at the Thrasher-Horne Center. Entrepreneur Kaya Frechette, School Board member Erin Skipper finished with perfect scores. Judges deliberated and awarded Frechette the mirror ball trophy in a tiebreaker.

all about finding the ones who would bring positive fun to the dance floor. Additionally, Swissa said it was essential to find people who are dedicated to education.

"If you meet these individuals in person, they're very funny, they've got a great sense of humor, and they have a passion for scholarships," Swissa said. "They have a passion for education."

For the future, Swissa said she hopes to continue to use fun events like the Battle of the Ballroom to raise awareness for the dire need of vocational opportunities and allow local students to shine. "I really hope that...people recognize the importance of vocational scholarships, and that we have some really smart students here in Clay County and that we need to invest in them. We really do," Swissa said.

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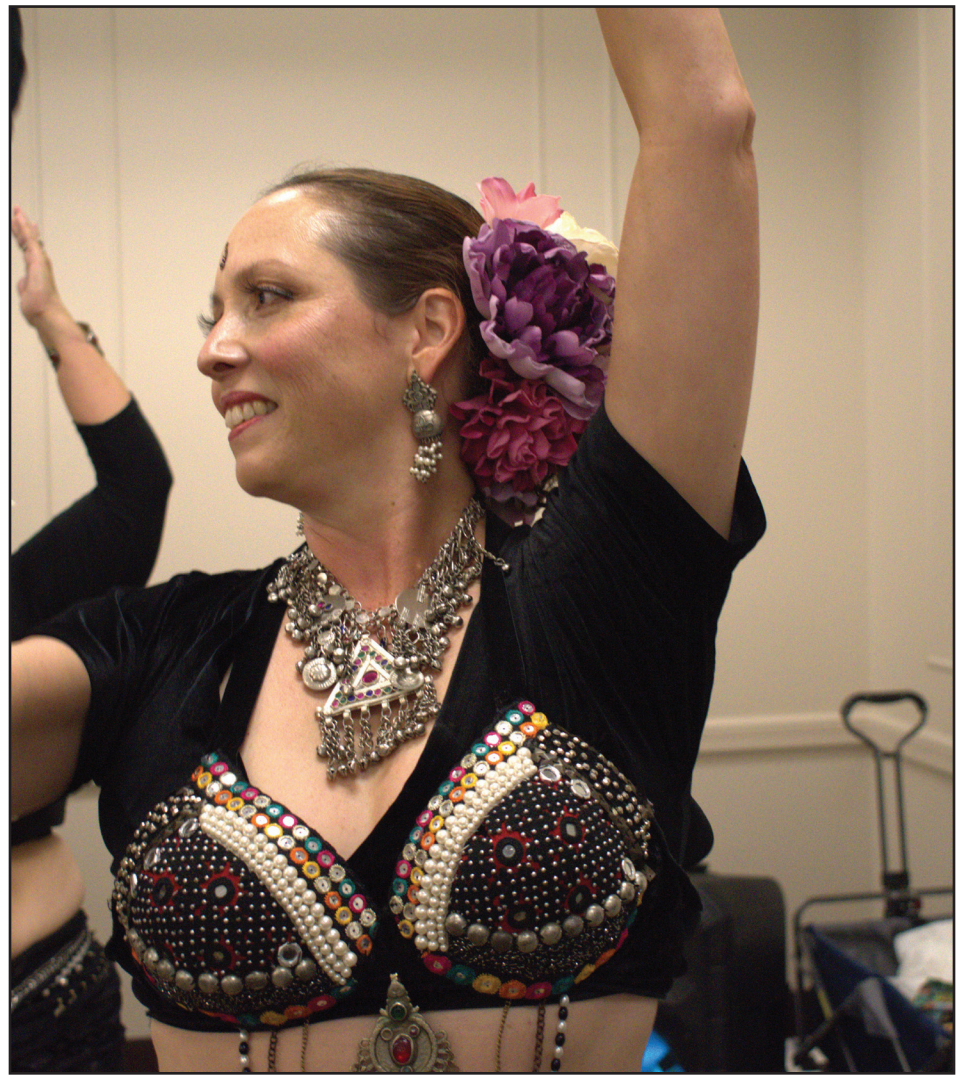




# Hundreds served at Active After 50 Expo

STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

ORANGE PARK – Hundreds turned last weekend's Fifth Annual Active After 50 Expo at the Thrasher-Horne Center into a tremendous success. More than 50 vendors could offer senior services and goods, as well as free belly-dancing, yoga and pickleball instructions. Attendees also got fitness and nutrition tips. "Seniors are living longer and healthier lives. It is so important to remain active," said expo executive director Sara Malone. Local Active After 50 Expo sponsors include Millennium Physician Group, North Florida Sleep Resources, Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Kam Lee Center, Active After 50 Online and Selkirk Sport.





# Art Guild of Orange Park adds splash of color to OP Elementary

Organization brightening the sidewalks around the iconic school

ORANGE PARK – Have you been around Orange Park Elementary lately and noticed red, white and blue painted crosswalks and wondered what is happening?

Have you also noticed the Town Public Works employees with paint buckets in the morning near the school?

And have you seen people with Art Guild of Orange Park black T-shirts walking along Plainfield with clipboards and measuring tapes?

The community is in the preliminary stage of the Orange Park Crosswalk Project. The project was initiated when the Town, in collaboration with the Haskell team, created a “Completed Streets Policy.” In the policy, the Haskell team proposed “Traffic Calming” initiatives using painted crosswalks and intersections.

Traffic calming is implementing physical road design or other measures to slow vehicles as they move through residential neighborhoods. When specific plans are in place, drivers tend to reduce their speed, comply more readily with speed signs and increase pedestrian safety.

Town Manager Sarah Campbell shared sample crosswalk ideas and received the support of the Orange Park Town Council to move forward with a crosswalk project. Campbell approached the Art Guild of Orange Park President Phyl Renninger to see if the Guild would be interested in leading this project.



Renninger offered an immediate and resounding “Yes!”

Campbell then approached Orange Park Elementary Principal Tyler Woods and received her second enthusiastic “Yes!” She shared sample ideas with the key players and proposed that the initial location be the school zone in front of OPE, along Plainfield Avenue from Winfred Drive to Blake Avenue. The area includes one intersection and eight crosswalks.

The Town Public Works Director, Kyle Croce had experience with crosswalk painting in neighborhoods, suggested that basic colors work best: yellow, black, blue, green, red and white. These are standard colors typically used on streets and parking lots.

Sand/grit was added to keep the painted areas from being too slick for the foot traffic. Using standard colors will also allow easier maintenance.

Suggestions were mentioned at a March 23 meeting with Campbell, Croce, Wood, OPE art teacher Shelby Brommer and AGOP members Kim Russell, Kathy Plante and Renninger. Wood made two suggestions: incorporate the OPE mascot, Eagle and possibly incorporate OPE’s five school pride words – Positive, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Engagement.

Brommer suggested the Art Club, composed of 24 sixth-graders, submit design ideas for the school crosswalks. Campbell selected the eight crosswalks and one intersection, and provided the needed measurements and information.

The AGOP members, Phyl Renninger, Kathy Plante, Bill Gura, and Melody Pickens, led by Kim Russell, Chair of the AGOP Community Service Committee, met to review the suggestions and artwork submitted by students, and generate a creative and cohesive themed presentation for the paintings. The challenge was to unify the design, and it was decided to use the school colors red, white, and blue. The Art Guild decided that instead of picking one design, all of the student’s ideas would be used.

The town council approved the Art Guild proposal at their April 18 meeting. Work has begun with the Town painting the sidewalks.

The Town handles the supplies, the painting of the background colors and the coordination of the traffic detours. AGOP will have their artists lay out the designs and oversee the work. With the Art Guild’s and OPE’s oversight, Art Club students will paint their designs into boxes on the crosswalk. At the end of each session, the AGOP artists will complete the images with black outlining.

The work has begun with the main intersection at Plainfield and Stiles Avenue in front of the school, with red and blue paint for the crosswalks. Eagles will be



painted at the center of the design with white Eagle feathers and the wording in black. The crosswalks will have various red, white and blue colors with OPE Art Club student artwork embedded into boxes in the crosswalk designs.

Once this project is done, look for other painting projects around other schools happening in the future as part of the Orange Park Crosswalk Project.

## Magnolia Point Women’s Club gave back in July

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Magnolia Point Women’s Club donated to several causes during July. The Women’s Club, a not-for-profit volunteer organization, supports causes that coincide with our mission to serve the Clay County community.

On July 11, Women’s Club President Lorna Broughton and member Phyllis Skarbrevik delivered a check for \$500 to Mandy Nelson, President of the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry of Orange Park, to help with their recent fundraising efforts to purchase a refrigerated van.

To further assist the organization, six volunteers from the club spent their morning on Saturday, July 15, helping sort out the overwhelming accumulation of donations.

Thanks to member Phyllis Skarbrevik and her husband Charlie, as well as mem-

bers Nancy Mills, Carrie Cardascia, Phyllis, Kimberly LaPorte, Charlie, and Ramona Ferrara for helping out.

The organization, located at 1010 Fromhart Street in Orange Park, provides help to people in Clay County by providing them with food, clothing, household items, baby items and other assistance as needed.

On Wednesday, July 12, the Women’s Club presented a check for \$250 to coaches Jon Love and Ernie Young for the Clay High Boys Golf Team. The golf team will be hosting the Clay High Boys Golf Charity Classic on Aug. 13 at the Magnolia Point Golf Club, beginning at 1 p.m.

The format is a four-person team scramble with food before and after the round.

In addition, you can win a new Cadillac for a hole-in-one. Great raffle prizes are



The Magnolia Point Women’s Club volunteers Barbara, Nancy Mills, Carrie Cardascia, Phyllis Skarbrevik, Kimberly LaPorte, Charlie Skarbrevik and Ramona Ferrara worked with Clothes Closet and Food Pantry of Orange Park, while the Clay High golf team – Robert Young, Drew Ross, Coach Ernie Young, Women’s Club President Lorna Broughton, Coach Jon Love, Women’s Club Member Marlene Jacobs and Will Guy also combined to raise money for the upcoming season.

also available, including an Odyssey putter, Titleist Pro V1 golf balls and a round of golf at TPC Sawgrass.

Spots and sponsorships are available by contacting the Magnolia Point Pro Shop at (904) 962-9704.





## Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register  
True Life Church  
Clay County

### Expect great things – attempt great things

Great Christian missionary, social reformer and cultural anthropologist William Carey once said, “Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.”

God is all-powerful, and we can expect Him to accomplish great things in our lives and the world around us. While this is true, we must also put forth effort as well if we expect good things to happen for us.

Attempting great things requires something of us. You need to seek God’s vision for your life, believe in yourself, make a plan, and take action. All of these steps will be successful IF, and this is the essential ingredient, you choose to partner with God in the process.

If we want God to act in our lives, we must firmly believe in Him and His power. Hebrews 11:6 says, “It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” God will reward us if we seek Him and put effort into our relationship with Him. Only then can we enter the process of collaborating with Him to make great things happen in our lives and the world around us.

Don’t put a limit on what you believe God can accomplish in your life. Ephesians 3:20 says, “Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” Not only can God do anything, but He can accomplish INFINITELY MORE than we could ever ask Him or even dream up!

Remember, attempting great things requires courage, dedication, and resilience. It may involve stepping outside our comfort zone, taking calculated risks, and investing time and effort. But remember these powerful words of Jesus, “What is impossible for people is possible with God.” (Luke 18:27) Stay committed to God’s plan. Keep learning and growing. Persevere when times are tough. You don’t have to do this alone. In fact, God’s plan is we NOT to go at it alone. Don’t ever forget this truth found in Philippians 4:13, “For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”

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## Volunteers needed at Community Hospice and Palliative Care

### For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Community Hospice & Palliative Care volunteers, nearly 500 strong, are vital team members. Whether offering companionship, listening to patients and family members, helping with administrative work, or assisting at fundraising events, there’s a volunteer opportunity for everyone.

As a volunteer, you can help improve the quality of life in your community, including Clay County. All new Community

Hospice & Palliative Care volunteers receive training and will attend an orientation to help prepare them for their role. Volunteer opportunities include clerical, front desk, patient and family, pet therapy and veterans.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please visit [Volunteer.Community-Hospice.com](http://Volunteer.Community-Hospice.com) for more information.

Antonio Ross joins Community Hospice and Palliative Care’s Valarie Thomas said volunteers are needed to help the organization committed to improving the quality of life.



## New law erases databank for Vote By Mail requests

Voters who want to send in ballots must re-register

### For Clay Today

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 Elec-

tions 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



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Voters who want to cast a ballot by mail must request a ballot at least 12 days ahead of an election.

provide either their Florida driver’s license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number when they request in person, over the phone, through email, online at [ClayElections.gov](http://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.

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# Popi's Buffet: Johnny's B-B-Q expands its culinary boundaries

By Natalie Gilstrap  
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Johnny's Bar-B-Q Restaurant opened its new all you can eat buffet called Popi's Buffet.

"We're excited to have it." Said Johnny's owner Johnny Mason. The idea to start a buffet came to Mason after talking with his friend Jorge Dominguez also known as Chef Popi. "We've done primarily just Bar-B-Q for the last 35 years. I thought it was a real cool opportunity to be able to work with somebody who is a real chef and has done a lot of different recipes. I've had some of his food and it's just outstanding."

After months of preparations, Mason and Chef Popi finally opened the buffet last Friday Friends, family and members from local groups such as Amvets Post 86 and the Keystone Lake Region Business Association gathered at popular restaurant to show their support for the new menu addition.

"We appreciate people coming in and supporting us," Mason said.

Throughout the evening, guests were given the opportunity to try a variety of dishes prepared by Chef Popi. Dishes such as Caribbean cole slaw, fried white fish,



In addition to pulled pork and brisket, Jorge "Chef Popi" Dominguez and Johnny Mason will feature exotic seafood dishes on its buffet on Fridays and Saturdays at Johnny's B-B-Q Restaurant.



fried butterfly shrimp and Thai chicken were some of the many dishes available for the guests to enjoy.

One hungry guest said: "I wouldn't change a thing, it's wonderful. I thought the food was really good and the selection was wonderful."

Established in 1988, Johnny's Bar-B-Q

Restaurant has been a major patron in the Keystone community.

The restaurant has been actively involved with the schools in the area and their programs.

In addition, they are a charter member of the Lake Regions Kiwanis Club and a member of Amvets Post 86. They are

involved with local ministries such as churches and the local food bank.

"We love this area, the Lake Region area, and are very blessed to be here," Mason said.

As of now, Johnny's is planning to host the buffet every Friday and Saturday evening from 4:30-8:30 p.m.

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## Police Briefs

### Fleming Island student charged with voyeurism, having child porn on his cellphone

FLEMING ISLAND – A man already in jail for recording unsuspecting girls in the Fleming Island High restroom now faces additional charges for possession child pornography.

Carlos Esteban Duque Estupinan, 19, of Fleming Island, was charged on Aug. 14 with 10 counts of possessing photos or videos of children performing sexual acts. According to the arrest report, more than 100 images were in the 10 files.

Duque Estupinan was arrested on May 19 after a girl said she caught him in a stall in the restroom. According to the arrest



Carlos Esteban Duque Estupinan

report, he was caught using his cellphone to record girls. When he was detained by the School Resource Officer and the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Duque Estupinan allowed them to search his cellphone and they found a video of a 14-year-old girl using the restroom.

During a follow-up investigation, the Clay County Sheriff's Office investigators found at least 10 files of young girls performing sexual activities. According to the affidavit for the arrest report, one of the children depicted was 5 or younger.

Duque Estupinan will appear in court on Sept. 18. He will remain in the Clay County Jail with an \$825,033 bond until then.

### Informant helps nab man suspected of trafficking heroin, fentanyl

ORANGE PARK – A confidential informant helped the Clay County Sheriff's Office arrest an Arizona man for trafficking

heroin and fentanyl.

Jeremy Dubre Shannon, 38, was arrested on Aug. 9 after deputies found 2,084 counterfeit oxycodone pills laced with fentanyl.

The informant set up the drug purchase in June. Deputies stopped Shannon on July 29 after the buy, and a K-9 alerted them to the likely presence of illegal narcotics.

Shannon's bond was set at \$250,003.



Jeremy Shannon

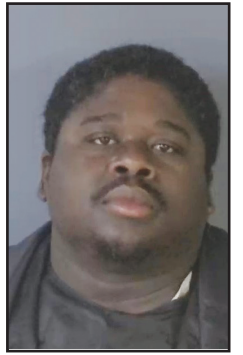
### Man charged with trafficking after dropping cocaine in parking lot

ORANGE PARK – A hotel maintenance man found a baggie with cocaine on Aug. 8 in the parking lot of the WoodSpring Suites on Wells Road, which led to the eventual

arrest of a Jacksonville man for trafficking drugs.

Derrick Denard Rolack, 40, was charged with trafficking cocaine and heroin, as well as possessing buprenorphine and drug paraphernalia, after a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy saw a man leave the hotel and get into the car where the bag of cocaine was found.

He stopped Rolack at a fast-food restaurant because the owner of the car had a suspended license. When they searched him, they found another bag of crack cocaine in his waistband. CCSO got permission to search his hotel room and they found more cocaine, heroin, buprenorphine, hot plate, scales, glass beakers, heroin purity



Derrick Rolack

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## Arrests & Bookings

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

### Tuesday, Aug. 15

Nicholas S. Spray, 34, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia, alter/destroy/conceal/remove physical evidence, DWLSR

Erin K. Jones, 25, Middleburg, shoplifting

Sunnie L. McDermott, 26, Green Cove Springs, violation of pre-trial release conditions for protection against domestic violence

Justin T. Bishop, 30, Green Cove Spring Springs, FTA-aggravated battery with deadly weapon, FTA-possession-ammunition/firearm by convicted felon, FTA-battery, introduce/remove contraband into jail

Caitlyn A.M. Buckner, 25, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia

### Monday, Aug. 14

Carlos E.D. Estupinan, 19, Green Cove Springs, 10 counts control/possess/view child pornography

Brian D. Herring, 34, Green Cove Springs, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, introduce/remove contraband into jail

Michael C. Bardin, 51, Middleburg, DWLSR, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement, failure to register, reckless driving

Timothy E. Andrews, 28, Middleburg,

FTA-DWLSR

Troy E. Inniss, 24, Green Cove Springs, FTA-carrying concealed unlicensed firearm

Juan C.A. Ampie, 42, Fleming Island, driving without valid license

Jon P. Shaver, 58, Green Cove Springs, FTA

### Sunday, Aug. 13

Mar'Kisha J. Warrick, 25, Orange Park, aggravated battery

Brittany N. Williams, 34, Orange Park, vandalism

Haley B. Stinson, 28, Middleburg, shoplifting

Sherman C. Braswell, 34, Middleburg, shoplifting

Kenushewa M. Woodson, 23, Orange Park, domestic violence, three counts assault with intention to do violence

Lukas R. Caraballo, 19, Green Cove Springs, domestic violence

Courtney L. Lamb, 43, Middleburg, shoplifting

Austin K. Miller, 24, Middleburg, possession-cocaine, possession-controlled substance, DUI

### Saturday, Aug. 12

Jason Swanson, 51, Fleming Island, DUI

Danielle Y. Fraggetta, 45, Orange Park, shoplifting

Juan B. De La Cruz, 31, Orange Park, resist/oppose/obstruct law enforcement, grand theft auto

Justin B. Walker, 32, Orange Park, burglary

Benjamin L. Humphrey, 39, Middleburg, domestic battery

James A. Elliott, 63, Orange Park, illegal possession-shopping cart, possession-drug paraphernalia, solicitation on public roads, possession-false IDs

### Friday, Aug. 11

Edward J. Bryant, 49, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Kyle S.R. Lowe, 22, Orange Park, criminal mischief

Frank J.D. Williams, 33, Green Cove Springs, FTA-larceny

Seth J. Cole, 23, Orange Park, child abuse

Johnny R. Seaborn, 39, Orange Park, distribution-cocaine, distribution-opium, delivering-methamphetamine

Khristina R. Ragland, 31, Green Cove Springs, FTA-driving without valid license

David E. Merritt, 29, Orange Park, three counts burglary, four counts petit theft, two counts fraudulent use of credit cards

Matthew Q. Thigpen, 26, Green Cove Springs, violation of pre-trial release conditions for protection against domestic violence

Jack H. Cartlidge, 27, Green Cove Springs, FTA

### Thursday, Aug. 10

Alex J. Roggenbuch, 53, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

Jeremy S. Kay, 47, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery

Dereck W. Bramlitt, 35, Fleming Island, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia

Desiree A. Lato, 42, Green Cove Springs, VOP-obtaining/attempting to obtain controlled substance.

Joseph W. Dearman, 43, Middleburg, grand theft

Gary C. Irons, 39, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery

Armonzo R. Hobbs, 39, Green Cove Springs, FTA-possession-cocaine

Leonard M. Santiago, 27, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Jermaine M. Smith, 46, Green Cove Springs, writ of bodily attachment

Jamon B. Orange, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft auto, two counts VOP-burglary

Sarah J.M. Drawdy, 28, Keystone Heights, grand theft auto

### Wednesday, Aug. 9

Lacrissha S. Rogers, 39, Orange Park, aggravated domestic battery

Sarah J.M. Drawdy, 28, Keystone Heights, possession-drug paraphernalia

Blake D. Allen, 19, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control

Jeremy D. Shannon, 38, Orange Park, two counts trafficking-fentanyl, trafficking-heroin

Lucious R. Richardson, 29, Green Cove Springs, non-support

Jackson R. Perint, 26, Keystone Heights, possession-cocaine, possession-ammunition/firearm by convicted firearm, DWLSR

Charles L.D. Hensel, 44, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-burglary, VOP-grand theft

Christopher J. Pelletier, 28, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-methamphetamine

Tonya M. Rigdon, 47, Green Cove Springs, violation of pre-trial release conditions for protection against domestic battery

Mark E. Padgett, 54, Middleburg, DWLSR

Brett A. Edenfield, 28, Green Cove Springs, possession-cocaine, possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia

William R. Shook, 44, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance

Donald W. Messer, 39, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl





Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies uncovered this stash of drugs and paraphernalia after a maintenance worker found a bag of cocaine dropped in a hotel parking lot. Derrick Rolack now is being held with a \$240,014 bond.

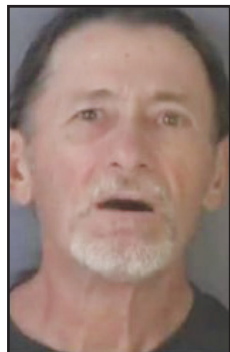
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tests, glass pipes, sifter, sandwich bags and small zip-lock bags. They also uncovered \$13,202 in his pants.

Rolack's bond is \$240,014. His next court appearance is Sept. 5.

### Panhandler arrested with two false IDs, taking shopping cart

ORANGE PARK – A man holding a sign that read, "Will wrestle grandma for \$5" was arrested on Aug. 12 for taking a PUBLIX shopping cart, roadside soliciting, possessing drug paraphernalia and the Florida driver's licenses of two oth-



James Elliott

er men. James Alva Elliott, 63, of Panama City, was stopped by a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy after he was seen panhandling drivers at the corner of Blanding Boulevard and Orange Park Northway. The deputy said he said a shopping cart and a bookbag where he found the two licenses and a glass pipe.

Elliott pled no contest at this bond hearing and his adjudication was withheld.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A 42-year-old man was arrested after the Clay County Sheriff's Office and Green Cove Springs Police Department said he started a fire on the back porch of his house before barricading himself in a bedroom.

Gary Warren Gill, of Green Cove Springs, was charged with arson and resisting law enforcement after the police and fire rescue responded on Aug. 12 to the fire, according to the arrest report. An anonymous caller reported the fire at 3:21 a.m. When they arrived, they found Gill hid-

### District Schools officer dies in South Carolina SCUBA accident

CLAY COUNTY – Clay County District Schools Police Department officer Anthony "Tony" Reno died in a SCUBA diving accident in South Carolina on Aug. 12, the district announced Monday.

According to the Pickens County Coroner's Office, Reno, 50, died while diving at The Wall at Lake Jocassee.

Reno lived on Fleming Island and was the School Resource Officer at Plantation Oaks Elementary.

The accident is being investigated by the Pickens County Sheriff's Office and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.



CCSSPD Tony Reno

ing behind a closed door. They also heard him stack things to block the door from opening.

Investigators said they determined the fire was intentionally set.

Once inside, Gill briefly wrestled with law enforcement before being detained.

Gill's bond was set at \$85,005.



Gary Warren Gill

### Man charged with lying to court to get out of paying ticket

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Palatka man was charged with filing a false document to avoid paying a \$262 fine for a red light camera ticket.

Kenneth James Bowers, 55, was charged with filing falsified information with the Clay County Clerk of Courts office after he claimed a photograph of a mo-

torhome running a red light in Green Cove Springs depicted another man.

According to the arrest report, Bowers was cited on Nov. 13 for running the light at U.S. Highway 17 and Harbor Road. Bowers signed a transfer of liability agreement at the courthouse

on June 2, claiming Raymond J. Clark was using the motorhome. Officers with the GCSPD investigated after the charges against Bowers were dismissed on July 5.

The agency worked with the Palatka Police Department and learned that Clark lived in the motorhome at Bowers' address but had never driven it.

When officers questioned Bowers, he told them Clark was dead, not realizing they had already interviewed him.



James Bowers

## Renninger from page 2

zations, and he hopes to create an affordable housing project for those that served the United States. Veterans aren't the only group he seeks to provide more access to for affordable housing. "Affordable housing is always affordable to someone. We just need to get enough (affordable housing) for all (income) categories so we can meet the demands of our workforce. And then I'm talking about our workforce; I'm talking about teachers, lawyers, HVAC technicians, welders, and other positions. We need good-quality (housing) on a wide-spectrum," Renninger said. One model for what other housing could look like is the recently-completed Bryce Landing in Middleburg. The 35-year Orange Park resident has 26 years of experience as a pilot in the U.S. Navy, where he attained the rank of Captain before retiring in 1998. He spent nine years on the Orange Park Town Council.

## CALENDAR

**MIND-BODY YOGA:** will be on Aug. 18 at 9 a.m. at the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. The session is free and open to the public.

**MIDDLEBURG/CLAY HILL CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** will meet on Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Middleburg Civic Center, 2102 Palmetto St. in Middleburg.

**CROCHET AND CHAT:** will be on Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Keystone Heights Library, 175 Oriole St. The meeting is free and open to the public.

**LINE DANCING:** will be at the Middleburg-Clay Library, 2245 Aster Ave. in Middleburg on Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. The session is free and open to the public.

**BETTER TOGETHER: CREATING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS:** will be offered on Aug. 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. The meeting is free and open to the

public.

**ST. JOHNS CLASSICAL ACADEMY:** will host a ribbon-cutting on Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. for its new campus at 1324 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park.

**BLACKSMITH DEMONSTRATION WITH UNDERHILL FORGE:** will be on Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. The meeting is free and open to the public.

**EXPERIMENTING WITH WATER-COLORS:** will be on Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Keystone Heights Library, 175 Oriole St. The meeting is free and open to the public.

**LAKE REGION KIWANIS:** will meet on Aug. 24 at 7:30 a.m. at the Montgomery Center, 88 SE 75<sup>th</sup> St. in Starke.

**LAKE REGION PROSPERITY PARTNERS COUNCIL:** will host a meeting on Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. with guest speaker County Council Chair Betsy Condon. The meeting will be at the Keystone Beach Pavilion, 565 S. Lawrence Blvd. in

Keystone Heights. To register, visit [www.claychamber.com](http://www.claychamber.com).

**WORKING MAN'S BASS TOURNAMENT:** will be on Aug. 24 at 4:30 p.m. at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220 on Fleming Island. Guaranteed \$500 prize to the winning two-person team. Call Daniel Green at (904) 449-9691 for more information.

**CONVERSATIONS AND CRAFTS: PRESSED FLOWERS VOTIVES:** will be on Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Keystone Heights Library, 175 Oriole St.

**FRIENDS OF THE GREEN COVE SPRINGS LIBRARY:** will meet on Aug. 25 at 10:30 a.m. at The Club, 3616 Magnolia Point Blvd. Tell the security guard at the gate that you're attending the library meeting.

**CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH: FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES:** will be on Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. at the Orange Park Library, 2054 Plainfield Ave. The meeting is free and open to the public.



## Artist

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few and donated a few," he said. "People tell me all the time I need to take it to an art show, or I need to put it online, but I can't do none of that stuff."

He made his first piece in 1998. Now there are more than 100 at his house.

"Mainly, I just collect them," he said.

Twenty-five years ago, James was an air conditioning technician who hated throwing away leftover wiring pieces. He stripped away the plastic coating and found eight to 58 single strands of wires.

James found a way to incorporate colorful wires into his pieces. Each color has a specific spot in his studio. He knows it's the fourth spool from the left when he needs an orange wire. He relies on friends to restock and organize them. His landlord built a separate shelf with letter tiles to identify other colors.

"I just know it's red, blue, blue, orange, purple, green, green, gold, silver, copper," he said.

From there, James relies on his fingers and imagination to do the rest.

"Sometimes, I'll pick something up and figure it out," he said.

He is currently working on a large bird sculpture. He said it started as a chicken, but now he thinks it will be a duck or goose.

"I go where my fingers take me," he said. "And I have a lot of time, a lot of time, to work on these. I'm in no hurry to do anything else."



# Bryce Landing delivers housing with monthly rents starting at \$380

For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – Housing Trust Group, one of the nation's largest affordable housing developers, has completed Bryce Landing, a new \$21.9 million affordable housing community off County Road 220,

Apartments there are reserved for income-qualifying residents who earn at or below 30-and-60% of the area median income, with rents ranging from \$380 to \$1,233 a month. The property is currently 100% percent leased.



This is HTG's fourth affordable apartment community in Florida to open this year and marks its first development in Clay County.

"Parts of North Florida, like Clay County, are in the most need of affordable housing, and we look forward to fulfilling that need and ensuring residents are equipped with quality housing, useful services, and top-notch amenities," said Matthew A. Rieger, President and CEO of HTG. "We are proud to address this demand and serve the needs of Clay County residents who seek safe and exceptional housing on a limited budget."

Located at 1914 Bryce Landing Way, the four-building, garden-style community offers a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom units ranging from 717 to 1,191 square feet. The community's amenities include a clubhouse with a state-of-the-art fitness center, media center, resort-style pool and cabanas. Additional outdoor amenities include a dog park, a 15,000-square-foot park, a playground, a picnic pavilion and an observation deck for a view of the natural surrounding wetlands. Residents also have access to literacy training, financial assistance, and employment assistance services on-site.



Bryce Landing features 96 units in Middleburg off County Road 220. Every unit is leased, and rent payments range from \$380 to \$1,233 a month



"It's exciting to see what a positive impact Bryce Landing will have by building affordable housing for the community," said Tammy Haylock-Moore, Managing Director of Community Development Banking for Chase. "This grand opening comes at a time when housing continues to be in great need and will be an instrumental part in helping solve this crisis while providing on-site services and amenities to all residents, ensuring they have the resources they need to prosper."

Funding sources for Bryce Landing included a \$16.5 million construction loan, a \$6.3 million permanent loan, both provided by JPMorgan Chase, and \$1.7 million in annual 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credits provided by Florida Housing Finance Corporation syndicated through Raymond James Tax Credit Funds.

The project team for Bryce Landing was general contractor Kellogg & Kimsey, Inc., architect Fugleberg Koch, landscape architect Wood and Partners and engineering firm CHW Consultants.

Housing Trust Group is an award-win-



ning full-service developer of multifamily residential communities whose real estate transactions exceed \$3 billion in commercial, land and residential developments across Florida, Texas, Illinois and Arizona. HTG develops, builds and manages a diverse portfolio of affordable housing, workforce housing, market-rate housing, and mixed-use developments. For more information, please visit [www.htgf.com](http://www.htgf.com).



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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Orange Park football will open up with one of its biggest opponents in a long while in Jacksonville powerhouse Bolles visiting the newly refurbished Hoyt B. Cotney Stadium with sophomore quarterback Gage Taylor leading coach Marcus Wimberly's charges.

## READY TO ROCK

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - With less than a week to finish preseason preparations for the upcoming 2023 high school football seasons, area coaches are fine-tuning their troops for the final segment of the summer; the preseason games on Fri., Aug. 18.

"It's all about to start," said Middleburg coach Ryan Wolfe. "These guys are not part of the era where losses happened more than wins. We may not be getting much coverage on what we did, from an 0-10 to 5-5 to a playoff spot. These guys know what they did and want to build on it."

Preseason what it is is a sneak peek at what may happen come August 25 and beyond and some of the matchups for Friday include Orange Park, in a freshly rebuilt football stadium and an incisive look of confidence from second-year coach Mar

### Preseason Football

Ridgeview @ Keystone  
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Fleming Island vs. Westside  
Clay @ Bishop Kenny  
Orange Park vs. Bolles  
Oakleaf vs. Sandalwood/Baldwin

cus Wimberly taking on perennial powerhouse Bolles in their opener.

Bolles, of course, has two former Clay High guys Matt Toblin and Joshua Hoekstra, but neither has a history with Wimberly. That could make the game a little less rivalry-exciting and much more test-driving some new faces and tactics from Wimberly.

"I think the team and I are on the same page now," said Wimberly, who showed some muscle in a tight spring game with Ocoee out of the Orlando area also coached

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## Volleyball heads to preseason tourneys

### Middleburg, Ridgeview get a sneak peek at each other

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - Area volleyball teams will be opening up their seasons in two places on Saturday with Bishop Kenny High hosting a day's worth of top-ranked programs with four Clay County teams. At the same time, Keystone Heights and Clay High will travel to the JJVA complex in Jacksonville for their openers.

At Bishop Kenny, annually one of the most vital season-opening fields in the area features the likes of Bolles, Ridgeview, Middleburg, Fleming Island, Creekside, Oakleaf and Orange Park in action all day

starting at 8 a.m. and ending near 4 p.m.

Ridgeview is a top drawer for the tournament with a region final finish last year (loss to Ocala Vanguard) off an 18-12 regular season record. Ridgeview returns power hitter Haley Johnson (305 Kills) as part of a three-hitter front of seniors with Briana Adams (189 Kills) and Harper Herring (148 Kills). Ridgeview opens with games at 8 a.m. vs. Beachside and 9:30 a.m. vs. Bishop Kenny. Bishop Kenny dominated through regions with 3-0 wins to the Final Four but got smacked by eventual 4A champion Santa Fe 3-0 in the state semi-final.

Beachside opened their new school and the volleyball program with a 15-6 final record, a region playoff berth (lost to Fernandina Beach in quarters) and the entire team returning.

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Ridgeview High senior middle hitter/blocker Haley Robinson will be one of the more formidable net attackers in the area as local volleyball teams head to preseason action on Saturday with Ridgeview and Middleburg, the defending district champion, both playing, but not against each other at Bishop Kenny's Preseason Classic on Saturday.




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Fleming Island High football and track graduate Logan Motes shows off his Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl ring after Motes earned his ring by working as a Chiefs nutritionist. Motes graduated from Fleming Island High School in 2018.

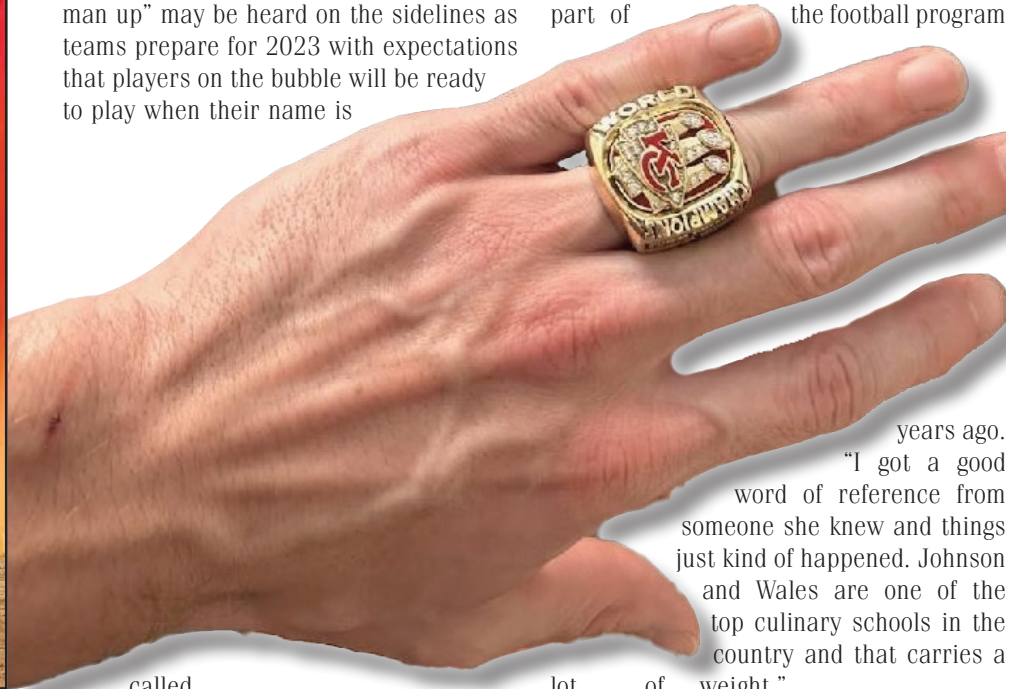
FIHS grad cooking in NFL

# At the right place, right time; Motes Chiefs' chef

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - It is appropriate that during football season, the phrase "Next man up" may be heard on the sidelines as teams prepare for 2023 with expectations that players on the bubble will be ready to play when their name is

and Wales University in Charlotte, NC, and that's how it all started," said Fleming Island High graduate Logan Motes, a football and track guy for the Golden Eagles with big brother Bryce and dad Scott both part of the football program



called. "The chef for the Kansas City Chiefs and I went to the same college; Johnson

years ago. "I got a good word of reference from someone she knew and things just kind of happened. Johnson and Wales are one of the top culinary schools in the country and that carries a lot of weight."

Motes, 23 and with a degree in culinary

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## Clay @ Bishop Kenny Kennard's reverse season starts in Jax

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Clay High coach Kyle Kennard will need a jump start to his 2023 to forget about a 3-7 season last year that did have its good and bad.

Against Bishop Kenny, Kennard's Blue Devils will see a very similar look with a solid coaching staff, tough, rugged football play and a little bit of cockiness from a squad last year that probably went deeper than expected.

Bishop Kenny, in the heyday of Clay's region playoffs under departed coach Joshua Hoekstra, now at Bolles, was a perennial power with the likes of NFLers John Wolford at quarterback and a historic 74-73 playoff game loss after an unbeaten season (11-0) to Clay back in 2013.

"These kids, I think, are finally understanding what it means to be a part of the Blue Devil football history," said Kennard, who finished a disappointing 3-7 last year after a region playoff finish two years ago (7-4) and a region final (10-2) three years ago. "I want to put that brand of football back on this field and I hope these guys can do that."

Bishop Kenny recently has moved from a few 1-8s to 8-3s with early region outs, but the Crusader following, after an epic 14-13 win over Bolles last year, is looking for another string of deep runs, just like Clay.

Clay had its time, went through a rough stretch under various coaches after Hoek-



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Clay High senior wide receiver Payton Dykas will be a key element of the Blue Devil offense as a breakaway threat downfield after passes and also as a rusher from a jet sweep position as Clay travels to Bishop Kenny for Friday's preseason action.

stra left, but has seemed to right the ship with Kennard. Clay has a returning quarterback, Merrick Rapoza, with a second quarterback, Landon Chadwick, who can shake the lineup up in a pinch, the best wide receiver around in Payton Dykas, and a few big linemen on offense as is required by Blue Devil fan and some pretty athletic

kids in the secondary that may not read articles about enemy pass receivers and just play lock down ball hoping for pick sixes.

Bishop Kenny also has a returning quarterback, senior James Resar (1656 Yds, 15TDs) but loses two senior receivers that both caught 30-plus passes and both had four scores. Resar was also the top

rusher at just 466 yards. Those pups in the secondary could be the key to this game; Vonte Burke, Antonio Thomas, DJ Williams, and even Dykas in a pinch in centerfield.

A solid win here gives Kennard some momentum to get back to regions as well as a showdown at Fleming Island High School in their opener.

## Sandalwood/Baldwin vs. Oakleaf Foy's Knights go for double whammy

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - Oakleaf High football coach Chris Foy, in his first year, will open his on-field presence with a three-way preseason scrimmage with Sandalwood and Baldwin both visiting Oakleaf on Fri., Aug. 18.

Foy has orchestrated a summer conditioning program designed to have his team ready to execute the best in the fourth quarter.

"It's all about the finish," said Foy. "Big and strong is good. Big and strong still in the fourth quarter win games."

Sandalwood was 5-5 last year in 4M so playing the big boys while Baldwin hit the playoffs in 2S, a small school, but a formidable program nonetheless. Head coach Robert Shields has had playoff runs the past five seasons and his team comes ready to go. Foy will need to be ready and have his guys not thinking 2S playoffs. Baldwin will come with new faces, just like

Foy, with a senior quarterback gone (992 YDs/10TDs), a senior running back gone (1110 Yds, 14TDs) and a senior receiver gone (24 passes/2TDs).

The Indians do return a stout tackler in linebacker Octavious Barnes (94 tackles) and a junior defensive back, Leon Kirkland that picked off five passes.

Foy's guys feature a senior quarterback Brandon Wallace, Jr., who steps in after a season watching from the sidelines, a rugged running back, Chris Foy II, and a massive offensive line; led by Quory Ambrose and Chase Johnson, intent on moving people.

"He does push us," said Ambrose, near 280-300 pounds and knocking out 18-inch box jumps for Foy. "We got me, Chase Johnson (310 lbs), Aiden Radzelovage, Akeem Neal (285 lbs) and Mykel Mayo (300 lbs) on the front line and we are going to be moving people."

Foy also has a two-prong linebacker duo; Neil Whyte and Dajon Brown that will



Part of the strong oakleaf secondary will be senior defensive back Bryson Kitt here diving for tackle in spring game against spruce Creek.

be formidable on the line of scrimmage. James Kitchen at secondary and Bryson Kitt anchor a stellar secondary.

Sandalwood loses a senior quarterback, Baylor Hayes (1,000YDs, 5TDs) who trans-

ferred to Brentwood HS in Tennessee and a top rusher, senior Jordan Bean (1403YDs, 6TDs, now at Mars Hill University) and a senior touchdown machine in Jhamari Harvell (13TDs).



## Middleburg @ Episcopal

# Bronco's historic run to continue in 2023

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - Middleburg High has been on a run of championships lately thanks partially to departed athletic director John Stilianou, the fire plus of Clay High sports for nearly two decades of strong athletic programs, and secondarily thanks to girls softball coach Ashley Houston who banked on Stilianou's influence to win the school's first state team title.

That in itself, altered the psyche of the

Middleburg hallways toward sports and then Stilianou got Ryan Wolfe to come to Middleburg football. Near genius.

Wolfe, an offensive wizard in many places around the county, got his shot to lead the dormant Bronco program and has lit its fire with an 0-10 meet the team first year, a 5-5 this is my team second year followed by a region playoff berth; we are here, last year. The playoff berth was the only Clay County team to go one more game.

Preseason for Wolfe this year will prob-



Middleburg High's massive offensive line is led by tackle Micah George, No. 70, here with graduated fullback Wyatt Underwood in last year's historic playoff run for coach Ryan Wolfe.

ably focus on just which quarterback; Mason Zwilling and Carson Stewart, both capable, will take the reigns of Wolfe's high-octane stable of speed aplomb; Jaden Boyd, Jaydan Jenkins, Errick Fryer, Jarren Rozier that can burn grass quickly.

Defense is solid for Middleburg led by nearly the entire squad returning to their spots; Austin Cruce LB, Tucker Cody DE, BJ Carter DE, Kendric O'Neal DT, Luke

Middleburg defense will be spearheaded by defensive end B.J. Carter, left, and middle linebacker Austin Cruce as they chase down an Orange Park ball carrier in 2022 action.

Wheeler.

With Episcopal the target for pre-season, Wolfe will face off against a well-coached team with stellar athletes; 8-3 last year, with seasons of 6-5, 7-3 and 10-2 in 2019, with the latter under head coach Mark Brunell, former QB for Jacksonville Jaguars.

Episcopal will be under new leadership with a senior quarterback gone (1327 YDs/16TDs), a senior running back gone (1072 YDs/7TDs) and a senior receiver (52 catches/10TDs) gone. gh School in their opener.

## Westside @ Fleming

# New coach, new look for Golden Eagles

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island football will have a vastly new look in 2023 with players stocked up around the lineup that, on paper, can bring a state playoff game possibility very possible.

With new coach Chad Parker, with region ties to Orange Park High and Final Four ties to Bartram Trail in the past decade, returns to Clay County and Fleming Island with a chance to open up the Golden Eagle offense even more than has been its recent history under third-year quarterback Cibastian Broughton.

"I think we have a good feel for what Cibastian is doing in the pocket and can respond when he moves the pocket," said

senior tackle Braden Cunningham, the lone senior returner on the front line. "We know he can break the field whenever he wants and we are going to try to escort him as far as we can."

Ironically, Fleming Island has a history with a new NFL linebacker, a now-FSU running back and a host of NCAA Division I guys spattered around the nation, but no deep region run since 2020 under coach Damenyum Springs with a region final loss to Niceville and 2017 with a region final loss to Bartram Trail.

Firepower will be at a maximum for Parker both on the field and on the sidelines.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island's offensive line will be led by massive tackle Braden Cunningham, No. 75, who anchors an equally big and strong five-man front for new coach Chad Parker.



## Ridgeview @ Keystone

# New looks in Ridgeview vs. Indians

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Keystone Heights High has a new football head coach, Steve Reynolds, the former defensive coach, which will create an invisible image of long-time coach Chuck Dickinson growling on the sidelines, though he will probably be on the track watching in athletic director golf cart.

For Ridgeview, who visits Keystone Height Fri., Aug. 18 for preseason action, the new look is a much bigger roster.

Panther coach Bryan Arnette has been lauding the progress of his team to include a handful of much bigger bodies than he has had in past seasons; both 1-9 finishes.

"This season we have some big guys on both sides of the ball; Jacob Jones on of-

fense/defense line (250 lbs.) and JJ Moore at tight end (220 lbs) will bolster our attack," said Arnette.

Among the biggest for Arnette is offensive tackle Jacob Jones at 6'-4", 235 lbs., 250-pound fullback Braylon Hawkins, 200-pound senior running back Rayhn Hutchinson, and 220-pound tight end and defensive end J.J. Moore.

"Ten seniors and a few bigger guys and we can be a bit more competitive on the line of scrimmage," said Arnette, noting new faces in Bailey Reese (315 lbs) and Elias Cortes (237 lbs.).

When the word big comes into play, Keystone Heights' history at offensive line is always very big guys. This year, the "very" big guys from last year, mostly un-

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## Preseason

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by an NFLer, Sheddrick Gurley, a former Florida Gator and Super Bowl champion with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as well. "We've got some talent spread around and a great attitude."

Bolles ventures into the new Hoyt B. Cotney digs after a 9-5 season that featured yet another Final Four finish (21-14 loss to American Heritage in semi; down 21-0 into the fourth quarter) and a 22nd ranking on the MaxPreps Top 25 teams in Florida.

Wimberly will see a senior quarterback DJ Moore (1101 Yds, 11TD, a Coastal Carolina commit), a junior running back Tyrone Neal (1263 Yds 11/TDs) and a sophomore receiver Naeem Burroughs (36 passes/7TDs) on offense.

On defense, senior linebacker Trent Carter, a Louisville commit, DJ wrapped up 110 guys last year with six sacks.

Top those returners with a history; 11 state championships, only second to St. Thomas Aquinas (14), with the caveat that the Bulldogs haven't won a title since 2011 (Class 4A) and the last time they were in the big dance was 2020.

Wimberly wants to put a big feather in his cap; preseason or not, this would be a good one to dominate. Let speed out Jermel Brown's fly, and control the box figuring the rest of Bolle's opponents probably won't see much on offensive strategy in a preseason game. If anything, a couple of scores by sophomore quarterback Gabe Taylor, a bomb to Brown and maybe a sack and fumble for a score by Tyler Jackson will give Raider fans momentum for a season opener against Oakleaf.

## Eagles

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The sidelines, returning coach Derek Chipoletti and Evan Scharf are back on the sidelines as well as Chris Otero as Parker brings back some familiar faces to jumpstart the transition.

Broughton is a gamer with a fantastic freshman season, but his team didn't help him last year with a couple of key losses.

Westside, though, has been a staple preseason opener for the Golden Eagles but not usually a test of the engine for the Golden Eagles' summer rebuilds. Clay the following week brings rivalry excitement and unknowns and that may be Parker's first big test.

Parker is also in a new district that has been aptly called the District of Doom with powerhouses Bartram Trail and Buchholz at the top of the food chain, but both pro-

grams saw their iconic coaches retire.

Bartram Trail without Darrell Sutherland and Buchholz without Mark Whittemore could be two totally new approaches to power football in the district.

At Oakleaf, who upset Fleming Island year with Drew Ammon showcasing his magical ways, is the fourth new coach on the block with veteran Chris Foy now running the Knight show. Foy was a Fletcher guy in playoff times against Oakleaf in Chipoletti's, then turned a dismal Andrew Jackson team around to two district titles.

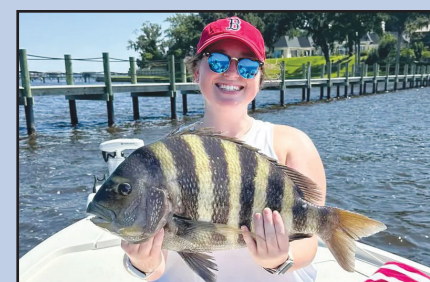
If all goes well, maybe the district of doom will land a home in Clay County.

The irony here is that Oakleaf's athletic director is now Rodney Dubose, the long-time coach at Westside, who has had a lot of good athletes, just not enough of them. Now he has a lot of good athletes at Oakleaf and a lot of them.



### First place Lady Angler

Laura Baylor shows off her first-place Lady Angler 34 lb kingfish caught at the Nassau sport fishing association 40th annual Kingfish tournament. Baylor, here with Robert Vogt, former St John's Country Day Superstar football player, caught the fish on a downrigger using a ribbon fish.



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The Ridgeview High volleyball team looks to return to a Final Four chase behind senior Haley Robinson up front.



Fleming Island powerhitter Rauly Eason has a Fleming Island alum who was also a power hitter in her day, Amy Schermerhorn, as her new head coach.



Middleburg High has a new coach, Meredith Forkum, but the top returner for the rookie coach is senior hitter Connor Rahn who last year went big for Broncos upset win over Ridgeview for district title



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Keystone Heights graduates a slew of seniors from last year's team; two being Rileyh Barry, No. 11, and Kaitlyn Barry, No. 5, who leave with junior Kierstyn Shaw one of just two returning starters for coach Kaitlyn Cline.

## Volleyball

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The second round of play features Middleburg with a new head coach, Meredith Forkum, the assistant under Carrie Prewitt, but a wealth of returning firepower with the Rahn sisters; Camden and Connor, and the third strikes Brooke Forkum. The Broncos open with Bolles at 11 a.m. then Creekside at 12:30 p.m.

Bolles, in 3A, got ousted in region semis last year by Souther Walton while Creekside got dumped by Winter Park in region quarters of 7A.

Middleburg surprised Ridgeview for the district title but also lost to Vanguard in quarters.

In the final round of play, Fleming Island and Oakleaf square off at 2 p.m. with Oakleaf at 3:30 p.m. playing Episcopal and Fleming Island playing Nease.

Oakleaf now has former Fleming Island coach Jamie Reed as head coach while Fleming Island features former player Amy Schermerhorn as her replacement.

Keystone Heights and Clay will play in the JJVA preseason classic down the road. Keystone Heights graduated a bucket load of seniors with senior Kadence Carlton and junior Kierstyn Shaw as top returners.

At Orange Park High, starting at 9 a.m., the Lady Raiders will host games against Stanton Prep at 9 a.m. and Mandarin at noon.



## Panthers

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derclassmen, are not one-year veterans and are still very big; Bryce Daniels (275 lbs), Tyler Duncan (325 lbs), and Jackson Faul (245 lbs.).

"We want to keep the Indian tradition of strong up front and heavy running but think we can stretch defenses with a bit of air offense," said Reynolds.

Reynolds has a solid running back in Cartez Daniels; big and strong like Hutchinson, and that could be a Marquis matchup to watch. Both quarterbacks are kind of new; sophomore Bailey Ford was last year's signal caller with main hand-offs, while Ridgeview has newcomer Tra-

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STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Keystone Heights has another solid running back with a big, strong Cartez Daniels lugging the rock for new coach Steven Reynolds.



## Chef

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nutrition after initially entering college to study criminal justice, earned an internship through the reference with the Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs as part of the nutrition program for the massive football players.

"It was honestly luck, but I was ready to go as soon as they called," said Motes, who interviewed, got the internship and was recently hired full-time to be a nutritionist for the Chiefs program. "It was fast moving and, honestly, a little intimidating at first to be servicing meals for guys you see on TV."

Ironically, one of Motes' curriculum focuses was called Athletic Performance Cuisine. Also, ironically, Motes did start working in college at a mom-and-pop restaurant that fueled the bug for learning to cook.

"It was a course lab that taught how to make meals for people athletes who eat a lot of food and burn a lot of calories," said Motes. "I never knew the head chef, Erin Wishon, but she did go to Johnson and Wales. That was the connection, I think because she knew about the culinary program at the school which is highly reputable."

Motes did admit that it was dad Scott, a home remodeler by trade as well as an assistant coach for the Fleming Island High football team, who was doing work for the defensive line coach, Joe Cullen, for the Kansas City Chiefs, who owned a home in St. Johns County.

"They started talking, he said the Chiefs were looking for a chef guy, dad said my son does that and coach Cullen made the call to the head chef," said Motes. "I started my internship in January 2023 and graduated recently and was hired full-time after I graduated."

Motes arrived as the only intern and started as a preparation chef for the Chiefs preparing specialized diets for specific players.

"I have a list of players that have very specific and detailed diets; whether to lose weight, gain weight, or some are vegans and I prepare those meals," said Motes. "There is one more executive chef, Wishon, who handles day-to-day operations, me for specialty plans and our boss who also manages the diets for a couple of other teams."

On the job, Motes noted that the players are pretty normal eaters, but that the mass of food is the impressive part.

"The metabolisms of these guys are crazy and my job is to keep them hydrated and fueled up for practice, games, in conjunction with other aspects like sleep and recovery," said Motes. "The school prepared me well."

Motes observed that a guy like Patrick Mahomes, the Chiefs' quarterback, is a normal scrambled egg with cheese, bacon and ham guy.

"Basically, they eat normally except that they eat a lot," said Motes. "My job is easy, get as much good food into them as they like to eat. Quality and quantity, what these guys eat are nowhere near what I or my brother would eat as high school athletes."

Motes has learned enough in his short span to almost be a dietician to understand the needs of his high-octane athletes, but for now, he is the guy who prepares the meals.

"Being a chef is a 14-hour day on your feet, lifting stuff and moving all day," said Motes, noting he works during most games and gets to watch games on his phone. "Maybe in the future, I'll be on the dietician side of the preparations, but for now, it's a fast pace world and pretty intense. Maybe, one day, I'll be an athlete private chef, that would be cool."

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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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**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.:** 1169/2021  
**Legal Description:** PT OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 S30T4R24 AS REC O R 3695 PG 437  
**Parcel ID No.:** 300424-005629-003-75  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$2,643.27  
**Physical Address:** PRIMROSE LN , MIDDLEBURG  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL W/SPECIAL FEATURES OR YARD ITEM  
**Name in which assessed:** ALBINA KORPANOVA  
 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 **11th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 14th day of August, 2023**  
 TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 80278 Published 8/17/2023,**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** IDE TECHNOLOGIES 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.:** 468/2021  
**Legal Description:** LOT 2 BLK 100 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2497 PG 303  
**Parcel ID No.:** 160823-004315-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,373.37  
**Physical Address:** 6253 NORTHWEST-ERN AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** ROBERT C & DEANNA MARTELL, DEANNA MARTELL  
 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 **11th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 14th day of August, 2023**  
 TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 80274 Published 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** NUSIGMA CAPITAL 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.:** 365/2016  
**Legal Description:** LOT 43 BLK 35 BIG TREE LAKES SEC A AS REC O R 1379 PG 1186 & 1653  
**PG 2164**  
**Parcel ID No.:** 140823-001437-309-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$2,757.29  
**Physical Address:** 7445 ANTIETAM AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** KENNETH P MCGOWAN JR  
 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **4th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 14th day of August, 2023**

TARA S. GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 80273 Published 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the purpose of considering entry into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase by the County of a certain parcel of real property being particularly described as follows:  
**A portion of Tax Parcel No. 28-05-26-014404-000-00, consisting of approximately 7,286 square feet.**  
 This notice is given pursuant to Section 125.355, Florida Statutes, and Clay County Ordinance 99-65. A copy of the Agreement is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal holidays, in the Office of the County Attorney located on the 2nd Floor of the Clay County Administration Building

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to participate in this matter should contact Clay County Risk Management by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 278-4718, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Deaf and hard of hearing persons can access the telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).  
 Board of County Commissioners  
 Clay County, Florida  
**Legal 80272 Published 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners (the

Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the purpose of considering entry into two Purchase and Sale Agreements for the purchase by the County of certain parcels of real property being particularly described as follows:  
**A portion of Tax Parcel No. 28-05-26-014382-000-00, consisting of approximately 195 square feet; and**  
**A portion of Tax Parcel No. 28-05-26-014376-000-00, consisting of approximately 196 square feet.**

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

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

**FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

**Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting**

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

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** The Fleming Island Plantation Splash Park 1510 Calming Water Drive, Fleming Island, Florida 32003

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

**Description of Assessments**

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

LAND USE	Total # of Units	EAU Factor	Proposed O&M Assessment (including collection costs/early payment discounts)
Lighthouse Apts	501.00	0.20	\$215.84
Autumn Glen	220.00	0.75	\$809.39
Lake Ridge North	339.00	0.75	\$809.39
Carrington Place	96.00	0.75	\$809.39
Amberwood	58.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
Lake Ridge South	104.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
Woodlands	218.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
Fairway Village	75.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
Heritage Oaks	52.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
Chatham Village	160.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
Cypress Glen	176.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
Covington	59.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
Thornhill	130.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
John's Landing	47.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
Southern Links	116.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
The Links	146.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
River Hills Reserve	99.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
Margaret's Walk	180.00	1.00	\$1,079.18
Office	55.95	3.50	\$3,777.13
Retail	78.90	7.00	\$7,554.26
Golf Course	1.00	5.00	\$5,395.91

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

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

**Additional Provisions**

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Proposed Budget, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at c/o 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.

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

Janice Eggleton Davis  
 District Manager





CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to participate in this matter should contact Clay County Risk Management by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 278-4718, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Deaf and hard of hearing persons can access the telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). Board of County Commissioners Clay County, Florida **Legal 80271 Published 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the purpose of considering entry into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase by the County of a certain parcel of real property being particularly described as follows:

**A portion of Tax Parcel No. 29-05-26-014451-000-00, consisting of approximately 6.769 square feet.**

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

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to participate in this matter should contact Clay County Risk Management by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 278-4718, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Deaf and hard of hearing persons can access the telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). Board of County Commissioners Clay County, Florida **Legal 80270 Published 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, October 05, 2023, for the following: **RFP NO. 22/23-75, Residential Curbside Collection of Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, and Yard Waste within Clay County**

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, October 06, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

**A Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Rosemary Hill Solid Waste Management Facility located at 3545 Rosemary Hill Road in Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, on August 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL](https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/claycounty/status-all).

In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal. For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Tammy Foor in the Purchasing Department by email: [purchasing@claycountygov.com](mailto:purchasing@claycountygov.com).

Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for bids in any respect during the Request for Bid Period. The Request for Bid Period during which no contact may occur commences from the date of publication of the notice of a Request for Bids and ends upon a Bid Decision becoming final, i.e. after the notice of bid protest period of 72 hours has expired. However, in the event of a notice of protest, the no contact rule continues in place during the Protest Period and does not end until a resolution of the protest has occurred and become final. The following exceptions exist to the no-contact rule: a. Inquiries may be submitted to the Pur-

chasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids; b. Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.

The Board reserves the right and power to reject any and all Bids without cause and to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the Request for Bids or submittal of any Bid, and in its discretion to re-advertise the Request for Bids. The Board reserves the right to award Bids, quotes, or Proposals which would be in the Best Interest of the County. Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy for both can be viewed at: <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/vendor-information>.

**A PERSON OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY. MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK. MAY NOT SUBMIT BIDS ON LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY. MAY NOT BE AWARDED OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT UNDER A CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AND MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST.**

**Legal 80269 Published 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**Town of Penney Farms NOTICE OF FAIR HOUSING**

This notice will serve to advise all residents of the Town of Penney Farms that the following actions, if based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) are prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act):

- Refusing to sell or rent to, deal or negotiate with any person.
- Discriminating on terms or conditions for buying or renting housing.
- Discriminating by advertising that housing is available only to persons of a certain race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, handicap (disability), age, ancestry or with no animals.
- Denying that housing is available for inspection, sale or rent when it really is available.
- Denying or making different terms or conditions for home loans by financial institutions.
- Denying to anyone the use of or participation in any real estate services, multiple listing services or other facilities related to the selling and renting of housing.
- "Blockbusting" and "steering" are two discriminatory practices that are also prohibited by the Act. Blockbusting includes engaging in conduct which conveys the impression that a neighborhood is about to undergo certain changes and, thus, panic owners into selling their properties. Steering involves guiding an individual seeking housing toward or away from particular property for discriminatory reasons.

If you would like to obtain more information about fair housing, or file a fair housing complaint, please contact the Fair Housing Coordinator listed below:

David Cooper, Town Manager and Fair Housing Coordinator  
P.O. Box 1041 (4100 Clark Ave.)  
Penney Farms, FL 32079-0607  
VOICE: 904-529-9078  
FAX: 904-284-4405  
Email: [penneyfarms@bellsouth.net](mailto:penneyfarms@bellsouth.net)

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES**  
**Legal 80266 Published 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**Clay County School Board Public Notice**

The Clay County School Board will hold a School Board Workshop on **Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for the September 7, 2023 Regular Meeting. Additional items may be discussed. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to [bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net](mailto:bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net) or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at [www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net) or by contacting the Superin-

endent'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 80265 Published 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

**Certificate No.: 4150/2016  
Legal Description:** LOTS 13 & 24 BLK 32 LAKE GENIEVA AS REC O R 76 PG 273, 413 PG 482, 844  
**PG 317 & 1497 PG 1912**

**Parcel ID No.: 280823-021923-000-00  
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,917.16  
Physical Address:** COUNTY ROAD 214, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** KEITH EVAN ASTEN, KYLE J VAN ASTEN

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

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

**Dated this 11th day of August, 2023**  
TARA S . GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 80264 Published 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

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

**Parcel ID No.:** 210823-004112-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,857.21  
**Physical Address:** 6219 EMORY AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** IRINA TITUEVA

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

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

**Dated this 11th day of August, 2023**  
TARA S . GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 80263 Published 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF SALE OF VESSEL BY U.S. MARSHAL**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA JACKSONVILLE DIVISION "IN ADMIRALTY" CASE NO.: 3:23-CV-292-TJC-JBT CLAY COUNTY PORT, INC., Plaintiff, vs.

M/V ESCAPADE, her engines, tackle, Apparel, etc., in Rem, Defendant.

On Friday, September 1, 2023, at 12 p.m., the M/V ESCAPADE, her Engines, Tackle, Apparel, etc., will be sold AS IS and WHERE IS, free of all mortgages, liens, and other encumbrances at a public auction sale pursuant to an Order issued from the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida on August 7, 2023, and pursuant to Admiralty and Maritime Practice Manual Sections 5(a) and (r). The sale will take place at the front steps of Bryan J. Simpson Courthouse, 300 North Hogan St., Jacksonville, FL 32202. Information concerning the M/V Escapade is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Immediately after auction, the successful bidder must deposit the full purchase price, or a minimum deposit of 10% of the successful bid, with the U.S. Marshal by cash or certified cashier's check. The balance, if any, must be paid to the U.S. Marshal by certified cash or certified cashier's check before the sale is confirmed, and as set forth in Admiralty and Maritime Practice Manual Section 5 (r).

**RICKY TIPPIE**  
United States Marshal  
U.S. District Courthouse  
300 N. Hogan St. FL 32202  
(904) 431-4238  
**EXHIBIT A**

**M/V ESCAPADE**  
**FLAG UNITED STATES**  
**BUILT YEAR** 1978  
**IMO NUMBER** 7802689  
**CALL SIGN/Official #** WDB8251/594643  
**PORT OF REGISTRY** MADIERA BEACH, FL  
**GROSS TONNAGE** 1320 GT ITC 98 GRT  
**NET TONNAGE** 396 NT ITC 66 NRT  
**LOA IN FEET/AIR DRT** 182  
**BEAM IN FEET** 38.5  
**HP/KW** 2500  
**CREW MEMBERS** 8  
**SERVICE SPEED** 10 KTS  
**Legal 79902 Published 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 09/01/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 4360 CR 218 MID-DLEBURG, 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.

**1 GNSKJE74DR137689 2013 CHEVROLET 2FMDK3AK9DBC97153 2013 FORD KMHTC6AD6CU25048 2012 HYUN KMHTC6AD6CU25048 2012 HYUN**  
**Legal 79901 Published 8/17/2023 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

**Holly Made It** located at 1555 Rivers Rd. in the County of Clay, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 11th day of August 2023.

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**CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO OPEN RFP RESPONSES**

Notice is hereby given that **Cross Creek North Community Development District ("District")** will accept proposals from all qualified companies interested in providing landscape and irrigation maintenance services. The project manual ("Project Manual") will be available for downloading beginning on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 3:00 PM (EST). Please contact District Manager Lesley Gallagher at [Lgallagher@rizzetta.com](mailto:Lgallagher@rizzetta.com) for access instructions.

In order to submit a bid, each bidder must (1) be authorized to do business in Florida, (2) hold all required state and federal licenses, including those with Clay County in good standing; and (3) have at least three (3) years' experience with similar landscape maintenance projects. Firms desiring to submit proposals must submit five (5) hard copies of the required proposal and one (1) Adobe PDF file on a flash drive via Hand Delivery, FED EX or UPS only no later than 12:00 pm on Thursday August 31, 2023, to the District Manager, Rizzetta & Company, Inc., 2806 North Fifth Street, Unit 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084 ("District Manager's Office"). Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed package, shall bear the name of the proposer on the outside of the package and shall clearly identify the project as "Cross Creek North Community Development District - Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance Services Proposal."

All proposals will be publicly opened at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at the District Manager's Office. No official action will be taken at this meeting, it is held for the limited purpose of opening the bids. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting should contact the District Manager's Office at (904) 436-6270 at least five 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 Manager's Office. Any and all questions relative to this request for proposals shall be only directed in writing to Lesley Gallagher at [Lgallagher@rizzetta.com](mailto:Lgallagher@rizzetta.com), with e-mail copies to Katie Buchanan at [Katie.Buchanan@KutakRock.com](mailto:Katie.Buchanan@KutakRock.com). Questions must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 24, 2023.

**Legal 79897 Published 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 2023-CP-000364**  
**Division 10**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ELAINE ST. CYR Deceased**

The administration of the estate of Shirley Elaine St. Cyr, deceased, whose date of death was March 21, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' 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 all 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 SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

WITHOUTSTANDING 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 August 17, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: **STEVEN L. ZAKROCKI, P.L.**, /s/ Steven L. Zakrocki

Steven L. Zakrocki  
Florida Bar No. 55056  
1510 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite B  
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Telephone: (904) 201-4149  
Email: [steve@zakrockilaw.com](mailto:steve@zakrockilaw.com)  
Personal Representatives: Christopher L. St. Cyr  
46 Railroad Street  
Lancaster, NH 03584  
Elaine Wheeler aka Elaine P. St. Cyr  
286 Village Drive,  
Peacock, NH 03303  
**Legal 79896 Published 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Case No: 2021CA000815  
**JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association,** Plaintiff, vs.  
Leonard A. Grindstaff, et al., Defendants.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 12, 2022 and entered in Case No. 2021CA000815 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, and Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Amounts Due & Owning and Reset Foreclosure Sale, entered on August 10, 2023 wherein **JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association,** is the Plaintiff and **Leonard A. Grindstaff; Debra H. Grindstaff; Sweetbriar Homeowners' Association, Inc.; Longshore Lake Foundation 1, LLC as successor trustee for Clay County Land Trust #04-04-25-007866- 007-08; Terra Mar Property Management, LLC as Trustee of 3789 Blackthorn Court Land Trust; Unknown Tenant #1 n/k/a Kerlaunda Foster; Unknown Tenant #2 n/k/a Mr. Foster** are Defendants, I, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com) at 10 :00 a.m. at September 11, 2023 on the following described property set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 166 OF SWEETBRIAR UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31, PAGE(S) 18-21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
**Property Address:** 3789 BLACKTHORN CT., 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 before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. DATED in Clay, Florida this, 11th day of August, 2023.

As Clerk of Circuit Court  
CLAY COUNTY, Florida  
Leigh Lucroy  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 79895 Published 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Clay County School Board is hereby announcing that professional mechanical/electrical engineering services are required for the development of plans and specifications, bidding, and construction administration for various projects throughout the School District.

Interested Mechanical/Electrical Engineers should apply in duplicate to Dr. Michael Kemp, Director of Facility Planning and Construction, Clay County District Schools, 925 West Center Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The application shall include, but not be limited to, a letter of interest, current resume, completed SF 330, information on previous similar work, and current workload. Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., September 4, 2023.  
**Legal 79894 Published 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

In the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit for Clay County, Florida  
CASE NO. 2023CC001140  
ROBERT ALLEN CLINE  
919 Hale Rd.  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
Plaintiff(s), vs.

JOSEPH JOHN ATTARDI JR  
3025 SE Wake Rd.  
Port Saint Lucie, FL 34984  
Defendant(s).  
TO: Joseph J Attardi Jr  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for establishment of ownership of personal property described as:

2000 FRHT WHITE TRUCK better known by VIN#1FV6GFBXYHG59353 with a net weight of 10213 tone has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff: Robert A Cline, whose address is: 919 Hale Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, on or before within 30 days of the first day of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court immediately thereafter; otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated on August 10, 2023.

Tara S. Green  
Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller

By: Nicole Barrie  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 79766 Published 8/17/2023 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 31, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068,

pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.  
2006 Mitsubishi ID# JA3A-J2E96U036009  
**Legal 79756 Published 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA**  
CASE NUMBER: 10-2022-DP-94  
DIVISION: E  
**IN THE INTEREST OF:**

L.P. MINOR CHILD  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
TO:

Madison Padgett, Mother  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child, L.P., who was born on October 17, 2022. You are hereby commanded to appear before the **Honorable Angela M. Cox**, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on **September 19, 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 OF THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PETITION FILED IN YOUR DEPENDENCY CASE.**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or [rtintnp@coj.net](mailto:rtintnp@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 9th day of August, 2023.

Tara S. Green  
as Clerk of Said Court  
By: Denise Haselwood  
**Legal 79755 Published 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**



## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 2022CA000704 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE J. KEROUS A/K/A CLARENCE KEROUS; MARSHA KEROUS CALE; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Order Granting Movant, B SIMPLE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC., Motion for Leave to Intervene and to Cancel Sale entered in Civil Case No. 2022CA000704 of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE J. KEROUS, et al. are Defendants. The Clerk, TARA S. GREEN, shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Clay County's On-Line Public Auction website: <https://www.clay.realforeclose.com>, at 10:00 AM on October 11, 2023, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property located in CLAY County, Florida, as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

**A PORTION OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PORTION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE ON THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 658.72 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE NORTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 04 SECONDS W 198.38 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 658.83 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE NORTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 04 SECONDS W 198.38 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 658.83 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING.**

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

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

Dated this 9 day of August, 2023.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Gracie Moore

Deputy Clerk

**Legal 79754 Published 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

ELITE TOWING gives notice that on 09/12/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 4353 CO RD 218 MIDDLEBURG FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 1FMZU32X0WU40219 1998 FORD 1HEJ2220SL061901 1995 HOND 2HGEJ6328VH102220 1997 HOND **Legal 79753 Published 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2023CA000146 DIVISION: CLARIA RENEE PORTER, TRUSTEE OF THE ALLEN BRUCE PORTER MARITAL TRUST DATED MAY 25TH, 2021; ET AL., Plaintiffs, vs. SEBASTIAN WOJCIAK; ET AL., Defendants.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that under a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 4, 2023, in case number 2023CA000146 of the County Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, in which **CLARIA RENEE PORTER, TRUSTEE OF THE ALLEN BRUCE PORTER MARITAL TRUST DATED MAY 25TH, 2021; DARYL GILBERT; ETHEL**

**GILBERT; AND STEVEN R. HELLER AND CHARLENE KINGSNORTH AS TRUSTEES OF THE KINGSNORTH-HELLER TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 13TH, 2015., were the Plaintiffs and SEBASTIAN WOJCIAK; MAGDALENA VAN DEUSEN; THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 303 FAWNDRIDGE LANE, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE OR OTHER CLAIMANTS** were the Defendants, Tara S. Green, Clay County Clerk of Court, shall offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Clay County's Public Auction website ([www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com)) Clay County, Florida on October 4, 2023, at 10:00a.m., the following described property:

**Lot 143, Deerfield Pointe, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 22, Page(s) 62 through 65, inclusive, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.**

**Property Address: 303 Fawnridge Lane, Orange Park, Florida 32073. IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, IF ANY, 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 UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.**

**DATED** on August 9, 2023 in CLAY COUNTY, Florida. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Gracie Moore As Deputy Clerk **Legal 79622 Published 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2023-CP-395

Division:B

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWARD A. SCHAUB,

Deceased.

The administration of the estate of EDWARD A. SCHAUB, deceased, whose date of death was May 18, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Division, the address of which is 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 17, 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/ Emma Schaub

101 S. Oakridge Avenue

Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

**Legal 79556 Published 8/17/2023 and 8/24/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2022-CC-844 DIVISION: D SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff, vs. JAMES E. FRAZIER, DOTTIE B. FRAZIER, UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1 and UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2, Defendants.

Notice is given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 5, 2022, in the above styled civil action of the County Court, in and for Clay County, Florida, in which JAMES E. FRAZIER, DOTTIE B. FRAZIER, UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1/TIFFANY FRA-

ZIER and UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2/ WILLIAM FRAZIER, WHO MAY BE IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY are the Defendants, and SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. on January 18, 2023, on Clay County's Public Auction website: [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com) in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described real property set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

**Lot 164, SPENCER PLANTATION UNIT 700, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 47, Page 43 through 48, of the current public records of Clay County, Florida. PARCEL ID: 03-04-25-007864-011-44 more specifically described as follows: 2784 Wood Stork Trail, Orange Park, Florida 32073. Dated this 8th day of August, 2023.**

**TARA S. GREEN, CLERK OF COUNTY COURT**

By: Robin Tefft

Deputy Clerk

**Legal 79554 Published 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.: 1687/2021**  
**Legal Description:** PT OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 & PT OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 S26T5R24 A/K/A PT LOT 17 MAGNOLIA WOODS AS REC O R 976 PG 211 & 3874 PG 284 EX PT O R 1294 PG 402 & 1877 PG 1665

**Parcel ID No.:** 260524-006612-001-24  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,364.08  
**Physical Address:** SPRING DR , MIDDLEBURG

**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** MARY L JOHNSON & DONNA LYNN FARMER  
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 4th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

**Dated this 8th day of August, 2023**

**TARA S. GREEN**  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 79552 Published 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 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.: 1271/2021**  
**Legal Description:** PT OF SW1/4 S5T5R24 A/K/A LOT 11 MIMOSA WOODS UNREC AS REC O R 2862 PG 95

**Parcel ID No.:** 050524-005931-003-11  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$2,460.83  
**Physical Address:** 73 PLANKTON AVE , MIDDLEBURG

**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**W/SPECIAL FEATURES OR YARD ITEM**  
**Name in which assessed:** JEAN A MADDOX  
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 4th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

**Dated this 8th day of August, 2023**

**TARA S. GREEN**  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 79550 Published 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 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.: 1039/2021**  
**Legal Description:** LOT 3 BLK 7 POSTMASTERS RETIREMENT VILLAGE AS REC O R 2920 P G 420

**Parcel ID No.:** 330823-005074-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,509.31  
**Physical Address:** 1ST AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** BRAD LEE HAMILTON  
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 4th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

**Dated this 8th day of August, 2023**

**TARA S. GREEN**  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk

**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** HEDWIG MCELGUN

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 4th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

**Dated this 8th day of August, 2023**

**TARA S. GREEN**  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 79548 Published 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** BRADFORD WILLIAMS, 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.:** 1663/2019  
**Legal Description:** PT OF S1/2 OF NW1/4 & PT OF W1/2 OF NE1/4 AS REC O R 3441 PG 2028

**Parcel ID No.:** 220524-006492-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$3,356.13  
**Physical Address:** STATE ROAD 21 , MIDDLEBURG

**Classification:** VACANT COMMERCIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** CLAY INVESTMENTS 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 4th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

**Dated this 8th day of August, 2023**

**TARA S. GREEN**  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 79406 Published 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** BRADFORD WILLIAMS, 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.:** 2681/2019  
**Legal Description:** PT OF TRACT 4 BLK 25 & PT OF TRACT 4 BLK 26 FLA FARM LAND AS

**REC CO AS REC O R 3893 PG 186 & 4120 PG 1829**

**Parcel ID No.:** 460525-010290-002-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,992.21  
**Physical Address:** COUNTY ROAD 209B , GREEN COVE SPRINGS

**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** FYR SFR BORROWER 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 4th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

**Dated this 8th day of August, 2023**

**TARA S. GREEN**  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 79405 Published 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** BRADFORD WILLIAMS, 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.:** 4021/2017  
**Legal Description:** LOT 12 BLK 6 LAKE GENEVA AS REC O R 101 PG 11 & 3161 PG 1523

**Parcel ID No.:** 280823-021804-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$2,120.37  
**Physical Address:** STATE ROAD 100 , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** BRAD LEE HAMILTON  
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 4th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

**Dated this 8th day of August, 2023**

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

**Legal 79404 Published 8/17/2023,**

**8/24/2023, 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 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. 2022CA000759 LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs.

JORDAN A. ADAMS, et al. Defendant(s).

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2023, and entered in 2022CA000759 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and JORDAN A. ADAMS; SARAH M. ADAMS are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), at 10:00 AM, on September 13, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

**LOTS TWO (2) AND THREE (3), SUNNY ACRES, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**Property Address:** 4886 HWY 17 S, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

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

Dated this 8 day of August, 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 an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crntinp@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.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on dates below these vehicles will be sold at public sale on the date listed below at 10AM for monies owed on vehicle repair and storage cost pursuant to Florida Statutes 713.585 or Florida Statutes 713.78. Please note, parties claiming interest have right to a hearing prior to the date of sale with the Clerk of Courts as reflected in the notice. The owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle without judicial proceedings as pursuant to Florida Statute 559.917. Any proceeds recovered from the sale of the vehicle over the amount of the lien will be deposited with the clerk of the court for disposition upon court order. "No Title Guaranteed, A Buyer Fee May Apply" at 10:00 AM September 11, 2023 FR7 JK 1280 Blanding Blvd. Unit 4, Orange Park, FL 1998 CHEV IGCCT19W2W8162319 \$2595.00

**Legal 79398 Published 8/17/2023 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 **SUPER FOOD & BREW** located at 11 E Forsyth St, in the County of Clay, in the City of Jacksonville, Florida 32202 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Jacksonville, Florida, this 7th day of August 2023.

**LILY616 LLC**

**Legal 79396 Published 8/17/2023 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



CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
Jeremy Johnston, Executive Director  
**Legal 79267 Published 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE# 23-7465  
Division 44190  
Abudu Olatunde Olalekan  
Petitioner  
and  
Abudu Richardine  
Respondent.  
TO: Abudu Richardine  
351 Crossing Blvd, Apt 1311, Orange Park, FL 32073

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Abudu Olatunde Olalekan whose address is 8900 NW 54th Street, Sunrise, FL 33351, on or before September 5, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 201 SE 6th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, 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 20, 2023.  
BRENDA D. FORMAN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Angel Harris  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 79266 Published 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
**CASE NO. 10-2021-CA-000860**  
SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY INC,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST LAWRENCE L. HILL A/K/A LAWRENCE LESLIE HILL, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, et al.,  
Defendant.

**To: TONI MARIE RAGAN**  
**8255 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32092**  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TONI MARIE RAGAN  
**8255 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32092**

**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:  
BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, AND RUN THENCE DUE WEST 630 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL TO STATE HIGHWAY NO. 3 (ALSO U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 17) A DISTANCE OF 550 FEET MORE OR LESS TO AN IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY DEEDED TO JOE STILLNER BY F.F. HADSOCK; THENCE RUN EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF BELLAMY ROAD 200 FEET TO THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID SOUTH SIDE OF BELLAMY ROAD 65 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE TURN AND RUN SOUTHERLY AND PARALLEL TO U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 17 A DISTANCE OF 284 FEET; THENCE TURN AND RUN WESTERLY AND PARALLEL TO BELLAMY ROAD 65 FEET; THENCE TURN AND RUN NORTHERLY PARALLEL TO U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 17 A DISTANCE OF 284 FEET; AND BEING A PLOT 65 FEET BY 284 FEET, AND PART OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 108, PAGE 212, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PARCEL NUMBER: 34-06-26-015686-000-00

has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Sara Collins, Esq, McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before September 16, 2023 or 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment

may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 2nd day of August, 2023.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
As Clerk of the Court  
BY: Gracie Moore  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 79258 Published 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2023-CP-000367  
Division B  
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT ANTHONY DEMAY, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of ROBERT ANTHONY DEMAY, deceased, whose date of death was May 31, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER 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

FED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is August 10, 2023.  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR., LL.M.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Grady Bar Number: 887950  
Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.  
Attorneys at Law, P.A.  
1543 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 5  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
Telephone: (904) 264-8800  
Fax: (904) 264-0155  
Primary email address: grady@floridaelder.com  
Secondary email address: renee@floridaelder.com

Personal Representative:  
CHRISTINA D. LIGHTSEY  
14252 Hawksmore Lane  
Jacksonville, Florida 32223  
**Legal 79257 Published 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY

CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No. 10-2022-CA-000696  
Division A  
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR REO TRUST 2017-RPL1  
Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF ERNEST D. DRAKE A/K/A ERNEST DOUGLAS DRAKE A/K/A ERNEST DRAKE, DECEASED, TROY DRAKE A/K/A TROY D. DRAKE A/K/A TROY DOUGLAS DRAKE, AS KNOWN HEIR OF ERNEST D. DRAKE A/K/A ERNEST DOUGLAS DRAKE A/K/A ERNEST DRAKE, DECEASED, HARBOR ISLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TROY DRAKE A/K/A TROY D. DRAKE A/K/A TROY DOUGLAS DRAKE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TRACY DRAKE A/K/A TRACY SCOTT DRAKE, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CITIBANK, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,  
Defendants.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on August 4, 2023, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, TARA S. GREEN, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida described as: LOT 24, HARBOR ISLAND, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGES 37 THROUGH 46, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA and commonly known as: 1401 STARBOARD CT, ORANGE PARK, FL 32003; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), on **September 20, 2023** at 10:00 A.M..

Any persons 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 4th day of August, 2023.  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
TARA S. GREEN  
By: Leigh Lucroy  
Deputy Clerk  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2023-CP-000390  
Division A  
IN RE: ESTATE OF BRUCE EDWARD GETTY Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Bruce Edward Getty, deceased, whose date of death was July 1, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave. / PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, 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 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 August 10, 2023.  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
L. J. Arnold III  
Attorney  
Florida Bar Number: 154474  
ARNOLD LAW  
718 N. Orange Ave.  
PO Box 1570  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043  
Telephone: (904) 284-5618  
Fax: (904) 284-5937  
E-Mail: arnold3service@gmail.com  
Secondary E-Mail: marie.arnoldlaw@gmail.com  
Personal Representative:  
Deborah Weaver  
11756 Oceanspray Blvd.  
Englewood, Florida 34224  
**Legal 78887 Published 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## CONCURRENT NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**Date of Publication: August 17, 2023**

Town of Penney Farms, FL 4100 Clark Ave. (P.O. Box 1041)  
Penney Farms, FL 32079-1041  
Phone: 904-529-9078  
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Penney Farms.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about **September 5, 2023**, the Town of Penney Farms will submit a request to the Florida Department of Commerce for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project within the Town of Penney Farms that will include the use of up to \$600,000 in CDBG funds for water line replacement activities.

The following provides a description, including the location, of the planned construction activities:  
The funds will be used to replace 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.  
CDBG project costs include \$475,000 for water line replacement construction activities, \$48,000 for grant administration and \$77,000 for project design, inspection and construction contract administration. Also, the Town will use \$400,000 in American Rescue Plan funds for additional construction and engineering costs.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
The Town of Penney Farms has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Town of Penney Farms Clerk's office located at 4100 Clark Ave. The Environmental Review Record (ERR) can be examined at this location and/or copied on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., or by appointment by contacting **Anita Cooper, Town Clerk at 904-529-9078.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Penney Farms (Attention: Anita Cooper, Town Clerk, P.O. Box 1041, Penney Farms, Florida 32079-1041). All comments must be received by **September 4, 2023.** Comments will be considered prior to the Town of Penney Farms requesting a release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
The Town of Penney Farms certifies to the Florida Department of Commerce and HUD that **Thomas E. DeVille** in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Penney Farms to use the CDBG funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
The Florida Department of Commerce will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Penney Farms certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Penney Farms; (b) the Town of Penney Farms has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Commerce, CDBG Program, MSC-400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the Town of Penney Farms to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Contact information: Anita Cooper, Town Clerk, 4100 Clark Ave. (P.O. Box 1041), Penney Farms, Florida 32079-1041. Ms. Cooper can also be reached by email at penneyfarms@bellsouth.net, or by phone at 904-529-9078. **Thomas E. DeVille, Mayor and Certifying Officer**

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2023-CP-376  
Division: A  
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHUCK RIFTON STIVENDER, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of CHUCK RIFTON STIVENDER, deceased, whose date of death was August 6, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Division, the address of which is 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 10, 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/ Chad Rifton Stivender  
883 14th Avenue South  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250  
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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.: 2022CA000554  
TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-6, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE,  
Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES A. MODICA; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; CHASE BANK USA, N.A.; CLERK OF THE COURTS CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; STATE OF FLORIDA; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL AMERICA INC; VINCENT ANGELO MODICA; ANTHONY JAMES MODICA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES A. MODICA; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 2nd day of August 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022CA000554, of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-6, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE IS the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES A. MODICA AQUA FINANCE, INC CHASE BANK USA, N.A. CLERK OF THE COURTS CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA STATE OF FLORIDA WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL AMERICA INC UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF VINCENT ANGELO MODICA ANTHONY JAMES MODICA UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES A. MODICA UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 2nd day of August 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022CA000554, of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-6, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE IS the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF VINCENT ANGELO MODICA ANTHONY JAMES MODICA UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES A. MODICA UNKNOWN TENANT; and IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. TARA S. GREEN as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at <https://clay.realforeclose.com/> at 10:00 AM on the 20th day of September 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 9, BLOCK 80, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 1 THROUGH 13, INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

TOGETHER WITH THAT 2000 REDMAN DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME IDENTIFIED BY VIN NUMBER (S): FLA14615275A AND FLA14615275B. IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Dated this 3rd day of August 2023  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: Jennifer Brosky  
Deputy Clerk  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2023-000346-CP  
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT WILLIAMS Deceased.

The administration of the estate of ROBERT WILLIAMS, deceased, whose date of death was July 24, 2021, and whose social security number ended in 6176, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N Orange Ave # 308, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' 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 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 August 10, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representatives  
SHERLY J. MANNING  
Florida Bar No. 101743  
SHERLY J. MANNING, P.L.  
1104 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134  
Telephone: (786) 804-3456  
E-Mail Address: [manning@miamies-tateplans.com](mailto:manning@miamies-tateplans.com)  
Robert W. Williams  
Personal Representative  
819 53rd Terrace N.  
St. Petersburg, FL 33703  
**Legal 78758 Published 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION:  
CASE NO.: 2023-CA-001020- LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC., Plaintiff,

vs. GERALD CORA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERALD CORA; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 2 day of August 2023, and entered in Case No. 2023-CA-001020-, of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC. is the Plaintiff and GERALD CORA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERALD CORA; AND UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. TARA S. GREEN as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at <https://clay.realforeclose.com/> at 10:00 AM on the 20 September 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 17, BLOCK 7, BELLAIR, UNIT 2, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 48 AND 49, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Dated this 3 day of August 2023.  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: Gracie Moore  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 78757 Published 8/10/2023 and**



## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2022-CA-000179 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. STEVEN L. MATHIS; et al., Defendants. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 21, 2023 in the above-captioned action, the following property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as: **LOT 44, SAVANNAH GLEN, UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGES 63, 64, 65 AND 66 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** Property Address: 551 Bayhawk Court, Orange Park, FL 32073. Shall be sold by the Clerk of Court, **TARA S. GREEN**, on the **6th day of September, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. ON-LINE at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com**, to the highest bidder, for cash, after giving notice as required by section 45.031, Florida Statutes. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

If you are a person with a disability who needs 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 crinrtp@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.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this court on August 3, 2023. **TARA S. GREEN**  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Jennifer Brosky  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 78755 Published 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-362 Division: A IN RE: ESTATE OF LEMMIE MARIE DAUGHERTY, Deceased. The administration of the estate of LEMMIE MARIE DAUGHERTY, deceased, whose date of death was May 6, 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, 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 DATE 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 10, 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: Rebecca Kirkland Padgett  
5883 Head Road  
Fleming Island, FL 32003  
Legal 78753 Published 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-363 Division: B IN RE: ESTATE OF BART ANTHONY GREENWAY,

Deceased.

The administration of the estate of BART ANTHONY GREENWAY, deceased, whose date of death was October 29, 2015, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Division, the address of which is 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 10, 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/ Brett W. Greenway  
2213 Craven Road  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
Legal 78615 Published 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-296 Division: A IN RE: ESTATE OF SHEILA MACK DONALD, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of SHEILA MACK DONALD, deceased, whose date of death was March 19, 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 DATE 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 10, 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: Patricia Mack Wright  
4033 Spring Creek Lane  
Middleburg, FL 32068  
Legal 78612 Published 8/10/2023 and 8/17/2023 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.: 2496/2021**  
**Legal Description:** LOT 6 BARRINGTON ESTATES U-3 AS REC O R 2703 PG 1446  
**Parcel ID No.:** 020525-008970-005-06

**Opening Bid Amount: \$13,555.29**  
**Physical Address:** 1830 HOLLOW GLEN DR , MIDDLEBURG  
**Classification:** SINGLE FAMILY  
**Name in which assessed:** STEVEN M EVERETT & LORI L EVERETT  
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 **4th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 2nd day of August, 2023**  
**TARA S . GREEN**  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 78558 Published 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** IDE TECHNOLOGIES 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.:** 1102/2021  
**Legal Description:** (SUBJ TO CONSV ESMT PER O R 3131 PG 863 & 2862 PG 1259)PT OF S6T4R24 & S1T4R24 AS REC O R 3247 PG 970  
**Parcel ID No.:** 010424-005524-018-16  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,239.69  
**Physical Address:** OAKLEAF PLANTATION PKWY , ORANGE PARK  
**Classification:** CNVR/ESMT  
**Name in which assessed:** FHOP 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 **4th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 2nd day of August, 2023**  
**TARA S . GREEN**  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 78557 Published 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 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.:** 168/2021  
**Legal Description:** PT OF LOT 84 DUCK POND UNREC S1T5R23 AS REC O R 2069 PG 371  
**Parcel ID No.:** 010523-000493-001-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$4,355.37  
**Physical Address:** 5389 MUSCOVY , MIDDLEBURG  
**Classification:** MOBILE HOME  
**Name in which assessed:** JACINTA A BLACKMON  
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 **4th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 2nd day of August, 2023**  
**TARA S . GREEN**  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 78556 Published 8/10/2023, 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 2023-CP-000385 In re: THE ESTATE OF ALISON ELIZABETH MILLAR, also known as ALISON E. MILLAR, Deceased. The administration of the estate of Alison Elizabeth Millar, also known as Alison E. Millar, whose date of death was April 18, 2023, and whose Social Security Number is \*\*\*\*-\*\*-5416, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 N Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 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 WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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 de-

mands 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 WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE 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 the first publication of this Notice is August 10, 2023. Personal Representative: Anne E. Berglund  
85153 Bostick Wood Drive  
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034  
Attorneys for Personal Representative: TAYLOR ARRUBLA HARDWICK P.A.  
By /s/Jennifer T. Arrubla  
James J. Taylor Jr.  
Florida Bar No. 334057  
Jennifer T. Arrubla  
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## 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  
**Parcel ID No.:** 2193 F/J & 2688 PG 671

**Parcel ID No.:** 220823-003972-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$18,749.45  
**Physical Address:** 6072 JULLIARD 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 458 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 SEWANEE 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**

## 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: E 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 Talisman 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 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 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 FOR 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 crinrtp@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  
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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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**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.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 24th day of July, 2023**  
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Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
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**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 PERIWIN-KLE AVE, MIDDLEBURG  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** HANH N HO-ANG & SANG HOANG VO  
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**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 R 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.  
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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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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](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).  
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**Certificate No.:** 1026/2021  
**Legal Description:** PT OF S33T8R23 A/K/A PRCL 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  
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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.  
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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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**Certificate No.:** 2272/2021  
**Legal Description:** LOT 23 BLK 2 RIDGWOOD 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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**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, September 5, 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.  
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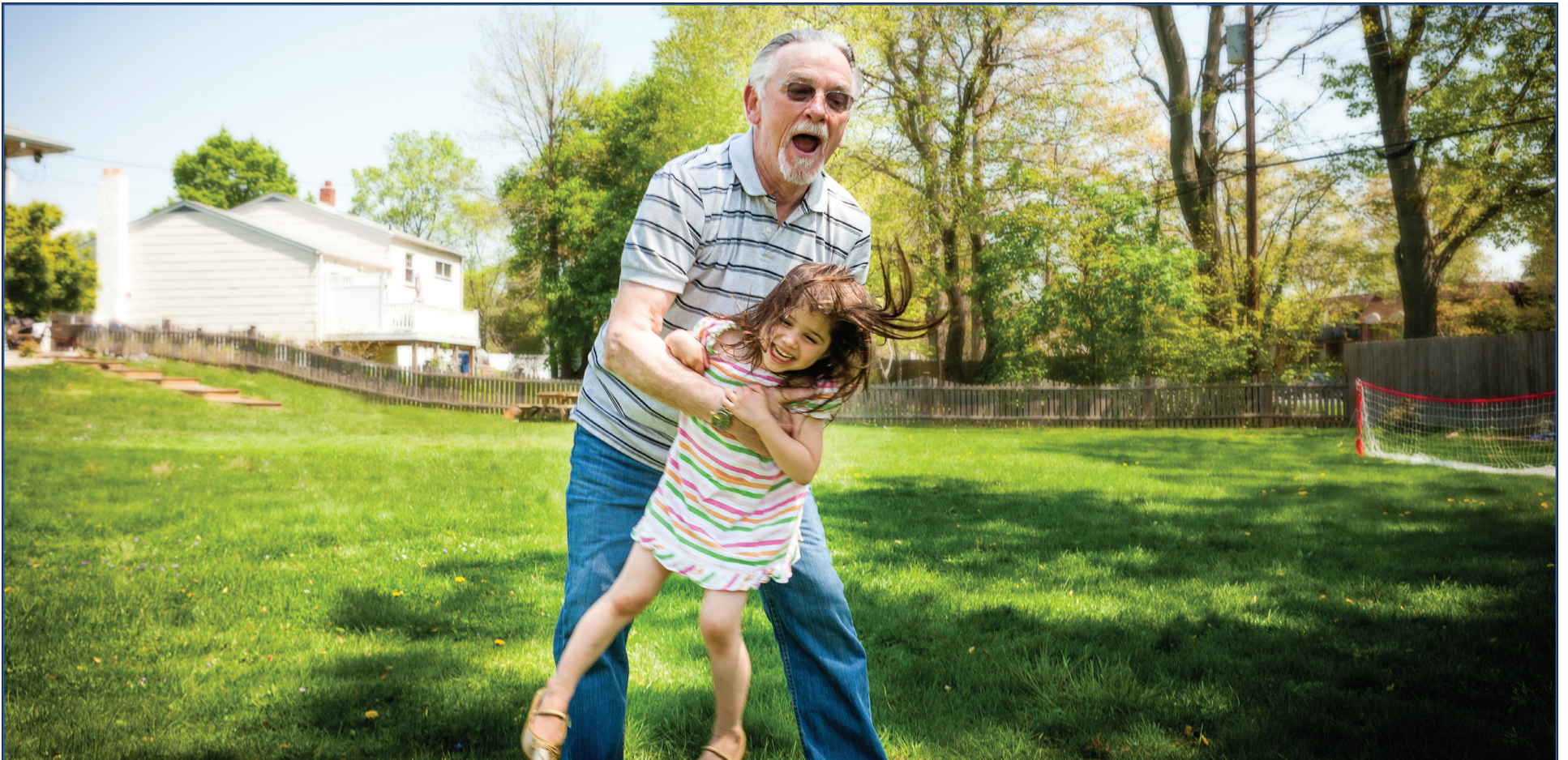
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