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Tony Smotherman, left, said one touch of an instrument is just as unique as a fingerprint. Smotherman was inspired to be a musician after reading a magazine at a grocery store.

Middleburg guitarist gains worldwide game for diverse setlist

Queen Elizabeth II said Smotherman's work 'very sophisticated'

By Kylie Cordell
For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – You can take the Queen's word for it: Tony Smotherman's got talent.

"We are all unique musicians just as we are unique human beings," said the virtuoso guitarist, composer and Middleburg native. "Our touch on the instrument is just as unique as our fingerprint. Not everyone is going to have the same size fingers or the same size hands, so your touch on the instrument is completely unique to you. Everyone has something special. It's just a matter of sticking it out long enough to find

what that is."

As it is with the music you create, your path to success is uniquely yours. It can be riddled with unexpected twists and turns. Sometimes, the path you set out on leads you down another you never knew existed, bringing you to the most surprising yet rewarding destinations.

For Smotherman, like his music, his journey is unique. From a dirt road to a Winn-Dixie. From the kindness of a high school marine biology teacher to a brush with Queen Elizabeth II and an adventure

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Hope for the best, prepare for the worst

Clay County hunkered down for Tropical Storm Idalia

By Don Coble
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Wednesday, the National Weather Service and Clay County Emergency Management said Tuesday.

CLAY COUNTY – Hurricane Idalia was expected to bring between two and four inches of rain and tropical storm winds as it passed over Clay County early

While the storm seemed to give short notice, residents weren't fooled by the

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Residents were vigilant Tuesday, preparing for the threat posed by Tropical Storm Idalia, filing sandbags, buying water and boarding up windows, while the county's emergency management agency went on full alert to stay ahead of the storm.

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Idalia

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ever-changing projected paths, and they took the necessary steps to ride the storm out safely. Hundreds filled sandbags. Others boarded up windows and brought plants inside. Nearly everyone bought gasoline and water.

Acting Emergency Management Director Mike Ladd said Tuesday afternoon the county should have expected winds of at least 75 mph and two to four inches of rain. A Category 1 hurricane is defined as a storm with 74 mph sustained winds.

“There’s high confidence that a significant tropical event will affect our area,” he said on Tuesday. “An extreme wind warning has been extended to a list of counties (including Clay). We (expected) local effects in the early morning of tomorrow, Wednesday, and Wednesday.”

The Emergency Operations Center went into full alert early Tuesday and was staffed around the clock as it prepared for the storm – and its aftermath.

Schools were open on Tuesday with no after-school activities, Superintendent David Broskie said. At 3 p.m. Tuesday, emergency shelters were opened at Lake Asbury Junior High, Orange Park High, Wilkinson Elementary and Keystone Heights High. The Lake Asbury location was equipped for people with special needs; Keystone and Orange Park were pet-friendly. Wilkinson did not accept pets.

“These are the refuge of last resort because they are not comfortable environments,” Ladd said.

The storm, which quickly organized into a tropical storm off the coast of Mexico on Sunday, quickly was projected to make a wide swath across the state. By 5 p.m. Tuesday, Idalia had been upgraded to a Category 2 storm with 100 mph sustained winds.

Schools were closed on Wednesday. Other announcements can be found at visit oneclay.com. Ladd said residents would face power outages, downed power lines and trees. To report downed power lines or trees, call (877) 252-9362. The county’s public works department deployed their Industrial Vacuum Trucks to clear out sewers, storm drains and catch basins.

The county was under a tropical storm warning when it struck, and the entire area was declared an emergency on Sunday.

According to the NWS, the storm likely made landfall between the Aucilla River and Chassahowitka. The National Hurricane Center said Monday that Idalia was projected to be a “major” hurricane by late Tuesday or early Wednesday. A major hurricane is any storm with sustained winds of at least 111 mph.

Monday afternoon’s assessment by the



Emergency, law enforcement, fire rescue and other officials opened the Emergency Operations Center early Tuesday. Clay County went on full alert, meaning the post will be operational around the clock until there are no more threats ahead - or after the storm.



ABC Liquors on Fleming Island was one of 18 stops one company had to make on Monday to board up windows to reduce the threat of damage by flying debris.



Shoppers at Winn Dixie nearly cleared the shelves of water more than two days before Idalia made landfall. The parent company, Southeast Grocers, said it will donate 100,000 cases of water in the aftermath.

- Clay County government offices were closed at noon on Tuesday and remained closed on Wednesday. Trash service operated as planned on Tuesday but was suspended on Wednesday.
- NAS Jacksonville was closed on Wednesday.
- City government offices in Keystone Heights closed at noon on Tuesday and remained closed on Wednesday, and the city issued a local state of emergency.
- City offices in Green Cove Springs closed at 3 p.m., and the city pier was closed at 4 p.m. on Tuesday. Both remained closed on Wednesday. The city also declared a local state of emergency. Green Cove Springs also said electric crews didn’t respond to power outages and damage if winds exceed 35 mph.
- Annunciation Catholic School and St. Luke Early Learning Center had early dismissals on Tuesday and remained closed on Wednesday. Parents can visit www.dosaeducation.org for further updates.
- The Town of Orange Park offices were closed on Wednesday and re-opened on Thursday.
- All Clay Electric offices were be closed from Wednesday-through-Friday. This story will be updated as new information is received. For more information, follow claytodayonline.com, Clay Today’s Facebook page, ALERT.claycounty-gov.com and weather.gov/jax.

National Hurricane Center showed slight movement north and west. The storm will pass north of the county if it remains on that path. However, emergency officials warned storms can – and often do – change directions. For example, 11 months ago, Hurricane Ian was predicted to slam into the Tampa Bay area and leave the state near Daytona Beach. But, Ian unexpectedly turned east, ripped through the Fort Myers area, and exited south of New Smyrna Beach. The storm killed 148 people in Florida because many were under the assumption the storm would strike 150 miles further north.

To receive timely updates, county officials stressed the importance of downloading the Alert Clay app from the claycounty.gov website and the SaferWatch app at clay-sheriff.com.

Sandbags were available at 7 a.m. until dark Tuesday at the Eagle Harbor Soccer Complex at 4387 Lakeshore Dr. on Fleming Island, the old fire station at 25 Roderico Ave. in Green Cove Springs, Keystone Heights City Hall, Keystone Heights cemetery on State Road 100 and the Orange Park Athletic Association fields at 1086 Fromhart St. Residents can fill as many as 10 bags as long as the weather isn’t threatening. The Keystone Heights locations closed at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Two dump truck loads of sand were delivered to the Eagle Harbor Soccer complex, and by 8 a.m. Tuesday, 15 residents were filling bags while another truck waited nearby with more sand.

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Poison Center:

Residents must be vigilant of toxins, spoiled food in emergency

By Lee Wardlaw

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CLAY COUNTY – As Hurricane Idalia swiftly approached Florida, residents were urged to remain cautious about potential toxins that can pose risks during a storm and the aftermath.

Michael McCormick, Media Relations and Education Coordinator at the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center, emphasized the importance of the public taking special awareness regarding toxins during a critical emergency.

Toxins and hurricanes are a deadly pair. McCormick said there are three stages of a hurricane, including before, during and after the storm. The deadliest time for poisonings is after the storm.

"After the storm (is) when we really see a lot of poisonings pop up," he said.

There are several factors to take into consideration during this time. Above all else, beware of carbon monoxide. He said the "silent killer" is the most significant concern that the public should be aware of. He said that carbon monoxide is odorless and invisible, and anything with an engine that can create smoke can potentially create the toxic, deadly gas.

"You see people that take a grill or generator inside, that can lead to deaths. Never use (generators) in a home or garage. I



don't care if the garage door is open. It still needs to be 20 feet from the house. It must be 20 feet from the home. Just look at all of the carbon monoxide deaths from Hurricane Laura," McCormick said.

According to the Louisiana Department of Health, he was referring to the Category 4 storm that struck Louisiana in August 2020, where eight of the 15 hurricane-related deaths were attributed to generators. McCormick also urged all residents to have carbon monoxide detectors installed. If used properly, generators can provide life-saving power, but please use them cautiously.



For Information

For more information on poison exposure, the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center's hotline is (800) 222-1222. Save the number into your phone and call it during Hurricane Idalia or another emergency.

Like poisoning concerns during back-to-school, medication errors can occur during disasters. Stress, evacuations, power outages and unfamiliar environments can lead to individuals grabbing the wrong dosage or medication. McCormick advocates for a written medication plan in advance and storing it in a waterproof container. Keep medicines high, dry, and locked up far away from the reach of children.

McCormick recommended residents secure a three-day supply of non-perishable foods, ideally those that require little cooking, preparation or refrigeration. When power is disrupted, perishable items in the refrigerator become hazardous if they exceed 40 degrees for more than four hours.

Freezers can preserve food, but only temporarily.

At half-full, foods can be preserved for one day. If the freezer is full, they can last two days. But open the door rarely and keep foods clustered tightly together to retain the lowest possible temperature.

Water should only be stored in containers designed for food. That's because utilizing other receptacles could inadvertently lead to toxin exposure. If boiling water is necessary, make sure that you do so for at least one minute.

As Idalia quickly approached, McCormick's guidance became particularly valuable. Amidst the chaos and dangers of the storm, please be mindful of poisons and toxins and take as many preventive measures as possible to ensure your and your family's safety.

For more information on poison exposure, the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center's hotline is (800) 222-1222. Save the number into your phone and call it during Hurricane Idalia or another emergency. The Poison Information Center's calls are computerized and entered into a database that tracks more than 500,000 substances. Florida's locations in Jacksonville, Tampa and Miami are part of a national network of 55 locations that offers a lifeline for help.

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Separating fact from myth about hospice care

By StatePoint Media
For Clay Today

Hospice is intended to provide comfort and support to patients at the end of their life so they can experience their remaining time in the best ways possible. Experts say that misconceptions about hospice often lead people to make uninformed decisions at a critical, complex juncture in their lives.

“There is often an idea that hospice equates to giving up. But hospice is actually about taking control,” said Paul Mastropa, president and chief executive officer of Interim HealthCare Inc. “It’s the job of the hospice team to understand a patient’s goals for end-of-life care and help them live that last trajectory of their life the way they want to.”

To help patients, their caregivers and family members, and those in the health-care industry better understand the services and benefits hospice provides, Interim HealthCare is dispelling some of the most common misconceptions:

Myth: Hospice means giving up.

Fact: The primary goal of hospice is delivering comfort, support and specialized medical care to those ready to forgo curative treatment. Research has shown that a person who spends time in hospice has a greater quality of life at the end of their life. And while the goal is not to prolong life, some statistics show that hospice gives patients more time compared to patients with the same disease trajectory and didn’t receive hospice.

Myth: Hospice is only appropriate for the last few days of life.

Fact: Hospice can actually last for months, and entering hospice sooner rather than later translates to fewer hospitalizations, better symptom relief and greater comfort.

Myth: You must give up all your medications.

Fact: While the hospice care team will recommend which medications are still beneficial to a patient at their stage of illness, patients and families get the final say.

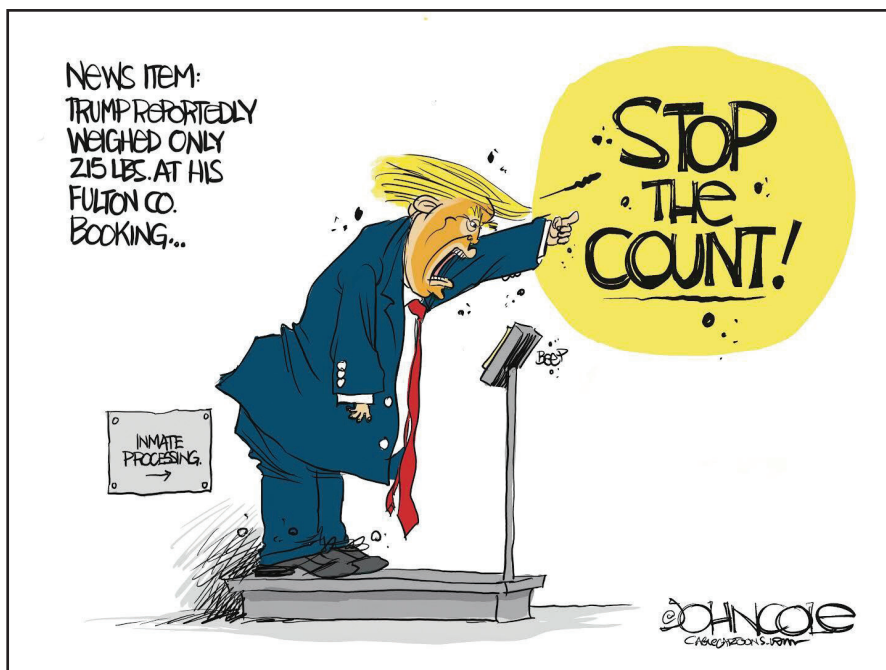
Myth: Hospice is a place.

Fact: Hospice can entail in-patient care, but services are typically delivered where a patient calls home. The nurse, social worker, spiritual care provider, aide and other hospice care team members meet the patient where they are, be that in a residential home, an assisted living community or another institutional setting.

Myth: Hospice is only for patients with specific diseases.

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OPINIONS



DCF’s sole-source Salesforce proposal a boondoggle

By Peter Schorsch
For FloridaPolitics.com

Florida has accepted proposals from vendors for a new child welfare system through a supposedly competitive bidding process that was anything but.

While the process seems competitive on paper, the system eventually selected by the state is already locked into relying on a proprietary software platform, Salesforce, with a track record of falling short.

A recent example of its deficiencies is on full display in California, where the state’s department serving vulnerable youths is currently in the thick of a costly, slow-motion train wreck.

The state estimates the California Automated Response and Engagement System has cost taxpayers there a whopping \$1.7 billion over the past decade. Salesforce isn’t the lone culprit of the California government’s farcical build-out, but they’ve done little to improve the situation since they became the lead vendor four years ago.

It would only be mild hyperbole to say Salesforce and Golden State Gov. Gavin Newsom are the dynamic duo of ineptitude, and it’s a one-two punch in the face to the state’s most vulnerable children.

Or at least it will be if the system meets its projected 2026 launch.

Public procurement is a complicated beast, and sometimes companies fail on one project but succeed on others. By all accounts, Salesforce has done good work for Florida’s state universities and multiple municipalities.

It’s great that an 18-year-old can

sign up for courses from the comfort of their couch; it’s cool that municipalities are better able to route phone calls to proper departments; and it’s nice to know government contractors such as CDR Maguire have software to run their operations more efficiently.

But those are matters of convenience. Properly serving the children and families who rely on the Florida Department of Children and Families services is, in many cases, a matter of life or death.

Florida’s budget to improve the software supporting the services — and the hardworking social workers who deliver them — is \$25 million for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Much could be written about how these vital workers and programs deserve more funding, but the reality is there are budgets to balance and lawmakers (and the voters who put them in power) are not about to write a California-style blank check to DCF.

That makes it all the more critical that Florida gets this right. The logical first step is holding a competitive procurement process that is bathed in sunshine and willing to consider software platforms that aren’t reverse-engineered from a dot-com-bubble relic designed to help telemarketers, insurance agents and used car salesmen earn their proverbial cup of coffee.

Unfortunately, DCF skipped that step.

And there are other issues with the company that are problematic with Gov. Ron DeSantis’ agenda.

Salesforce is an unabashedly “woke”

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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.

Nocuous: (NAHK-yoo-us) is an adjective that means noxious, harmful or poisonous.

“Removing the nocuous plants behind the shed proved to be a complicated job.”

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2018

- Three Clay County golfers – Mike Woods, Danielle Catlett and Jayson Keeton – qualify for the Florida Special Olympics championship Walt Disney World.

- Multiple agencies, including the St. Johns River Water Management District and Clay County Utility Authority, will spend \$4.5 million to reduce the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and algal blooms at Doctors Lake.

- The Clay County Sheriff’s Office starts its Citizens’ Academy at St. Johns River State College.

10 years ago, 2013

- Torey Leonard Jenkins, 37 at the time, was sentenced to 40 years at the state prison after pleading no contest to beating 16-month-old Destiny Patterson to death.

- The school board shelved any plan to ban prayer at the beginning of its meetings.

- Promoter Peter G. Scalzo of Sarasota tells the Green Cove Springs City Council he plans to open a drag racing track on Reynolds Park.

20 years ago, 2003

- A packed Board of County Commissioners meeting helped convince the council to impose a 2.8% utility tax increase instead of the proposed 10% increase.

- Clay County Sheriff Scott Lancaster pleads with the BCC not to cut his budget to help balance the county budget.

- After working as a teacher for 33 years, Norman Martin transferred to the District Office as the new Director of Student Services.

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Opinions ...

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Hospice

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Fact: Anyone with a life-limiting chronic disease, from congestive heart failure to pulmonary disease to Alzheimer's, can choose hospice.

Myth: Hospice ends when the patient dies.

Fact: Hospice providers often offer support to those who lost a loved one. In the case of Interim HealthCare, bereavement services are provided for 13 months.

Myth: Hospice work is draining.

Fact: When done right, hospice work can be extremely rewarding. Hospice care workers help patients and families find peace of mind, and reach a place of acceptance during a complicated and emotional time in their lives. Hospice workers believe in the mission of providing compassionate,

patient-centric medical care and support to those at the end of their lives, and they're given a voice in the individualized care they provide.

According to Bank of America research, the hospice market is the second-fastest growing healthcare segment nationwide, which translates to a growing number of job opportunities. Hospice providers are recruiting candidates just starting out in their career and those looking to change. To learn more, visit careers.interimhealthcare.com.

For more information about hospice care services for yourself or a family member, visit www.interimhealthcare.com/services/hospice/.

"Although people don't always feel comfortable talking about end-of-life care, having these conversations can ensure one's final days are peaceful and fulfilling," says Mastrapa.

Proposal

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company that is known for using its economic power like a cudgel. Just last year, Salesforce's CEO, Marc Benioff, threatened to leave any state that enacted abortion bans after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. And in 2015, the company threatened to leave Indiana and take 2,300 jobs with it after the state passed its Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

The company's liberal bent was on display as recently as last week when its Indianapolis HQ played host to the National Conference of State Legislators – a nominally nonpartisan event that, in practice, promotes big government liberalism and Newsom-style anti-business legislation.

That's about as far from DeSantis' views as a company can get, and although sources close to DeSantis assure Florida Politics she is not, one could be forgiven for thinking DCF Secretary Shevaun Harris is on board with the company creed.

"I can tell you without any ambiguity that Secretary Harris is 100% on Gov. DeSantis's team. I can only imagine this procurement is a result of deep state liberals attempting to sneak one by in an effort to embarrass both the Secretary and the Governor," according to a lobbyist close

to the DeSantis administration, granted anonymity due to the sensitive nature of procurements.

A former state government official with knowledge of the procurement process said DCF's insistence on using Salesforce is almost certainly a swampy "deep state" ploy to give a cushy contract to a company that is repackaging inferior software — and that they wouldn't be surprised if this sole-source deal was struck unbeknownst to Harris.

There's a way for Harris to prove them right: Open up the procurement process to all vendors, no matter their platform, and let the best product win.

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port the district's insurance policy instead of providing a 9.9% pay raise.

40 years ago, 1983

- The school year starts with 68 new teachers.
- Orange Park Senior Girls All-Stars advanced to the Senior League World Series in Kalamazoo, Michigan, by defeating Tennessee, 9-5.
- The Clay County District Schools purchased four new buses to increase its fleet to 87.

History

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30 years ago, 1993

- Michael Alan Durocher was electrocuted at Florida's Death Row for killing four people – three which were found in Green Cove Springs.
- The Board of County Commissioners vote 4-1 to request a \$1.6 million line of credit at First Union Bank.
- Teacher unions rally at Middleburg High to oppose a \$1.6 million bonus to sup-

CALENDAR

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet on Aug. 31 at 7:30 a.m. at the Montgomery Center, 88 SE 75th St. in Starke.

WORKING MAN'S BASS TOURNAMENT: will be on Aug. 31 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.

MIND-BODY YOGA: will be on Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. at the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. The session is free and open to the public.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY: will be on Sept. 1 from 5-9:30 p.m. at Spring Park in Green Cove Springs. There will be several food trucks and live music by Duval County Line. Bring your own chair and cooler to the free event.

SLIGHTLY STOOPID: will bring their Summertime 2023 tour with Sublime with Rome, Atmosphere and The Movement to Daily's Place Amphitheater, 1

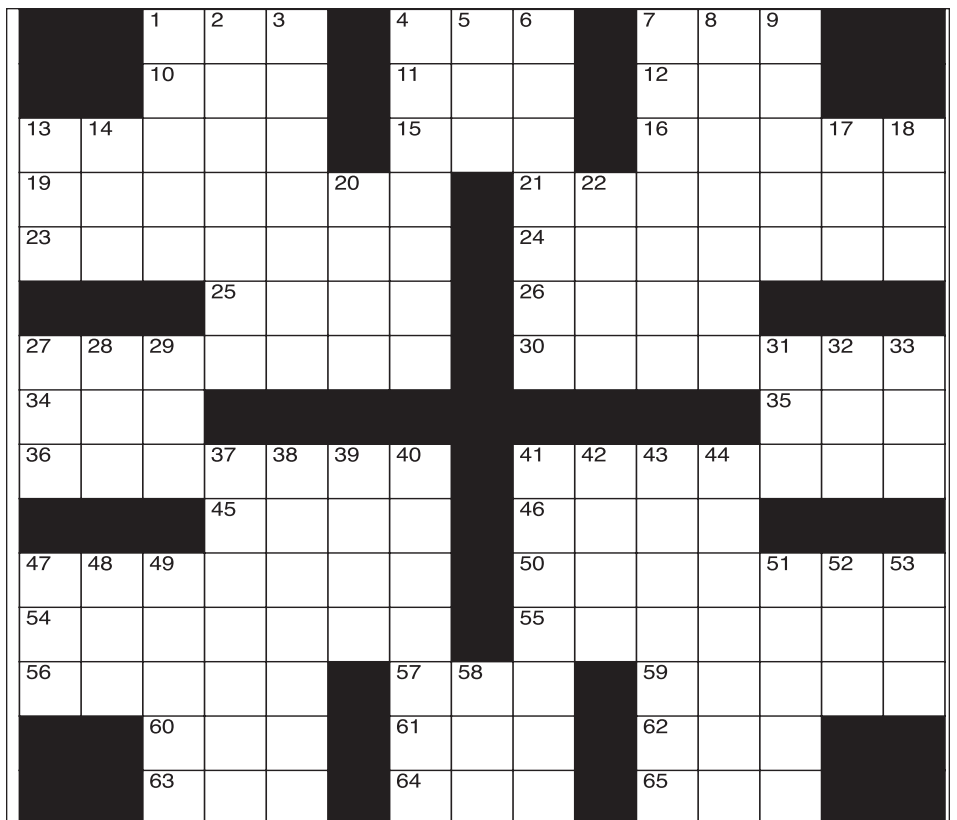
Daily's Place in Jacksonville adjacent to EverBank Stadium on Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, which start at \$39, are available at ticketmaster.com.

MARKET AND MUSIC AT THE COVE PLAZA: will be on Sept. 2 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1415 S. Orange Ave. in Green Cove Springs. Fresh produce, food trucks, home décor, music, jewelry and hourly giveaway will be offered. For more information, email showcaseevents17@gmail.com.

HOT WHEELS MONSTER TRUCKS: will be at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. in Jacksonville on Sept. 2-3. Times are 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 2 and 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 3. Tickets, which start at \$20, are available at ticketmaster.com.

CLAY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: will meet on Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor, at Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet on Sept. 7 at 7:30 a.m. at the Montgomery Center, 88 SE 75th St. in Starke.



CLUES ACROSS

- Indicates tire pressure
- Request
- Clairvoyance
- 007's creator
- Adult male
- Scandinavian god of battle
- Cloths spread on a coffin
- Breeze through
- Ladyfish genus
- It's good to take them
- Noble-governed territory
- Members of U.S. Navy
- Card game resembling rummy
- Affected by injury
- Member of a Semitic people
- Left
- Woman's cloak
- S. American plant
- Prohibit
- Offense
- Dish soap brand
- Ottoman military commanders
- Ancient Greek City
- Makes unhappy
- Discuss again
- Medical instrument
- Promote
- A beloved carb

CLUES DOWN

- Plant of the nettle family
- Fit to be sold
- Rather
- Collected
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Patella
- Ageless
- Lists of course requirements
- Pokes at
- TV network
- They ___
- Cooking hardware
- U.S. Army title
- Iron-containing compound
- Swiss river (alt. spelling)
- Former French coin
- Electronic countermeasures

- Taxi
- Helps little firms
- Woeful
- Midway between northeast and east
- Glowing
- Tasks which should be done
- An informal body of friends
- Intrinsic nature
- Neural structures
- Brews
- Where ships unload cargo
- Singer
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Southwest Scotland town
- Most worthless parts
- Viscous
- Put to work
- Old world, new
- Swiss river



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE



Church surprises parishioner with free car

Green Cove Springs – When Pastor John Sanders asked the True Vine Fellowship congregation to step outside the tented church, nobody – especially Crystal Chisholm – expected what happened next. Sanders talked about one of his parishioners who had been driving in the sweltering Florida heat without air conditioning for the past three summers. When Sanders pulled a set of keys from his pocket, he turned to Chisholm and said a Toyota parked a few feet away was hers. “I never expected anything like this,” she said between sobs. “Praise the Lord.” The car was donated by friends of Joseph Smith. Parts were supplied by the church and the work was completed by World Wide Auto. “It makes you feel good when you see people come together for good,” Sanders said. And for Chisholm, who drives several children to church, she finally got to drive home with the windows up and the air conditioning blowing cold air.

‘I performed like my life depending on it’

Orange Park’s Eagan finishes second at Jax Idol competition

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – There were no regrets when Chad Eagan heard judges announce Aeriya Robinson as the winner of the Jax Idol competition Saturday night.

The stylist at Bleach Please Salon on Wells Road didn’t second-guess any of his three songs in the championship round at the Moose Lodge on Collins Road. He didn’t second-guess his effort or question the final outcome.

“I left everything I had on the stage, so I’m very pleased,” he said. “I literally gave it my all. I performed like my life depended on it.”

Eagan was one of 68 contestants in a four-month competition. He survived early elimination rounds with an initial goal of finishing in the upper half. But the longer he survived, the more ambitious he got.

Along with Princess Nealey, the final three each sang three songs – one from a previous performance, one selected by the judges, and one he selected.

Eagan’s personal choice was “At Last” by Etta James.



Until the finals, he said he didn’t grasp the level of talent – and the mindset – it takes to succeed in a talent competition. Now that he understands, he said he plans to return next year.

And win.

“I was not in my head. I wasn’t nervous.



Chad Eagan wasn’t disappointed with his second-place finish because he “left everything he had on the stage.” He vowed to return next year with a better understanding of winning a talent-deep competition.

I was performing,” he said. “I’m winning it next year. I know exactly what to do.”

Eagan’s other songs were “Creep” by Radiohead and Ceelo Green’s “Crazy.”

Eagan performed at Jax Idol eight years ago, and he finished eighth. The competition took six years off – partially because of the pandemic – and returned with a re-

cord number of entries this April.

Jax Idol has been a fixture at Lillian’s Sports Grill on Roosevelt Boulevard for nearly 20 years.

The competition had become so popular the finals had to be moved to a larger venue on the Clay/Duval county line.

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SJR State College president butters up students with back-to-school popcorn event



By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – Students, faculty and staff students at St. Johns River State College gathered for “Popcorn with the President,” a special back-to-school event to interact with School President Joe Pickens.

The aroma of freshly cooked popcorn filled the air for an informal, relaxed setting of fun. But what Pickens, students and staff are gearing up for is more serious, as learners on the Vikings’ Orange Park campus seek to turn in a record performance in the classroom this semester.

“This gives us an opportunity to bring people together that work in different buildings that don’t see each other, and for me, to come up from Palatka to socialize with staff and students,” Pickens said.

All departments met for sweet tea, soda and salty snack, along with the fun camaraderie at the state-of-the-art Clifford B. Stearns Learning Resources Center as the college welcomed students back to campus.

Christine Wilson, a first-week student in the nursing program, said while she is somewhat worried about navigating her upcoming schedule, the friendly, warm outreach of the school’s administration has quelled her concerns.

“It’s very nice to be thought of this way (by the school), and it was especially nice to meet the president face-to-face. I wasn’t able to meet the president (during my time) at the Florida State College of Jacksonville,” she said.

Before the event, Pickens said he’s ex-

cited to return for yet another year.

After the first week of classes, the report is “so far, so good,” from the St. Johns’ campus in Orange Park, Pickens said.

“I’m happy to say that it’s been very smooth. We are pleased and delighted with the fact that enrollment is significantly up and that activity has been very robust, especially (two weeks ago) before classes started,” he said.

Pickens said about 75% of students are traditional students who will seek to transfer elsewhere after finishing their two-year associate’s degree. He said four-year institutions like the University of Florida and North Florida, along with Florida State University, are common landing spots.

But St. Johns is still expanding their workforce offerings, he said, and one special initiative provides students with an opportunity to earn a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) through a public-private partnership with National Trucking is becoming popular. Those in the program can get instruction at the college and complete hands-on training off campus.

“We hope most of our students stay in Northeast Florida, but we want the best opportunities for them, regardless. Truckers can make good money and can work anywhere in the country, literally,” he said.

Dual enrollment figures are strong, a statistic boosted by local high schools. The program is robust and a significant driver of the student population at the Orange Park campus, Pickens said.

But it wouldn’t all be possible without



a strong partnership with the Clay County School Board and District Schools, he said.

“We enjoy a very strong partnership with (the Board and District). They’ve been very supportive of us, and we try to reciprocate that,” Pickens said.

The Collegiate Academies initiative, which has been picked up by Clay, Middleburg and Orange Park high, allows students to start planning with St. Johns’ in the ninth grade and complete a four-year plan to earn their Associate in Arts degree. Credits can either be earned on campus or remotely. Students then can transfer to a public or private university in the state to further their education.

Throughout St. Johns’ River’s three campuses, which also exist in Palatka and St.

Augustine, online and dual enrollment numbers have skyrocketed since he assumed the post 15 years ago, taking up a large portion of student enrollment figures, Pickens said. “That’s how much that (the landscape) has changed during my time here,” he said.

The world is changing every day, but Pickens’ unwavering enthusiasm and dedication to educating students remains unchanged.

“Every new school year, it’s ‘hope springs eternal.’ Classes still (commence) in the summer, but it’s quieter. Fall is like an awakening. We’re making a difference in students’ lives, which is really important. This is why I chose the profession, and this is why our staff chose the profession,” he said.



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Obituaries

Kevin Scott Libretto

On Sunday, August 13, 2023, Kevin Scott Libretto passed away peacefully at the age of 53, surrounded by his family.

Scott was born on March, 28, 1970 in Coral Gables, Florida.

After graduating from Middleburg High School in 1988, Scott went on to play baseball at Florida State College of Jacksonville. He spent many years building swimming pools in the NE Florida area.



Kevin Scott Libretto

Scott is survived by his beautiful daughter Jordan Libretto, his parents Paula Waddle and Charles Libretto, III, his brothers Charlie Libretto, Paul Libretto, and sister Lisa Bright.

The family is grateful for the care and compassion he received from Haven Hospice. He will be missed by many who were always entertained by his stories and hilarious sense of humor.

Jerri Lee Holland

Jerri Lee Holland, 59, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away August 28, 2023.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com

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Renovated Medical Workforce Building opens at SJR State College

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – Students at St. Johns River State College concentrating on four fields of study have returned to walking the halls of the Workforce Building, the newest digs on campus.

Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic and Medical Assisting students will enter their second year of study at the recently-renovated, state-of-the-art facility, which has already exceeded the needs of students.

Getting the upgraded building up and running was a process that didn't come without challenges, either. Construction broke ground shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, and delays followed. The building is now finished, and the process was worth it.

The building's completion was a major milestone because it will save local students time-draining commutes to and from the St. Augustine and Palatka campuses. It will also provide them with a comprehensive medical education.

Just ask Ricky Webb, Director of EMS Programs. Webb has been in charge of the college's operation for nearly 11 years and he's excited with the completed project.

"The (renovated) building looks completely different and offers so many more amenities and resources," he said.

Webb said that the additional equipment, space and resources will not only provide convenience for students but also allow them to finish their coursework and enter the professional workforce, where they will trade studying for lifesaving in an industry that has recently witnessed a spike in demand post-COVID, he said.

Michelle Sjogren, Assistant Vice Principal for Institutional Advancement and Strategic Communication, agreed.

"We're very well equipped," she said.

Webb recently led a tour of the Workforce Building. The once-cramped build-



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Stephanie Bernard, Medical Assisting Program Director, said the newly outfitted building further equips students to work in various healthcare environments, from urgent care centers to doctors' offices. A comprehensive skillset is practiced, encompassing minor surgeries, immunizations and EKGs.

ing boasts dedicated sections for the various medicinal disciplines offered by the college, including an area for EMS training focusing on paramedics.

One recently installed item was a "presser," an interactive medical training board for students who actively follow a patient situation. Here, those students will be asked to make suggestions and offer solutions for caring for that person.

In the same classroom, three "pods" eerily resemble actual hospital rooms, each containing dummy "patients" that sit in hospital beds. If that's not enough, an el-

evated ambulance bay with room for one emergency vehicle sits under a covered metal room at the back of the building, which allows students to practice in rain or shine.

An additional asset is the ambulance bay, which allows students at St. Johns to practice "situations" in real-time. Ambulances route to campus so that the future angels can conduct the "procedures." In these simulated instances, "patients" undergo a number of "ailments," such as strokes, heart attacks and more.

When an ambulance brings a dummy to the bay, the students get to work. "We're going to be able to work groups of students in a way that (simulates) a real-life situation from the hospital," Webb said.

Previously, it was still possible, but not as convenient during this time of year, with torrential downpours and heat waves. Now, students can focus, rain or shine.

The enhanced building further enhances the learning experience in what interactive load of coursework for medical students, who visit Baptist Medical Center Clay, Baptist Medical Center South, Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville and complete ambulance "ride-alongs," where students go in the field to witness and participate in real medical emergencies alongside professionals.

The building could be a boon for the college, especially if more prospective students see the improvements.

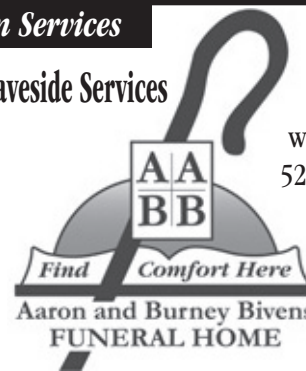
"Once (the building) is seen, and more people are able to recognize the space and equipment here, it could be a huge asset to our program," Webb said.

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Community Briefs

After-school classes offered at Augusta Savage Center

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – There are several openings for after-school classes at the Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Center.

Fundamentals of Art by Johnny Mathis for children 10-16 will meet on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Money Matters for Kids by Rich Holley for children 6-8 will be on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Math Tutoring by Lucy Conrad for grades nine through 12 will be on Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Counseling with Tammy Rowson for all grades will be on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Dance by La'Farrah Davis for children 4 to 16 will be on Mondays, starting on Sept. 11, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Children must register to attend. Registration forms are at greencovesprings.com/Augusta-Savage-Museum-Mentoring-Center.

Jacksonville Symphony presenting two free concerts

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville Symphony announces its annual Community Concerts, presented by Haskell. A Symphony tradition, these concerts welcome all of Jacksonville to Jacoby Symphony Hall for a preview of the season's musical offerings. Performances will be on Friday, Sept. 15, and Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Jacoby Symphony Hall.

Both Community Concert performances are free and open to all and will feature a lively mix of Classical and Pops favorites. Music Director Courtney Lewis, along with

the ultra-talented musicians of the Jacksonville Symphony, is sure to deliver an exhilarating performance with something for every musical taste showcasing the full versatility of the orchestra.

"Symphonic music has the power to bring people from all walks of life together in ways that few other art forms can," Lewis is said. "I simply cannot wait to welcome the community to Jacoby Symphony Hall for these special concerts. I hope listeners will leave feeling overjoyed and inspired, ready to embark on a journey of symphonic excellence throughout the 23-24 season."

Admission to the Community Concerts is free, but a ticket is required. Up to four free tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Haley Cox, Group Sales and Community Engagement Manager, for larger groups at hcox@jaxsymphony.org.

For more information and to claim tickets, visit JaxSymphony.org.

Quigley House's Casino night to raise funds, awareness for abuse survivors

FLEMING ISLAND – Quigley House will host the Monte Carlo Night on Sept. 30 at Sullivan Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Church on U.S. Highway.

The \$100 admission includes a \$100 gameplay card, beer, wine, hors d'oeuvres, music, a cash 50/50 drawing, a silent auction and more. All proceeds from the event directly benefit victims of domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking, and stalking in Clay County. Join Quigley House

in their mission to Educate, Equip, and Empower survivors and their families through advocacy and community education.

You may purchase tickets on Eventbrite, Quigley House's website at www.quigleyhouse.org or the Quigley House Facebook page. Quigley House is the only certified domestic violence and sexual assault center in the county.

They provide the following services free to survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, and stalking such as an emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis helpline, sexual assault forensic evidence collection exams, individual and group counseling, victim advocacy, Injunction for Protection legal assistance, court advocacy, case management, information and referrals, pet shelter, financial literacy and child advocacy. You can find more information on Quigley House and its services on their website www.quigleyhouse.org.

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 legendary band. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show will start at 7:30 p.m.

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

Tickets are available at the venue at 1340C A1A South or ticketmaster.com and

vary between \$65 and \$170.50.

Orange Park High alums 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.

Swine and Dine Derby leaving the gate on Oct. 21

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Mark your calendar for an afternoon of food, music and pig races on Oct. 21 at the Swine and Dine Derby at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

The event is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Green Cove Springs and Fleming Island, and it includes admission, dinner, soft drink, pig races and entertainment. Beer and wine will be available for sale for \$5. All money benefits the organization's scholarship fund.

The band 5 Good Years will play. There also will be a derby hat contest, petting zoo, 50/50 raffle and games and activities for children. The first pig race at 5 p.m. supports The Way Free Clinic and Clay County Dental Care. Race No. 2 is at 6 and benefits college scholarships for Clay County students. The third race at 7 p.m. will go to the Rotarians for Development of Youth programs. Advance tickets are \$35 for adults and \$12 for children until Oct. 16. They are available at ipswebdesign.wufoo.com. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$12 for children at the gate.

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Tiny Tim rescued from Orange Park air conditioner

Puppy now in a foster home awaiting adoption

By Kyla Woodard
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – With the help of one vigilant phone call and two heroic officers, a tiny puppy's life was saved.

Clay County Animal Services recently responded to a residential call regarding an eight-month-old stray puppy in a dire situation, and weeks later, officers say the puppy is on the road to recovery.

Given the name Tiny Tim, residents found the dog trapped underneath an AC compressor in an Orange Park backyard.

"Upon further inspection, we found that he was, in fact, stuck under one of the pipes, and he could not move freely in and out," said Animal Control Officer Kaleb Varady.

Tiny Tim mistakenly went under the compressor after entering the open gate in the resident's backyard. Varady said the residents claimed to hear strange whining noises from under the machine, and went outside to look for themselves. What they found required immediate action.

"They didn't know he was in the backyard. He could have very well perished underneath that air conditioner system because they don't have pets," said Animal Control Officer Kelly Minix.

Varady said he and Minix went to the home, hoping to rescue the vulnerable puppy. After grappling with the best possible ways to get the dog out safely, Varady and Minix used a leash to secure his front. Minix pulled while Varady slowly pushed him out of the narrow space.

"We were able to get him out slowly be-

cause we didn't know about any injuries at the time," Varady said.

Upon freeing the pup, Minix said that, regardless of his pain, Tiny Tim responded kindly and had a friendly spirit, immediately taken to being swaddled in a towel like a baby.

"Some dogs are in fear, or they're in pain, but he wagged his tail. He was ready to be picked up. He was ready to go," Minix said.

Minix said dogs are placed in a kennel on the back of their truck. However this case was a little different. With Tiny Tim being so fragile and the extreme heat, the officers said they held him in the cab.

"He fell asleep in my arms," said Varady.

Tiny Tim suffered a pelvic fracture, which Varady said will heal with time and rest.

With the number of tragedies they experienced, the officers said they were glad with the positive outcome. Getting frequent calls daily, the officers said they have seen some of the worst. But the stories of survival and recovery are what keep them going.

"You see them prosper and get better over time, and that's always something I love to see," Varady said. "It shows that you save this animal from a certain situation, and how much they've grown, and you end up seeing them when they get adopted. So, personally ... I like to see that."

After being immediately scanned, they realized Tiny Tim wasn't microchipped. He was placed on a three-day stray hold at the shelter to await the arrival of his owners.



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Animal control officer Kaleb Varady and Kelly Minix pose with Tiny Tim, who was trapped inside an air conditioner in Orange Park.

However, the owners never retrieved him.

Tiny Tim is in a foster home, awaiting his adoption date.

"He's in a foster home to get him out of the shelter environment. Where he can be in a home that [has] one-on-one care, around loving, caring people all the time," Varady said.

Varady said the foster home does get the first pick on the pup. If the foster home doesn't want to adopt, he will return to the shelter for an open adoption.

Using this story as an example, Minix urged pet owners to get their pets microchipped or tagged. She said that is a cru-

cial step to help get stray animals back with their owners.

"Instead of being put in foster care, he could've been home and at the vet's office with his owners. He's obviously owned by someone they just did not take those precautions," Minix said.

Clay County Animal Services continues to spend its time being a voice for those who can't speak. And they hope that the general public will do the same.

"If you see something, say something. We can't help and respond if we don't know. So, be aware of your surroundings," Minix said.

What can we do to confront nursing compassion fatigue?



By Zeinab Faraj
For Clay today

CLAY COUNTY – Nurses across the United States play critical roles in providing care for patients and advocating for their rights. They are considered the heart of hospitals and clinics, and their responsibilities are often compared to those of a doctor. However, a new condition called nursing compassion fatigue is spreading as nurses face high patient-to-nurse ratios, increased stress levels and the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nursing compassion fatigue, or burnout, is when a nurse becomes exhausted from constantly being overwhelmed or overworked. The condition causes nurses to neglect their health as they prioritize their patients and work. Nursing burnout can stem from long hours, too many patients or unique scenarios like the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2020, nurses experienced high lev-

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els of trauma and stress from the pandemic as hospitals were flooded with patients with an unknown virus. The effects of the pandemic are still felt today.

As one nurse, who would like to remain anonymous said, during the pandemic, there were "no secretaries, no one to draw blood, no one to help administer medications...being a nurse back then and nowadays means having multiple roles and always working for your patients and advocating [for them]."

Nursing is often a thankless job as most nurses feel unappreciated, furthering the effects of nursing compassion fatigue. Another nurse who chose to remain anonymous said, "We are not as valued as a doctor or surgeon. Most people believe we are easy to replace."

However, this belief is not true, as there is more demand for nurses than ever. Most hospitals and clinics have shortages of nurses that they are desperate to fill.

As nursing compassion fatigue continues to affect thousands of nurses, each community needs to acknowledge what they can do for these critical healthcare providers. More must be done to address this issue before it is too late. If you want to thank a nurse today, visit Advocates For Nurses on TikTok or Instagram.

But right now, a simple thank you goes a long way.

Zeinab Faraj is a senior at Fleming Island High.

Touch A Truck

Residents get firsthand look at equipment that keeps county running



Firefighters Lesage and Smith greeted children eager to crawl and climb on fire equipment.

By Lee Wardlaw

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Children and families enjoyed a fun afternoon of hands-on learning during last Saturday’s “Touch a Truck: What Moves Clay,” witnessing firsthand the big vehicles and heavy machinery of the public and private sector organizations that keep the county running. They also learned of the impacts the equipment and employees of those organizations provide to the community.

The Green Cove Springs Police Department brought their fancy sports car cruiser along for the ride, and the Clay County Sheriff’s Office showed off their armored vehicle, police truck, police boat and Hummer. Not to be outdone was the Public Safety’s Fire Rescue unit, who stole the show with a ladder truck that reached far above spectators at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

A utility truck from the Jacksonville Electrical Authority, a school bus from the School District and a debris-hauling behemoth from Hard Knocks Materials, a private sector based in Green Cove Springs, were featured.

Children were the stars of the show. Touch a Truck allowed them to crawl and climb inside most of the heavy equipment, big trucks and swanky vehicles that move Clay. Even better, a chance to work many of the mechanisms inside, such as sirens and horns. Among children’s favorite “toys” included Fire Rescue’s ladder truck and the Sheriff Department’s boat and armored vehicle.

“It’s nice that all of these kids are being brought together. They get to go outside and play,” said Sierra Hutchinson, mother

of Joey, 4, and Jamison, 6. “It’s a good, safe place for them to go out and see some things they usually don’t. They love the sirens and the lights and staying busy.”

Parents and families were able to hear engaging and informative presentations from representatives from a wide-ranging array of organizations: county department and services, nonprofits, public safety, county agencies, and others. They each talked about the important services they offer to residents.

It was an important occasion for all agencies, but especially the under-heralded groups that keep Clay moving. Everyone knows the sheriff’s office, but not all may know what the County Utility Authority and State Forest Service have to offer. That’s what the event was all about: getting the word out in a warm, friendly, face-to-face setting, albeit on a very hot Saturday afternoon.

Residents met with representatives, with several coming to realize how important a role the organizations.

“This has been a great opportunity for children and parents to come in and hear about what we do, interact with our work-

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Big and small trucks and heavy equipment were on display at the Clay County Fairgrounds last Saturday to remind the community of the machinery needed to move Clay County.

ers, and see our trucks,” said Dennis Rago, Public and Governmental Affairs Liaison for the Utility Authority.

The big utility trucks, promotional items, and free gear were all a hook into sitting down residents to explain the necessary services they offer for the county.

“A lot of people don’t know what we do. We treat the wastewater. A lot of people think that after you flush (the toilet), the water doesn’t go anywhere. A major aspect of our job is taking wastewater from sinks, showers and toilets, and treating that at one of our facilities. We put that back into the community and recycle it through irrigation at golf courses (and other methods),” he said.

The Florida Forest Service maintains 40,000 acres of state-owned lands at Jennings and Belmore State Forests and has two offices in the county. Matthew Darnell, a forester, said that the event is all about educating the community on what his agency is all about, whether it be their day-to-day operations of the Forest Service or their emergency response to natural disasters like hurricanes and wildfires. The

state agency also responds to wildfires and prescribed burns, which reduce hazards.

“We talk about our offerings for state forests you can visit throughout Florida. We want people to get out and enjoy the woods. We’re a really multi-faceted agency,” he said.

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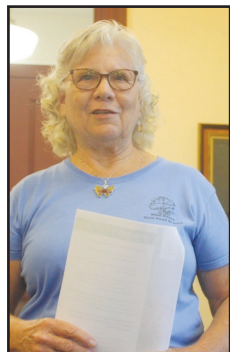
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Historians explore Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park's past

By Lee Wardlaw
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Ryan Worthington took members and guests through a captivating journey through time, sharing the unique and compelling history of Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park during last week's Historical Society Meeting at the Old Court-house.



Barbara Bradley

Worthington, a volunteer with Friends of Gold Head State Park and Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail, a Citizen Support Organization whose members do anything from public relations outreach to speaking at community events to fundraising, with 100% of monies from the organization returning to Gold Head, has a special connection to the park.

Worthington's father was a park ranger with the State Parks. He grew up going to several parks but resided at Gold Head from the early to the mid-1980s. He recalled the building of the park, which was completed via a Civilian Conservation Corps project from 1935-39, which was



Ryan Worthington, the son of a state park ranger who lived at Gold Head during the mid to late 1980s, organization volunteer, and park advocate, delivered an informative presentation on the park's history. The microcosm of a problem existing throughout the Keystone Heights area, water levels at Gold Head's lakes have dwindled since 1953, which Worthington discussed with attendees in detail.

part of a national initiative kickstarted by Franklin D. Roosevelt during his presidency, among other developments that shaped what Gold Head has become today, such as

the ongoing fight over the depth levels of the four lakes in the park, a microcosm of a larger problem throughout the Keystone Heights area.

He showed a side-by-side of two aerial graphics on the screen, one from 1953 and another for this year, showcasing the stark difference between then and now. One focal point of that portion of the discussion was Little Lake Johnson. Decades-old changes to the shoreline and hydrology of the lake, initiated by the CCC, have been gradually rectified, including creating a beach by dredging sand from Pebble Lake to Little Lake Johnson's swimming area. Recent measures, such as installing a berm between Little Lake Johnson and Big Johnson Lake and diverting the branch to stabilize lake levels, addressed concerns dating back to Pebble Lake drying up in

2012.

Many of the structures originally built by the CCC still stand today, such as the famed Ravine Stairway, which overlooks the branch that flows through the middle of the Gold Head, along with two pavilions on Pebble Lake, one which still boasts an original cypress picnic table from the 1930s beside it.

Worthington even touched on events before the inaugural opening of Gold Head on April 15, 1939. He spoke about a historic area of the park that was part of Tram Road, a Narrow-Gauge Trail Line from Green Cove Springs to Melrose near the northern boundary of the park that was removed early in the 20th century after the "Great Freeze of 1894-1895" in Northern Florida. Some tales even go much further. Sheeler Lake, the clearest and deepest lake at Gold Head, dates back 23,000 years.

Barbara Bradley, a volunteer with the Friends that joined Worthington, touched on the significant impact Gold Head plays on the county from another angle: the local economy. She said that 2022 the park hosted 83,498 visitors, supporting 151 local jobs and creating nearly \$10.8 million in economic impact.

Droves of visitors supported the economy by shopping at local convenience and grocery stores, filling up on gasoline, and stopping by a mom-and-pop coffee shop for a morning wake-up call in Keystone Heights, Middleburg and Orange Park. "They will say, 'I forgot hot dog buns,' and run into the local grocery store," she said.

Bradley also addressed the CSO and the organization's great success in the last year, which received accolades from the state because it spent the most money on the park compared to other groups of its size (per capita). The organization purchased golf carts, lawnmowers, vehicles and "all kinds of equipment" for Gold Head, which should help preserve it for future enjoyment.



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Plein-Air Painters capture historic landscape at Hibernia property

FLEMING ISLAND – A group of local artists gathered on Aug. 23 with their easels and painting materials to enjoy camaraderie and translate fleeting light to canvas or paper at the historic Hibernia property.

Each artist has a passion for plein air painting.

The painters were from two art guilds, the Art Guild of Orange Park and the First Coast Plein Air Painters. Leighton Tesche, the trustee owner of a historic tract of land, invited the organizations to paint on the Hibernia property.

There is a resurgence of plein-air painting today as artists use their paints and brushes to interpret and explore landscapes. The artists of AGOP and FCPAP are part of this increased interest in going outside to paint.

En Plein Air is a French term that is the practice of painting outside landscapes. The art movement began in the 1800s as painters left their indoor studios and set up their easels and paints outside to capture the natural panorama of landscape, light and weather.

What is the history behind plein-air painting? Artists began working in new avenues in the 1800s because of two inventions – an American oil painter in France named John Goffe Rand invented 1841 the collapsible metal paint tube made from tin. When paint became portable, artists could paint at any location they chose. Before the invention of the paint tube, artists stored their paints in leaky pig bladders and then later in glass tubes that looked like syringes. William Winsor of Winsor and Newton added the patented screw top to the tin tube in 1904 to further help the preservation and portability of paint.

The impressionist approach to painting began around 1860 when artists discovered they could use the new higher saturated synthetic pigments to produce lighter and brighter work.

Artists such as Monet, Renoir, Pissarro, Cezanne and Sisley came onto the scene with their wonderfully high-key and brilliant work.

The land which the artists painted on is significant to our local history. This property is part of the original 1,000-acre land grant from the Spanish governor of East Florida to George Fleming, which served as a hotel in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, was a respite for travelers on the St. Johns River. The original structure is gone, but the well and the pool house that Margaret Fleming built later in the 19th century still exist and have been beautifully maintained.

The artists found these structures on the property worthy of painting.

“A well and pump is dating back to 1885, and originally it was directly in front of the original Boarding House,” Tesche said. “The spring-fed pool and bathhouse are the same date. The pool is spring-fed and is the same temperature all year



PAINTING BY SVETLANA SHOREY



Alison McCauley's painting of a sunroom.

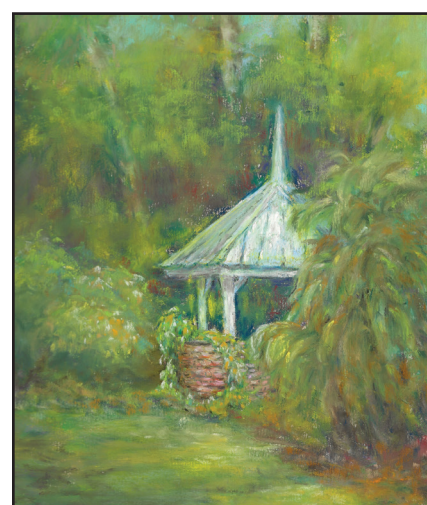
round. I believe it is 75 degrees. There are newspaper articles supporting this [in an Oct. 15, 1885, in a newspaper called “The Weekly Floridian” in Green Cove Springs.]

“Fleming Island is named for George Fleming, an Irish immigrant, who arrived in Spanish East Florida in 1783,” Scott Ritchie once wrote. “Seventeen years later, Captain George Fleming received a Spanish land grant of one thousand acres on the southeastern end of what would become Fleming Island, where he nurtured a profitable plantation that he named Hibernia in honor of his Irish homeland. For more than 200 years, Hibernia has been home to Captain Fleming’s descendants extending seven generations.”

The family could not make a living as traditional southern planters after the Second Seminole War, so the Flemings transformed Hibernia into a winter hotel that became a well-known destination in the early days of Florida tourism and into the 20th century.

“The original hotel or boarding house and what was known as the Big Cottage were on this property,” Tesche said.

“When these buildings were torn down because of neglect by the owner who bought the property from the Flemings, a



Carron Wedlund pastel painting of a well.

new house was constructed in the 1950s using the original beams, flooring, bannisters, skylight, fireplaces and windows.

Our local plein-air painters stepped back into history, explored these historic structures, and translated them as they stand today with paint and brush.

Just like the painters of the Impressionist era, these local painters enjoyed the company of fellow painters who shared a common interest in being outdoors and recording what they saw with their painterly dabs of bright paint.



Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register
True Life Church
Clay County

God and Labor Day

The first Labor Day took place on September 5th, 1882, to celebrate better treatment, fair wages, and improved working conditions. It’s a time that we celebrate workers past and present. The Bible has much to say about work as well. A large part of it can be summed up by Colossians 3:23, which says, “Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.”

God wants us to keep perspective on the work we do. No matter what you find yourself doing for work, you can be influencing the world for Jesus simply by how you carry it out. If you radiate Christ through what you do, you are working for the Lord instead of for people.

There are many instances in scripture of people who lived this out. First, there was Joseph. Though he was sold into slavery and put into many more seemingly possible situations after that, he worked diligently in every role he found himself in and in doing so, pleased the Lord. Ruth worked night and day in the field to provide for both her and her widowed mother-in-law. Nehemiah worked tirelessly with his fellow Israelites to restore the walls of Jerusalem. Paul’s life was devoted to ministry, but He worked with his hands as a tentmaker to support his work and to aid the churches he planted. These are just a few examples of individuals in the Bible who exhibited qualities of hard work, dedication, and perseverance in their respective contexts. Their stories serve as inspiration and reminders of the value of industriousness, faithfulness, and commitment in various aspects of life.

Finally, we must remember that even though hard work is to be celebrated, we weren’t made to simply work. Exodus 20:9-10 says, “You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the LORD your God.”

We must honor the Sabbath, resting as the Lord did on the seventh day. It is not simply a suggestion, but a command from the Lord. Let this Labor Day serve as a reminder to work hard for God but also to honor the Sabbath and rest as He created us to do.

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Police Briefs

Oakleaf graduate kills three in racially motivated Jacksonville shooting

JACKSONVILLE – A 21-year-old Oakleaf High graduate gained national infamy after shooting three people to death on Aug. 26 in what the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office determined was a racially motivated crime.

The 2020 Oakleaf graduate, with a history of domestic abuse and mental instability, shot three Black people to death at a Dollar General in the New Town area. Ryan Christopher Palmeto then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide as the JSO SWAT team entered the store.



Ryan Christopher Palmeto

According to JSO Sheriff T.K. Waters, Palmeto's father called the Clay County Sheriff's Office to tell them his son left their house and was "upset." The father also said he found the diary of a "madman" in his room that stated his son hated Black people.

Sadly, the shooting had already occurred.

CCSO Sheriff Michelle Cook posted the following statement on social media after the killings: "We are aware of the incident in Jacksonville. Our hearts go out to the victims and their families. We are currently working with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office as they investigate the involvement of a Clay County resident in this heinous act. We know that one person's actions are not a reflection of our community as a whole. Please join us in keeping the families of the victims in our prayers."

JSO said the killer was armed with an AR-15 rifle and Glock handgun that was "legally" purchased, despite the fact he

was Baker Acted after he threatened to jump off a building in Jacksonville. CCOS also responded to a domestic battery call after the killer fought with his older brother. No charges were filed.

The father told investigators his son flunked out of Flagler College, and he lost his job at The Home Depot. Since then, he basically remained holed up in his bedroom.

The victims were identified as Jerrald De'Shaun Gallion, 29, Angela Michelle Carr, 52, and Anotl Joseph Laguerre Jr., 19.

Man jailed for trafficking fentanyl, kicking deputy in face

ORANGE PARK – A man trying to flee by kicking a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy in the face wound up in the Clay County Jail with a \$335,013 bond after deputies found enough fentanyl to charge him with trafficking.

Zachary Thomas Clayton Cornett, 27, of Orange Park, also was charged with possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, battery on law enforcement, resisting arrest and tampering with evidence after he tried to run from CCSO during a traffic stop Aug. 14 on Blanding Boulevard. Cornett tried to hide in a palmetto bush in a wood line. When deputies approached, they saw him trying to conceal the gun. Other deputies uncovered the fentanyl inside his car. Once at the jail, additional charges for failing to appear for a DUI charge and driving with a suspended license were added.



Zachary Thomas Clayton Cornett

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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.

Monday, Aug. 28

Victoria A. Velix, 35, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia
Amber M. Caudill, 30, Keystone Heights, grand theft auto
Lucas M. Jeffers, 24, Middleburg, VOP-community control, VOP-possession-controlled substance
Brandon S. Wilson, 32, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail
Deshaun M. Green, 19, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail
Kevin C. Barrows, 23, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail
Danny R. Boree, 37, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail
Shakia K. Richardson, 31, Green Cove Springs, petit theft
Bautista C. Gonzalez, 34, Middleburg, domestic battery
Jon B. Milam, 30, Green Cove Springs, aggravated battery
Timothy A. Taylor, 39, Middleburg, non-support
Robert W. Holliday, 46, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, loitering/prowling

Sunday, Aug. 27

Marianna Carlucci, 70, Orange Park, domestic battery
Brittany L. Pankow, 39, Middleburg, DUI, DWLSR

William A. Strawn, 35, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-ammo/firearm by convicted felon
Devon E. Honan, 29, Middleburg, trafficking-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia
Patricia L. Wagler, 50, Middleburg, domestic battery
Jeffery A. Holton, 60, Orange Park, domestic battery
Matthew J. Williams, 19, two counts Middleburg, aggravated assault, adult false imprisonment, child abuse, battery

Saturday, Aug. 26

Haile N. Shepherd, 20, Middleburg, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Marc. Cole, 41, Fleming Island, battery, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, disorderly intoxication
Joseph R. Shepherd, 18, Middleburg, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, resisting law enforcement with violence, battery
Theodore Monroe, 52, Fleming Island, DWLSR
Amber M. Caudill, 30, Keystone Heights, battery
Breanna M. Willoughby, 25, Middleburg, domestic battery
Prince E. Williams, 32, Fleming Island, DWLSR, failure to obey law enforcement/firefighter
Pedro T. Lopez, 31, Middleburg, driving without valid license
Janiyah L. King, 20, Middleburg, DUI with property damage/injury
Mark J. Holtrip, 35, Orange Park, criminal mischief
Marc P. Jaillet, 43, Middleburg, failure to report change of address
Paul A. Ligon, 47, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DUI, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement

Friday, Aug. 25

Kevin J. Richard, 60, Middleburg, domestic battery
Ricky G. Lentz, 36, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR
Jazzmin S. Galmore, 43, Green Cove Springs, insurance fraud
Christopher O. Houser, 43, Green Cove Springs, petit theft
Michael A. Roach, 23, Fleming Island, shoplifting
Richard M. Volage, 26, Green Cove Springs, petit theft
Harry E. Truesdell, 60, Green Cove Springs, VOP-attempted sexual battery of child younger than 12
Jessica L. Cross, 44, Green Cove Springs, fraudulently obtaining controlled substance, illegally obtaining property
Naquan D. Person-Diase, 27, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana
Elana A. Stewart, 45, Orange Park, domestic battery

Thursday, Aug. 24

Freddijah L. Worthen, 18, Middleburg, shoplifting
Amanda L. Hanshaw, 29, Fleming Island, shoplifting
Tammy J. Gaul, 63, Fleming Island, shoplifting
Leonard M. Santiago, 27, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license
Brittany L. Casey, 34, Keystone Heights, writ of bodily attachment
Shaun S. Staley, 42, Middleburg, failure to report county of residence
Jonathan B. Balisi, 27, Green Cove Springs, installing tracking device
Zachary T.C. Cornett, 27, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, trafficking-opium, possession-ammo/

firearm by convicted felon, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, tampering with evidence, FTA-DUI, FTA-DWLSR
Jeffery F. Tucker, 51, Fleming Island, petit theft
Joseph P. Merrett, 37, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR
Jimmy J. Mullis, 47, Green Cove Springs, fraud/swindle property worth \$50,000 or more
Melinda L. Bowman, 51, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-controlled substance, VOP-possession-cocaine, VOP-possession-drug paraphernalia
Bryan M.K. Julian, 42, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR
Crystal G. Owens, 43, Green Cove Springs, FTA-trespassing
Megan L. Metzger, 32, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft
Sharon L. Browning, 68, Orange Park, DWLSR
Ronda L. Stringer, 55, Keystone Heights, domestic battery
Cody A. Stanley, 50, Orange Park, DUI with BAL of .15 or higher with passenger younger than 18

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Gregory R. Halcomb, 52, Middleburg, domestic battery of person 65 or older, possession-controlled substance
Steven J. Dombroski, 61, Orange Park, trespassing
Melissa M. Rodriguez, 42, Green Cove Springs, FTA-driving without valid license
Marcus J. Waters, 47, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence
Daniel R. Lyons, 47, Green Cove Springs, three counts FTA

Crime

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Atlanta man pleads guilty to selling methamphetamine at hotel

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Attorney Roger B. Handberg announced Shawntae Jamell Clark, 44, of Atlanta, pleaded guilty to possessing with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and possessing a firearm as a convicted felon.



Jamell Clark

Clark faces a minimum mandatory penalty of 10 years – and up to life – in federal prison on the drug charge and up to 15 years' imprisonment on the firearm charge. He also agreed to forfeit two firearms, ammunition and cash traceable to his offenses.

Clark was arrested on July 6, 2022, at the Stay Suites on Wells Road in Orange Park and ordered detained. His sentencing will be on Nov. 7.

According to court documents, deputies from the Clay County Sheriff's Office were investigating Clark based on reports that he was selling drugs, including methamphetamine, out of his hotel room. On July 2, 2021, deputies observed Clark leaving his hotel room with a backpack and getting into a car. During a subsequent traffic stop of the vehicle, a CCSO K-9 alerted deputies to the car, indicating that it contained illegal narcotics. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a small safe containing a loaded Beretta pistol and Taurus revolver, seven baggies of methamphetamine, and approximately 100 small baggies. Further investigation determined that the total weight of the methamphetamine was approximately 159 grams and Clark had multiple prior felony convictions for armed robbery, attempted lewd or lascivious act – sexual battery, and multiple convictions for possession of cocaine. As such, federal law prohibited him from possessing a firearm or ammunition. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Clay County Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin C. Frein is prosecuting it. Assistant U.S. Attorney Mai Tran is handling the forfeiture.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence and make our neighborhoods safer. On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.

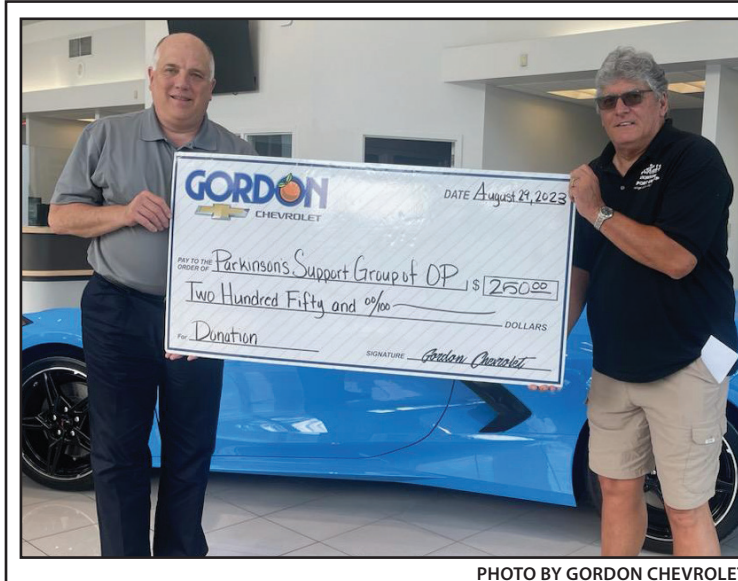


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Gordon Chevrolet donation to support Parkinson's Support Group of Orange Park

Gordon Chevrolet Executive Manager Nathan Potratz presented Gregg Hummer, chairman of the Parkinson's Support Group of Orange Park, with a check to assist in educational, exercise and social events for those suffering from Parkinson's and their families and friends in the Clay County area.

Condon details progress in Keystone Heights area

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Clay Chamber Lake Region Prosperity Partners heard from Clay County Commissioner Betsy Condon last week.

Hosted at the Keystone Beach Pavilion, local chamber members welcomed the commissioner. In addition, members were able to enjoy a meal network with each other before Condon shared new and exciting things happening in the southern end of Clay County.

She told the group that Phase 1 of the Black Creek Project was almost completed, and Phase 2 is underway. The project is expected to be finished in a year. The plan calls for water to be pumped from the South Fork of Black Creek to Alligator Creek, which spills into Lake Brooklyn.

She also talked about the new gun range coming to Middleburg, which is planned to be opened this fall for public use. In addition to discussing county projects, Condon discussed the waste management fee increasing for the first time in years due to fuel, labor costs and contract rates.

She also talked about the county's plans to develop a Strategic Plan to deal with future growth in the county.

The response was receptive as guests asked questions throughout the presentation.

"It's always great to be home and be able to speak to the business community in my hometown," she said. "I welcome the public's input, and I like to hear and converse with them about what's going on in the county."

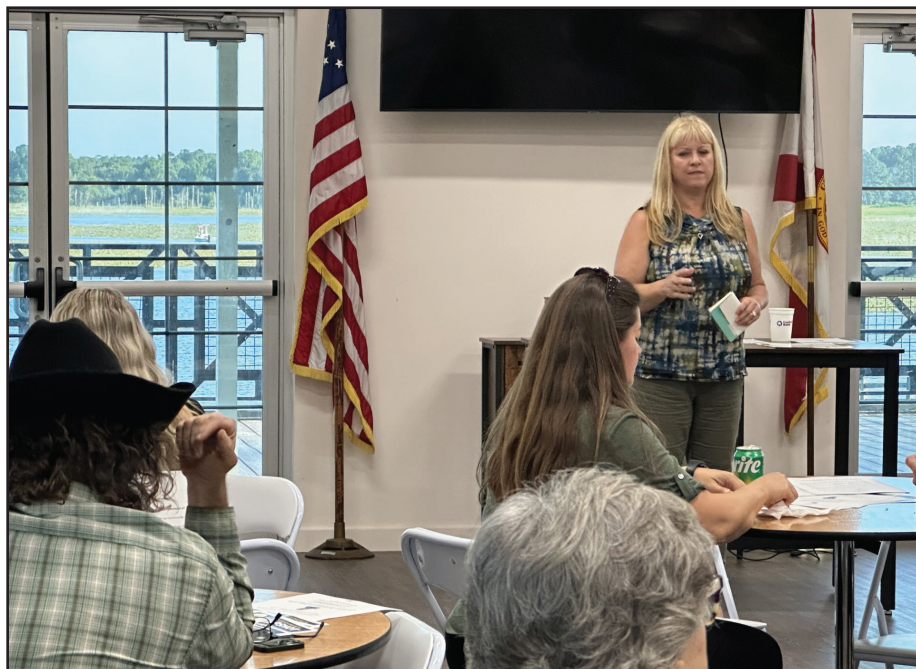
As the meeting ended, guests felt informed and enjoyed hearing the new things happening in Clay County.

"I thought County Commissioner Condon did a great job. It's always great to hear her talk about District 4, the county, the improvements, and issues that are happening. I think she represents us so well, and I'm proud that she's our county commissioner," attendee Kerry Collins said.

"We're very excited to have the Clay



Residents were not only treated to dinner from the Clay Chamber of Commerce but also got important updates on projects affecting Keystone Heights during last week's Lake Region Prosperity Partners meeting.



County Board of Commissioners chair here tonight," said Chamber President Jon Cantrell. "Keystone is a strong and growing part of Clay County, so we want all of Clay County to know what's going on down here in Keystone."

For more information on the Clay Chamber Lake Region Prosperity Partners, visit www.claychamber.com/.

For more information on county events and projects, visit www.claycountygov.com.

Smotherman

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with the drummer for Jimmy Hendrix's, Smotherman is working it out his way.

When Smotherman was a teenager growing up along a dirt road in Middleburg, he tagged along with his mom for a trip to Winn Dixie.

"I told my mom I was going to the magazine aisle to look around and noticed this guitar magazine in the middle of all these Home and Garden Magazines, so I opened the first page, and right then, my entire life changed," Smotherman said.

Smotherman had turned to a picture of the late guitarist Andres Segovia, the legendary classical guitarist with his trademarked thick, horn-rimmed glasses and string tie. Smotherman said it was a black-and-white picture of him sitting with a classical guitar and an orchestra behind him.

"When I saw that photo, I knew what it sounded like without ever even hearing it," he said, noting the mellow, resonant sound of the strings come to life on paper. "My imagination went wild. That's where everything started for me."

Smotherman read the magazine cover to cover but was particularly interested in the article about Segovia. Shortly after, he started listening to his music and became obsessed with Johann Sebastian Bach, another classical composer.

"I purchased a few of his albums, and then my friend was selling an acoustic guitar for \$35, so I bought it from him, and I began trying to listen to these tapes and transcribe what I was hearing," Smotherman said.

Although his parents didn't have a lot of money, they found him a local guitar teacher. Smotherman said he has been drawn to the guitar ever since, pushing the boundaries of simple steel and wood.

First, he practiced scales, starting with easier melodies and eventually graduating to more difficult ones, sometimes practicing Bach Lute Suites and Paganini Caprices for up to 10 hours a day. Tony channeled his passion for guitar and classical music into an almost fanatical practice routine while attending high school and keeping up with his homework.



Tony Smotherman took his music from a dirt road in Middleburg to the world's biggest stages. He currently is working on a classic album in the style of Johann Sebastian Bach.

He would even take his guitar to school to practice between classes.

"My teachers would let me play at the end of class maybe once every few weeks, and then once a week, and then a few times a week," Smotherman said.

With only three years of classical guitar lessons behind him, Smotherman was recognized as Middleburg High's Most Talented Senior, and in his senior year, one of his teachers submitted some of his musical work to Queen Elizabeth II.

"About a month and a half later, I received a package from the lady waiting for the Queen, and inside was a letter sealed with red wax. I opened it up, and it said Winsor Palace at the top. It was a personal letter from Queen Elizabeth II."

Her Majesty replied personally with high praise, calling his classical guitar skills "highly sophisticated," and encouraged the young guitarist to keep playing music and send her more recordings.

Over the years, Smotherman started learning different styles of music – everything from Jimi Hendrix to Yngwie Malmsteen to Sitar player Ravi Shankar.

"I thought, man, this is a whole other way to play guitar. I wanted to do that, so

I bought my first electric guitar and began to see all the infinite ways to play the electric. I began playing Rock, Blues, Jazz, Indian, Celtic, Egyptian and Spanish Flamenco guitar," he said.

If you listen to the electrified songs on his 2019 album, "Silent Storms," then tune in, expecting something similar on his latest release, "Idle Forest," you will be surprised by Smotherman's mastery of a wide range of styles.

His mother greatly influenced his musical diversity, Smotherman said.

"My mother would always play Greek, Lebanese and Indian music in the house while I was growing up. That was really my first musical influence, and I still have an affinity for it today," he said.

Much like his hero and classical guitar virtuoso, Andres Segovia, Smotherman turned the classical guitar into a worldwide instrument, mimicking a range of sounds and fusing all of those influences into something distinctive and highly expressive. "All these world styles started seeping into my playing. Because I didn't have the influence of big-city guitar players, I sounded differently than everyone else," he said.

Smotherman started playing gigs with his band, The Tony Smotherman Project, as well as a sideman for various artists, including Rick Derringer, Leon Russell, Adrian Legg and many other top artists. He even opened and performed with Buddy Miles of Jimi Hendrix's The Band of Gypsies and Carlos Santana.

"My friend called and said you must get to Jacksonville Beach right now. We are having a rehearsal with Jimi Hendrix's Drummer, Buddy Miles, and he wants to meet you. So I grabbed my guitar and amp and drove to Jacksonville Beach," he said.

Smotherman spent the next hours listening to Hendrix's Album, Band of Gypsies.

To Smotherman's surprise, Miles asked him to accompany the band in an old blues song by Muddy Waters during rehearsal.

When it came turn for Smotherman to solo, Miles stopped everything and said, "Young man, can you turn your microphone up."

"So I started my solo again," Smotherman said, "And [Miles] was watching really hard, shaking his head yes. When we were done, he asked me to go on tour with him for the next two weeks."

He packed his bags and hit the road for an adventure of a lifetime.

"Being on tour was the best teacher. Every night was a lesson. I learned how to hold back and work as a band. I learned how to feel the music in the room and the audience," Smotherman said.

Miles featured Smotherman every night.

"We did the tour, and it went really well. We played off and on for four or five years," Smotherman said.

Smotherman has also been featured in all the major guitar magazines, such as Guitar Player and Guitar World magazine, the same magazine that inspired him to be a musician when he was a young teenager.

He has since released five solo albums.

Smotherman released his first solo album, Universal Melody, in 2011, combining rock and world music sounds. He has since released four accompanying albums, including an all-acoustic album, Idle Forest, in mid-June.

"It was written during the Pandemic to help people find some peace. Those songs came to me very easily. It's as if it just wrote itself," he said. "It was a very specific project for me because the main intent was to help others through that difficult period."

The album is dedicated to the late David Wright, Smotherman's Marine Biology teacher at Middleburg. "He always let me play in his class and supported me. Even after graduating, we kept in touch."

Wright sent Smotherman pictures from Thunderhead Mountain, Tennessee, to inspire Smotherman's music.

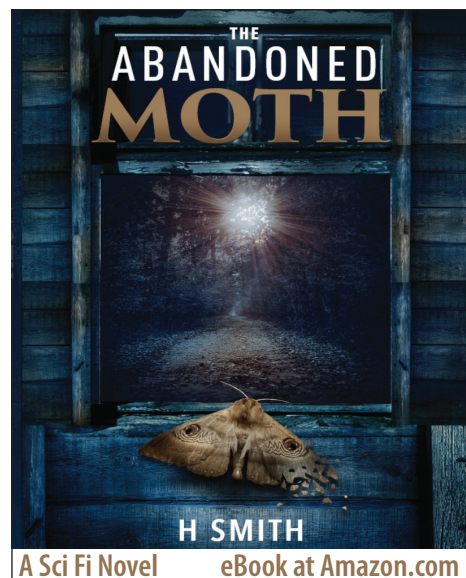
"Unfortunately, Dave passed away about three months after he messaged me," Smotherman said. "And I realized I never wrote that song. So, I wrote 'Thunder Mountain' to fulfill my promise to him and to give that song to his family. It was really the inspiration for 'Idle Forest.'"

Smotherman is currently working on a full classical album in the style of Bach. He also keeps about 50 private students when he is not traveling or performing.

"That was a turn I didn't expect in my musical career, but I knew it was my calling to teach others," he said. He started teaching lessons out of his bedroom when he was 17 and had been teaching for a little more than 25 years.

"Sometimes, I ask my students to envision their best versions of themselves and how they want to play and sound because it sounds like something. And then they have something to work towards. At the end of all this, just don't give up. Some way or another, things work out in the end."

You can hear the music of Tony Smotherman on Spotify and Apple Music and learn more about show dates and online guitar instruction at www.tonysmotherman.com.



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Oakleaf vs. Baker County
Orange Park @ Episcopal

Clay vs. Ridgeview
Middleburg vs. Bishop Kenny
Fleming – Postponed

Countdown until Sept. 15 game: Fleming at Oakleaf the Clay County Super Bowl

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF – Week two of the area high school football will be revved up for a September 15 clash between Fleming Island and Oakleaf high schools with both programs entertaining high-scoring wins in their season openers.

For Oakleaf, first-year coach Chris Foy blasted Orange Park 42-0 behind senior quarterback Brandon Wallace, Jr., debut night of five touchdowns accounted for; three via air, two on the ground.

"This is the first year he has had significant reps, and he is getting better and bet-

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Fleming Island running back Dehmir Jackson scored late in the second half to lead the Golden Eagles to a 40-20 win over rival Clay High..



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Oakleaf High running back Chris Foy II gets a lift from a teammate Akeem Neal after scoring in Knights' 42-0 win over Orange Park.

Wallace debuts with 5 TD opener

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

OAKLEAF - First-time Oakleaf High quarterback starter Brandon Wallace, Jr., threw three touchdown passes and ran for two scores as Oakleaf got the Christopher Foy era off to a smashing start with a 42-0 rout of visiting Orange Park in the season opener for both teams on August 25.

Wallace, a senior who sat last season behind the now-departed Drew Ammon, admitted to being nervous before the game. But he played like a veteran, completing nine of 13 passes for 165 yards in two and a half quarters. Two of his scoring tosses were to freshman Michael

Conner, III, one on a seam route from 10 yards out and one on a perfectly timed post pattern for 36 yards.

"As soon as we started practice this summer, we got an instant chemistry," Wallace said of the 5'7" Conner, who led all receivers with five catches for 80 yards. "He is not big, but he wins his battles."

The Knights discovered another receiving threat in Jordin Price. Price, a sophomore who played cornerback as a freshman, caught three balls for 75 yards. Like Conner, he scored on a post


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NASCAR Pepsi 400

Joshua Breining, front, an Orange Park ROTC student at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach was part of the NASCAR Pepsi 400 festivities Saturday at the Daytona International Speedway. See coverage of Pepsi 400 inside.



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Brandon Wallace, senior, quarterback Oakleaf High School accounted for five touchdowns on 11 of 13 passes for 127 yards with three for scores in Knights 42-0 win over Orange Park High in season opener. Wallace also ran for two touchdowns.



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Volleyball

Mon., Aug. 21
Keystone Hts 0, Bradford 3

Tues., Aug. 22
MHS 3, Spruce Creek 1
OHS 0, Fletcher 3
SJCDs 3, Beaches Chapel 0
Episcopal 3, OPHS 0

Wed., Aug. 23
FIHS 3, SJCDs 0

Thurs., Aug. 24
OHS 1, Mandarin 3
SJCDs 0, Christs Church 3
OPHS 3, Clay 0
Keystone Hts 3, Toco Creek 2

Fri., Aug. 25
OPHS 3, Flagler 0

Mon., Aug. 28
SJCDs 3, St. Johns Classical 0



Tues., Aug. 29
MHS at Bartram Trail
OHS at Baker County
SJCDs at Florida Deaf
OPHS at Fleming Island
Crescent City at Keystone Hts

Thurs., Aug. 31
OHS at Nease
Providence at RHS
Mandarin at OPHS
KHHS at Newberry



Fri.-Sat. Sept. 1-2
MHS Tournament
Tues., Sept. 5
MHS at Providence
OHS at RHS
KHHS at Union County

Wed., Sept. 6
OPHS at SJCDs

Thurs., Sept. 7
MHS at OHS
OPHS at Bishop Snyder
Taylor at KHHS

Golf

Mon., Aug. 28 Girls
Bartram Trail at Fleming Island
Fleming Island 165, Bartram Trail 200

1. FIHS Cambree Hodge 37 (1 Birdie, 7 Par)
2. FIHS Kalia Polete 41
3. FIHS Shayla Abbas 42
3. BT Ashley Mikesell 42
5. FIHS Chloe Blanc 45
6. FIHS Kathryn McNeill 46

Wed., Aug. 23 Boys
Bartram Trail at Fleming Island
Fleming Island 137, Bartram Trail 171

1. FIHS Tyler Mawhinney (Soph) 32 (5 Birdies)
2. FIHS Dylan Frein (JR) 34
3. FIHS Emmet Kuhlenkamp (JR) 35
4. FIHS Carson Moore (SOPH) 36
5. FIHS Ryan Houck (SOPH) 37
6. William Becker (SR) 40

Tues., Aug. 22 Girls
Middleburg, St. Johns Country Day School at Fleming Island
Fleming Island 162, Middleburg 264

1. FIHS Cambree Hodge (SR) 36 (2 Birdies)
2. SJCDs Addy Vogt 38
3. FIHS Kalia Polete (SR) 40
3. FIHS Chloe Blanc (JR) 40
5. MHS Neva Winslow (JR) 42
6. FIHS Kathryn McNeill (JR) 45

Tues., Aug. 22 Boys
Middleburg at Orange Park
Middleburg 186, Orange Park 197

1. MHS Lucas Wahlstrom 38 (7 Par)
1. OPHS Brock Buhnerkemper 38 (1 Birdie)
3. MHS Carson Meeks 41
4. MHS Logan Wahlstrom 48
4. OPHS Evan Davies 48
6. OPHS Hayden Hooks 52



SJCDs, Addy Vogt



Middleburg, Neva Winslow



Fleming Island, Kathryn McNeill

Tues., Aug. 22 Boys
Bishop Snyder at Oakleaf
Eagle Landing Golf Club
Bishop Snyder 161, Oakleaf 180

1. BSHS Matthew Swain 35 (3 Birdies)
2. BSHS Ian Garcia 40
3. OHS Jacoby Kelly 41
3. BSHS William McGready 41
5. OHS Tanner Thompson 45
5. BSHS Riley Everett 45

Mon., Aug. 21 Boys
Bradford, Ridgeview at Keystone Heights
Keystone Heights 158, Ridgeview 192, Bradford 229

1. KHHS Ty Mitzel (JR) 37 (1 Birdie, 6 par)
2. RHS Joseph Derosa 39
2. KHHS Alexander Addington 39
4. KHHS Nick Binet (SR) 40
5. KHHS Kenneth Guy (SR) 42
6. BHS Charles Zink 43

Mon., Aug. 21 Girls
Creekside at Fleming Island
Fleming Island 171, Creekside 179

1. FIHS Kalia Polete 41 (5 Par)
1. CHS Camila Burgos 41 (Double bogie, 1 Birdie)
3. FIHS Cambree Hodge 42
4. FIHS Shayla Abbas 43
5. FIHS Kathryn McNeill 45
5. FIHS Chloe Blanc 45
7. CHS Kyra Gravelle 46

Upcoming

Tues., Sept. 5
Girls: Fleming Island at Creekside
Boys: Clay at Matanzas
Girls: Keystone Hts. at Oak Hall

Wed., Sept. 6
Boys: Nease at Fleming Island

Thurs., Sept. 7
Girls: Ponte Vedra at Fleming Island

Mon., Sept. 11
Boys: Randy Warren Invitational (FIGC)



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The second of two horrific, but not lethal, crashes at the NASCAR Pepsi 400 involved driver Ryan Preece's incredible 11-flip solo crash on the fourth lap to go that came shortly after a wall-crash by Ryan Blaney that caused the race to be stopped temporarily to clean the track. Both drivers walked away from the wrecks.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Middleburg High grad Thomas Hatcher springs around No. 43 car driven by Erik Jones after securing front wheel in last pit stop at NASCAR Pepsi 400. Hatcher, a former athlete at Middleburg High, has been a wrench guy on the Legacy Race Club for nearly 20 years.

Horrific crash mars Pepsi 400 finish

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

DAYTONA BEACH - A savage air flipping wreck by Ryan Preece with four laps to go threw the NASCAR Coke Zero 400 into overtime Saturday night, forcing the race to go beyond the advertised 400 miles. The race was the final qualifying race for NASCAR's playoff system which finishes with a 16 car field for the upcoming 12 playoff races to determine a NASCAR national champion.

When the green flag came out, the crowd witnessed team owner Brad Keselowski push teammate Chris Buescher ahead and never have a serious challenge from third place Aric Almirola as Roush-Fenway-Keselowski (RFK) racing had a one-two finish to end the regular season and head to Darlington Raceway for the Labor Day Classic to kick off the playoffs for the 2023 season. The win is the third for Buescher this season. "Just so thankful for Brad for all those pushes at the right time", said a jubilant Buescher in a post-race interview. "Throughout the race, we lost each other, and got back together when it counted."

The Preece wreck the second of two breathtaking incidents of the evening with Ryan Blaney going head first into the retention wall in the second stage race. Blaney's crash created a stop in action to clear fluids, but Blaney emerged safely from the wreck.

Preece, with four laps remaining, got tapped and crossed the track as the field

approached turn three from the backstretch before his car caught air and started an 11-flip extravaganza that left fans breathless. Again, the crowd collectively held their breath until Preece exited

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CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Right: NASCAR Pepsi 400 winner Chris Buescher, now a four race winner for 2023, lifts trophy in Victory Lane. Buescher and 15 qualifying drivers will now embark on a 12 week playoff run of races to determine the NASCAR National Championship.

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Oakleaf High wide receiver A.J. Justilion separates with ball after making catch and heading to end zone in Knights season opener win over Orange Park.



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Oakleaf High defensive end J.J. Marsh-Mensie lands on top of Orange Park running back Joshua Johnson as both try to capture Johnson's fumble in Knights' 42-0 win over Raiders.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA (KHHS) AND JESSICA MULLANAX (MHS)

Keystone Heights had a BYE week as their season opener and returns to the gridiron with a home match against Eastside High out of Gainesville (1-0). The Indians offense is led by quarterback Baylor Ford, top second from right, who has added a strong pass game to Indians strong run game. For Middleburg, with a lone score from wide out Jarren Rosier, top right, the Broncos' offense got stifled by two time state champion Hawthorne in their opener, 26-7, with Middleburg hosting Bishop Kenny in game two. Pictured for Middleburg in game action against Hawthorne are Jaydan Jenkins, left, Jaden Boyd, center; quarterback Carson Stewart, bottom left, and wide receiver Aiden Worthy.



Wallace

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and set up a Wallace touchdown run in the second quarter by leaping above Raiders cornerback Daniel Richardson to haul in a 35-yard bomb at the five-yard line.

"Price is one of the most athletic guys we have on the team," said Wallace. "He can jump out of the gym, and is an amazing weapon."

Wallace considers his ability to run a major asset, saying his running game will be a major component of the Oakleaf offense this season. He scored Oakleaf's second touchdown on a quarterback sneak in the second quarter and swept left behind the blocking of running back Christopher Foy, II, from seven yards out to put Oakleaf ahead 21-0 at halftime. Wallace finished with 19 yards on six rushes.

Foy is excited about Wallace's potential. "This is the first year he has had signifi-

cant reps, and he is getting better and better," said Foy. "He is an incredible athlete."

For Foy, who begins his tenure at Oakleaf after successfully rebuilding Jackson High School in Jacksonville from doormat to district champion in just three years, the debut was a resounding success. The Oakleaf offense, which began four drives within sight of the goal line thanks to two long snaps that went over the head of Orange Park punter James Waters, a blocked punt, two fumble recoveries and an interception, displayed quick strike ability, while the defense made enough plays to keep the Raiders off of the scoreboard. The home stands were full, and the Knights gave their black-and-gold-clad partisans plenty to cheer about. Cheerleaders, band members and fans danced to house music played over the loudspeakers during time outs, contributing to the party atmosphere.

"This was the livest [sic] venue I have ever coached in," said Foy, who has enjoyed a 30-year coaching career. "It was

so loud I felt like my head was going to explode."

Foy's night was capped off when his son, the Knights starting running back, burst up the middle for the game's final touchdown late in the third quarter. Orange Park largely had themselves to blame for the lop-sided score. Freshman James Waters was able to retreat and recover the errant punt snaps on the opening possession of the game and then again in the third quarter, but the combined loss of 41 yards left the Knights just 20 and eight yards away from the goal line as they started their possessions. Each time, Oakleaf cashed in. Oakleaf lineman Anthoni Smith blocked a Waters punt in the second quarter, leading to another score.

Waters was only in the game because Ty Obermeyer, Orange Park's starting kicker and punter, is also a member of the Raiders' cross-country team and had a meet on Friday which caused him to be late to the football game.

"We have not been doing that [snapping the ball too high] in practice at all," said Orange Park head coach Marcus Wimberly. "We lost the turnover battle three to one and made a lot of unforced errors, and when you do that, it is going to get out of hand." The Raiders running game was effective early, with running backs Joshua Johnson (seven carries, 68 yards) and Dylan Ruiz (4-17) combining for 85 yards on 11 attempts. Sophomore quarterback Gabe Taylor completed nine of 20 passes for 72 yards, victimized by several drops. The Raiders drove inside the Oakleaf 10-yard line twice, but Taylor was intercepted by the Knights' Bryson Keitt in the end zone the first time and a Johnson fumble was recovered by Oakleaf's Justin Marsh-Menise on the second occasion.

Both schools return to action on September 1. Oakleaf hosts Baker County and will try to avenge last year's 25-21 loss to the Wildcats. Orange Park travels to Episcopal.

Panthers can't find the end zone in opener

By Lee Wardlaw
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK- Ridgeview started strong and showed life throughout the first half, but struggled to a 34-8 blowout loss to Menendez. However, one bright spot came in the form of Deshun Green, a speedy, athletic, rangy and athletic sophomore pass catcher that turned in the only touchdown of the game for the Panthers.

With a little more than a minute remaining, Green, who stands at 6-foot-2 and 153 pounds, connected on a deep post pattern from Travon Malone, a converted basketball star standing at 5-9, 200. "I fielded a post (pattern) on the right side of the field, and I knew I had the (moves) to trick the free safeties into moving (out of position)," he said.

The sophomore didn't just record multiple receptions, but also had a big night on special teams, fielding a punt for a 20-yard return to set up Ridgeview in excellent field position for their final drive of the first quarter at the 40-yard line.

During the following sequence (and throughout the night) Ridgeview fans were treated to several flashes of greatness from star running back Rahyn Hutchinson. The senior, built like a tank at 210 pounds, can do a little bit of everything. He showcased those skills in front of hundreds of Panthers fans for the first time of the season under the Clay County "Friday Night Lights." He seeks to go out with a bang.

Hutchinson took direct snaps and caught a pass out of the backfield and when he wasn't doing that, the two-way star ran downhill with fury and force.

When the Panthers struggled through the air behind Malone (who is just getting his feet wet) and a patchwork offensive line that gave up multiple sacks and will need to see vast improvement if Ridgeview has any plans of increasing their one-win total from last season, it was Hutchinson that kept the chains moving.

On several occasions, Hutchinson appeared to be in the midst of a dark cloud of Falcons' defenders, but the bell cow ball carrier had other ideas, the senior powering through his opposition. Hutchinson allowed the Panthers to chip away at yardage, clock and field position, and even control much of the tempo in the first half.

Here's a raw rewind of one highlight sequence from Hutchinson: after fielding a direct snap, the running back effortlessly weaved around a defender, then released his wild side, pile-driving his head and body into three other Falcons, advancing Ridgeview to the 10-yard line, placing the Panthers within easy striking distance of a score.

The Panthers appeared to show control at several points during the first half and only trailed 13-0 heading into intermission, but interceptions, key mistakes, and a defense that couldn't seem to find an an-



Ridgeview High defender Camryn Hall fights with Menendez wide receiver Jason Watson for a pass in first-half action on the season opener for the Panthers.



Ridgeview wide receiver Deshun Green took a short post pass and turned on the jets for a 30-yard scoring play for Panthers.

swer for Falcons' star running back Marquis Sams, who even outshined Hutchinson, put the nail in the coffin for Ridgeview.

The game was put out of reach early in the third quarter after Liam Molloy intercepted a Ridgeview pass with 10 minutes remaining in the period. Molloy wouldn't just find the football, but return it all the way to the 25-yard line of the Panthers. Mason Lynch would punch it in for the score soon later, increasing the Eagles' lead all the way to 20-0 after the extra point.

Ridgeview is still a work in progress, but Hutchinson, Green, and the entire team still showed several signs of life on Friday. But the key will be putting all of the pieces together, which will only come with patience, practice, and a dedicated mindset to rebuilding the program. Studying film (over and over), increasing and streamlining communication and executing the gameplan are in each order. "I believe that I performed well, but we all could. I still have some things I need to work on. We just need to keep the energy up on the sidelines," Green said.

Kimal Marshall supplemented the efforts of Hutchinson at running back, providing Ridgeview with the effective one-two punch they needed to move the ball down



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Ridgeview running back Rayhn Hutchinson follows his block for a gain against Menendez.

the field. The pair could provide a dangerous combination moving forward, and as the season progresses, the Panthers' running back room could even grow into a three-headed attack. Before Marshall carried the Panthers into the red zone on a physical ten-yard gain in the first half, it was freshman Jayden Cross who earned Ridgeview a first down, carrying the Panthers to the 30-yard line in Eagles' territory.

There were also several positive take-aways on the defense. The defensive line

and linebackers corps also improved but still looked strong at several moments throughout the game. In the secondary, senior cornerback Trumani Corbett also came away with a bone-crushing hit in the first half.

Panthers' coaches preached major themes and positives they could build on during their postgame meeting on the field, but they won't have much time to rest before heading into their next matchup, as a big-time bout with Clay High School is slated for Sept. 1.

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Fleming Island senior tailback Dehmir Jackson broke this kickoff return for a 60 yard gain to the Clay 10 yard line off the third quarter kickoff. The return led to a 10 yard scoring run by Tyler Beverly.

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better," said Foy. "He is an incredible athlete."

For Fleming Island, an opportunistic defensive front was more than enough for visiting Clay High in the rivalry game that ended 40-20 for the Golden Eagles.

As of this writing, Fleming Island was still in negotiations to find game two and game three for their schedule with Rickards and Tampa Catholic both backing out of games against Fleming Island rather abruptly.

"We may get lucky with the storm if teams south of us cancel because of the storm," said Fleming Island first-year coach Chad Parker, who got an explosive defensive effort from junior Nathan Van Hof with a monstrous sack that led to a 37-yard scoring strike from quarterback Cibastian Broughton to wideout Trace Burney on the Golden Eagles first play after the fumble in the second half. "I don't mind too much about getting the team some rest before getting ready for Oakleaf in two weeks."

On offense, Parker got four touches from linebacker/running back Dehmir Jackson. Still, the burly backer rumbled for 62 yards on the ground while also taking the third-quarter kickoff 60 yards to the Clay 10 where Fleming Island scored on their first play of the second half to spark a chaotic scoring frenzy between both teams. Jackson also trucked a 12-yard score in the fourth quarter.

Parker understands the effects of time off the field for elite players and would like to see a game in those openings. Early talks with Satellite High (0-1, lost 40-0 to Heritage) are ongoing, per athletic director Travis Cunningham. Satellite finished 5-6 last year with a region playoff loss, 13-12 to Rockledge. Rockledge eventually lost in that region 3-3S semifinal 16-14 to eventual state runner up Daytona Beach Mainland.

Oakleaf's schedule gets no easier be-



Clay High wide receiver Payton Dykas had tight coverage all night from Fleming Island's Kaylib Singleton, No. 2, here in a jump ball in the end zone that went incomplete.

fore Fleming Island with a visit from Baker County who lost a 12-0 game to Bradford County in a clash of north Florida power programs. Bradford scored a touchdown in quarters one (kickoff return for TD) and two (50 Yd scoring pass) then held off the Wildcats for the win. With their BYE the week before Fleming Island, Oakleaf gets a look at Bradford on October 6.

Out at Hawthorne High, the 2M two-time state champion, Middleburg, with a second interception from Vondarius Lane in the first quarter, got burned with big plays (45 Yd scoring pass then 70-yard scoring pass) and gave up a quick 14-0 lead in the first half.

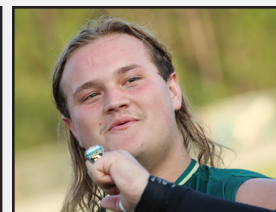
Middleburg did answer with quarterback Carson Stewart working a 10-yard scoring pass to Jarren Rosier to put a little momentum into the Bronco halftime locker room.

In the third, Hawthorne blasted an 80-yard scoring run to go up 20-7 with Middleburg's defense punching out a fumble recovery just before the end of the third.

FIHS state champs get rings

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island High School celebrated state championships at pregame ceremonies before the Clay vs. Fleming Island football game on Friday. Featured were state champion Diver Ava Brinkman in photo with individual boys weightlifting champions Tyler Beverly and Kevin Reyes and members of the boys weightlifting team state champion football players Braden Cunningham, Ladarius Jackson and Haeddon Compton.



The Broncos battled series back and forth before Hawthorne struck again with a 70-yard scoring pass for the final score.

Middleburg hosts Bishop Kenny (1-0, 38-20 win over First Coast) in a rematch of last year's Crusaders win.

Kenny scored quickly and early; back-to-back 30-plus yard TD passes, with a 31-8 lead at the half then cruised to the 38-20 win. Kenny quarterback James R-sar hit four scoring passes and ran one in from 21 yards away.

Orange Park, 42-0 loss to Oakleaf, will need to find an answer with the Raiders headed to Episcopal (1-0, 28-26 over Zarephath Academy) for game two. Episcopal led just 3-0 at the half, but both offenses exploded in the second half with Zarephath scoring 20 in the third and Episcopal scoring 15 in the fourth.

Keystone Heights had the Friday off after a solid preseason outing against Ridgeview and returns to play against Eastside High, 1-0, 28-9 over 2M-Inlet Grove out of Riviera Beach (7-3 last year). Inlet Grove, who returns starting quarterback, lost in region quarterfinals to eventual 2M runner-up American Heritage.

Eastside, 8-3 last year with a region playoff loss to Bradford, exploded for 21 second quarter points against Inlet Grove.

Ridgeview was scoreless for first three

quarters despite moving the ball into the Menendez red zone, but fell 34-8. Panther senior running back Rayhn Hutchinson had a handful of 10-20-yard scampers with a midfield cruise that almost broke. Wideout Deshun Green caught a wide-open 30-yard catch and run post pattern from quarterback Travon Malone for the Panthers' score.

Ridgeview gets Clay at home and will need to get scores. Clay, with newcomer Geno Addison, a transfer running back from Bradford, zigzagging for 90 yards and a score against Fleming Island, moved the ball against Fleming Island at times with questionable penalties hampering the Blue Devils.

On their initial drive after receiving the opening kickoff, junior quarterback Merrick Rapoza, who throughout the game moved the ball with his own rumbles from the pocket plus quick strikes to wide-out Payton Dykas, got the Blue Devils deep into Fleming Island territory numerous times, but penalties and Fleming Island's defensive, under the direction of defensive coach Derek Chipoletti, was able to thwart the attempts.

Clay's scores came off a timely inside kick recovery and an ill-timed unsportsmanlike penalty on Fleming Island that kept a scoring drive going.



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Former Ridgeview High quarterback Tyler Huff returns to Furman as quarterback after an outstanding season last year as a graduate student player. Huff guided Furman to a 10-3 record with two FCS playoff games.

Clay County puts three on Furman football roster

Courtesy of Furman Athletics

GREENVILLE, SC – Led by returning starting quarterback Tyler Huff, the Furman University football team will feature three starters from Clay County. Huff, a graduate student-athlete in his second year with a post-COVID eligibility season after leaving Presbyterian College after a sterling four-year career there, led Furman to a 10-3 last year with two rounds of Florida College Series playoff games. Huff is a Rid-

geview High School graduate in Orange Park, FL.

“Tyler had a terrific year (in 2022),” said head coach Clay Hendrix. “I was watching some stuff from August a year ago when he hadn’t been here very long. A lot of people don’t remember he was coming off a knee injury. Now he’s completely healthy, has put on some good weight, and is about 215 pounds. He’s continued to

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Former Fleming Island linebacker Alex Maier is a hard-charging tackler in the “Bandit” position for the Furman defense, while, below, senior Jeremiah Jackson, also of Fleming Island, returns to his spot as defensive end for Furman.



NASCAR

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the car before medical personnel took him away. Preece was released Sunday morning and returned to North Carolina as he prepare to race in Darlington.

As the race restarted on lap 162 in overtime, Keselowski found Buescher who was running in second place, locked bumpers to use the two cars to gain more speed and found themselves in the front of the field and held the lead through the checkered flag.

The other item of interest was securing the last playoff spot in the top 16 going to Alabama driver Bubba Wallace. Wallace had to do it the hard way with season accumulated points, as well as

some luck. Coming into the evening, Wallace had a 32-point lead over Ty Gibbs. With Gibbs’ involvement in the Blaney incident, all Wallace had to do was complete the competition, or win it, as well as have no other winless drivers win tonight’s race which would give them an automatic berth into the playoffs. In the end, Wallace was in the playoff field of 16 drivers who go into round one for the three week sprint to see who moves on.

The season championship rolls through the next 10 weeks eliminating drivers after each round of three races until the last four drivers remain to race for the championship in Phoenix November 5th. Round one will kick off Labor Day weekend in Darlington, SC, then move to Kansas Speedway KS, and eliminate four drivers after the night race in Bristol, TN.



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The two prettiest in pink fans of NASCAR driver Kyle Busch, left, Kinley Degatina, 3, and right, Rosie Lawrence, 4, get pumped up with their dads; Shane and Rodney, as engines rev up at start of NASCAR Pepsi 400 in Daytona Beach.



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NASCAR fans (and Ricky Bobby and Cal Naughton, Jr, look alike) Sean Ancona, left, and son Caiden, 15, both of Tampa, were part of the massive crowd at the Pepsi 400 in Daytona Beach.



Country music star Nike Moon, who recently performed the last two years at the Clay County Fair, entertains the NASCAR Pepsi 400 crowd prior to Saturday’s race.

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TUSCALOOSA, AL (08/21/2023)-- Alabama gymnastics was named a 2023 Scholastic All-America team and saw 16 gymnasts earn individual Scholastic All-America honors, the Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA) revealed in a press release.

On the list for the Crimson Tide is former Fleming Island High gymnast Lilly Hudson, now a junior. Hudson finished 2023 as a Second team Regular season All-American in the Floor Exercise and an All-Southeastern Conference selection. Hudson scored an astounding 9.900 (out of 10) in nine of her 13 floor routines during the 2023 season which saw Alabama, the eighth seed in the NCAA regionals, finish in fourth place at the NCAA Regional finals in the Lloyd Noble Center on the campus of the University of Oklahoma, scoring a 197.650.

The Crimson Tide, who finished 10th in the nation last season and second in the Southeastern Conference, earned a 3.66 team grade point average. The announcement marked the 18th year in a row that the Crimson Tide gymnasts have posted a team GPA of 3.4 or higher.

The Tide's 2023 Scholastic All-Americans included NCAA champion and All-American Luisa Blanco, and two-time Olympian and All-American Shallon Olsen, as well as Corinne Bunagan, Ella Burgess,



Karis German, SEC champion Gabby Gladieux, Zoe Gravier, All-American Lilly Hudson, Lillian Lewis, Lauren Little, Cameron Machado, Isabella Martin, Sania Mitchell, Jordyn Paradise, Rachel Rybicki and Mati Waligora.

With its 16 Scholastic All-Americans in 2023, Alabama has now posted double digit honors the last 13 consecutive years and 17 times since 1999. Overall, 143 Tide gymnasts have earned Scholastic All-America recognition 331 times since the award's inception in 1991. Over the last decade, a total of 74 Tide gymnasts have earned 172 Scholastic All-America honors.

Alabama's 16 honorees were the second highest within the Southeastern Conference, trailing only Kentucky who picked up 18 total All-Americans.



Rogers leads the charge

St. Johns Country Day School soccer graduate and state champion Megan Rogers, now a fighter pilot and Captain in the U. S. Marine Corps after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, led a trio of Osprey aircraft in a fly over of Wembley Stadium in Ireland prior to the Navy vs. Notre Dame football season opener on Saturday.



CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

BID ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Green Cove Springs, Attn: Kim Thomas, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, until 2:00pm local time, October 3, 2023, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the following City of Green Cove Springs project: **RFP No. 2023-13, Rivers House Restoration for the City of Green Cove Springs.**

Bids shall comply with the conditions, instructions, specifications, and terms as described in the bid package. Bids shall be mailed or delivered in person to City Hall, Attn: Kim Thomas, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Faxed, electronic, telephonic, or oral transmittals will not be accepted. Any bid received after the designated closing time will be immediately rejected. Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and plainly marked: **RFP No. 2023-13, Rivers House Restoration for the City of Green Cove Springs.**

Bidders are expected to fully inform themselves of the requirements of the specifications. Failure to do so is at the Bidder's risk. Bidders will not secure relief on the plea of error or misunderstanding. Bidders agree by signing and delivering a bid proposal to the acceptance of all terms, conditions, and specifications of the bid package. **Bids are valid for a period of 60 calendar days after date of opening.**

Bidders declare that the only persons or parties interested in their bid are those named on the Bid Proposal Form. They state that their bid is in all respects fair and without fraud and without collusion with any official, agent, or employee of the City or anyone submitting another bid. The City reserves the right to require the successful bidder to execute an agreement incorporating all bid documentation, and which contains standard provisions for default, bid security, attorney fees, termination, remedies, jurisdiction and other conditions deemed legally appropriate by the City. It is the desire of the City to enter into an agreement to complete this singular project.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole, or any part thereof, waive any or all irregularities, and award the bid to the responsible bidder determined to represent the City's best interests.

Bid packages may be obtained from the City's website www.greencovesprings.com, under the bidding opportunities section.

Kim Thomas,
Executive Assistant to the City Manager
City of Green Cove Springs
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Legal 82364 Published 8/31/2023 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 **BLINKN EVENTS** located at 411 Walnut Street #19384, 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 25th day of August 2023.
FAISAL QURESHI
Legal 82363 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

On September 7, 2023, at 9:00 AM, an auction will take place at 1046 Airpark Rd, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
The vehicles which will be auctioned include:
1G11E5SADDF312114 2013 CHEV
Legal 82362 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockertox.com on Thursday the 21st day of September, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Jackson, Nelson 338 Totes, Boxes, Fridge, Dryer, Mattress, Highchair, Side Tables, Futon Couch, Kitchen Chairs, Lamp Floor Lamp, Pictures, Legos, Partin, Morgan 653 Bicycle, TV, Cube Shelf, Boxes, Shoes, Baby Gate, Back Pack Cooler, Totes, Wire Shelf, Woodworth, Josie 103 Totes, Duffie Bags, Bicycle, Lamp, Desk Chair, Clothes, Shoes, Misc Items. Hurston, Doug 659 TV Trays, Gators Trash Bin, Boxes, Pictures, Guitar Case, Black Decker Yard Tools, Crock Ppt, Pots Pans, Totes, Gator Tool Box. Jackson, Jimmy 611 Fans, Wooden Chairs, Coolers, Totes, Back Packs, Bags, Boxes. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Legal 82361 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

On September 15, 2023, at 9:00 AM, an auction will take place at 1046 Airpark Rd, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
The vehicles which will be auctioned include:
1G1JA5SH9C4206084
2012 CHEV
Legal 82360 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Public Notice
RFQ-SJR-04-2023
REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
FOR ARCHITECTURAL
SERVICES

St. Johns River State College (SJR State) is soliciting architectural services for the remodel and addition to the FloArts facility (Bldg. F) located on the Palatka Campus, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177. To be considered, qualifications must be submitted as prescribed in the RFQ-SJR-04-2023 Specifications Document. The specifications document may be obtained by sending a written request via e-mail to Terry.Thomas@sjrstate.edu or by clicking on this link to the college's web page dedicated to this RFQ <https://www.sjrstate.edu/042023>.

RFQ responses, clearly marked on the outside with the firm name and RFQ-SJR-04-2023, must be received by **Mrs. Terry Thomas, Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management, St. Johns River State College, Business Office, 5001 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL 32177 by 2:00 p.m. on September 21, 2023.** Responses received by the deadline will be officially opened and firm names read aloud at 2:30 p.m. on September 21, 2023, in Room A152, Valhalla Hall in the Admin. Bldg. on the campus in Palatka. Faxed, e-mailed, conditional, late responses, and deliveries to an incorrect location will not be considered.

Information and notices will be posted on the college's web page dedicated to this RFQ at <https://www.sjrstate.edu/042023> as the process progresses. Responses will be evaluated by committee per criteria contained in the specifications document and will include interviews of top ranked candidates. A public meeting will be held on October 2, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in Room A-152 Valhalla Hall, Administration Building, on the SJR State Campus in Palatka to evaluate written responses and select candidates for interviews. Interviews, open to the public, will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. October 9, 2023, in Room A-152 on the Palatka Campus culminating in a public meeting at 1:30 p.m. for preparation of a ranked short-list of architects for action by the DBOT at their meeting at the SJR State Campus in Palatka on October 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Contract negotiations will begin with the top ranked firm following action by the DBOT.

SJR State reserves the right to reject any or all responses to the RFQ, to waive any or all informalities in regards thereto, and to award a contract which will be in the best interest of the College.

Legal 82358 Published 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs at Horton's Towing 3645 Hwy 17, Bldg. 2, Fleming Island, FL 32003 Horton's Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
Auction date - 9/3/2023, 9:00 a.m.
1993 Ford VIN# 1FTCR10X6PUD13773
Auction date - 9/3/2023, 9:00 a.m.
2009 Ford Vin# 1FTPF12V79K32069
Legal 82357 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS ON HOSPITALS WITHIN CLAY COUNTY

The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to consider imposing non-ad valorem assessments against each private for-profit and not-for-profit hospital within Clay County that provides inpatient hospital services and that holds a right of possession and right of use to real property in the County. The assessments are to be deposited into the County's Local Provider Participation Fund established to finance intergovernmental transfers provided consistent with federal guidelines that fund the non-federal share of certain Medicaid and/or Medicaid managed care payments.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to this assessment to be imposed on the hospitals. All interested parties may file written objections with the County Commission within 20 days of this notice. The assessment will be applied to each hospital in Clay County on the date the assessment is imposed. The assessment shall equal 1.30% of hospital net patient revenue for each assessed hospital and will be collected by an alternative method through assessment bills. The assessment shall constitute a lien upon the assessed properties and failure to pay the assessment may cause foreclosure proceedings, which could result in loss of title. The non-ad valorem special assessment roll is available for inspection at the Office of the Assessment Coordinator, c/o the County Attorney's office, Second Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to the matter considered at the public hearing, or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations, is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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 81978 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockertox.com on Thursday the 21st day of September, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL, 32003 Clay County Soto, David F008 mattress, bed frame, ladder, lawn chairs, tv, ceiling fans, kids toys, scooter, tools, suitcase, smoker grill, power washer, misc. Breton, Kendra E129 Chairs, tv, coffee table, toaster and toaster oven, boxes, end table, printer and misc. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Legal 81977 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 09/15/2023 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.
5FNYF28196B044096 2006 HOND
Legal 81976 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LIEN AUCTION

Sale Date: September 12, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
Location: 4225 CR 218, Middleburg, Florida
Vehicle: 2003 Ford
VIN# 1FTNW21P93ED36104
Legal 81975 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-336
Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF RUTH PAULINE LAW
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Ruth Pauline Law, deceased, whose date of death was May 31, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served

must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is August 31, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
SEAN E. HENGESBACH, ESQ.
Florida Bar Number: 0491551
5438 Spring Hill Drive
Spring Hill, Florida 34606
Telephone: (352) 683-1963
Fax: (352) 683-3847
E-Mail: sean@naturecoastlaw.com
E-Mail: stephanie@naturecoastlaw.com
Personal Representative:
Katherine Wisnoski
51535 Nicolette
Chesterfield, Michigan 48047
Legal 81974 Published 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. 2022CA000709
MIDFIRST BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PAMELA BELT AKA PAMELA PADGET BELT, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 09, 2023, and entered in 2022CA000709 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein MIDFIRST BANK is the Plaintiff and PAMELA BELT AKA PAMELA PADGET BELT 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.real-foreclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on **October 09, 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 36, BLOCK 133, BLACK CREEK PARK UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE(S) 21 THROUGH 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

TOGETHER WITH A 1986 PIEDMONT MOBILE HOME ID#5361773696A AND 5361773696B, RP# R0505715 AND R0505716 WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE AFORE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY AND INCORPORATED HEREIN.

Property Address: 2684 MYRTLE LOOP, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 25 day of August, 2023.

Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Leigh Lucroy
As Deputy Clerk

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

Legal 81973 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022CA001075
HMC ASSETS, LLC SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF CAM XI TRUST,
Plaintiff,
v.
RAKA SHANA RAYCHAUDHURI, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 10, 2023, issued in and for Clay County, Florida, in Case No. 2022CA001075, wherein HMC ASSETS, LLC SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF CAM XI TRUST is the Plaintiff, and RAKA SHANA RAYCHAUDHURI, LLC, A FLORIDA

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., RIVER HILLS RESERVE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A PURNINA RAYCHAUDHURI and UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/K/A RAKA SHANA RAYCHAUDHURI are the Defendants. **The Clerk of the Court, TARA GREEN**, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, on **October 09, 2023, at electronic sale beginning at 10:00 AM**, at www.clay.realforeclose.com the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure, to wit:
LOT 80, RIVER HILLS RESERVE UNIT 1, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 34, PAGE(S) 70 THROUGH 75, INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 1839 Hickory Trace Dr., Fleming Island, FL 32003
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED.
Dated: This 25th day of August, 2023.
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk
By: Gracie Moore
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crin@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.

Legal 81972 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PATERNAL AUNT'S JOINT PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF MOTHER'S PATERNAL RIGHTS:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2023-DR-000358
Division:
IN re: The Adoption of KATHERINE LEAH VAN KEUREN and CAROLINE SABRINA VAN KEUREN, Minor Children.
Jimmie Nitka
7144 Paul Howard Dr
Jacksonville FL 32222
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for **Paternal Aunt's Joint Petition for Adoption and Termination of Mother's Parental Rights** has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to, **Stephen Doty, Esq., 7545 Centurion Pkwy Suite 105, Jacksonville FL 32256, on before 20 days of publication of service**, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office. Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(2), Notice of Action For Family Cases With Minor or Dependent Child(ren) (06/18) 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: August 25, 2023.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

Legal 81971 Published 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023, 9/14/2023 and 9/21/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
1939 East West Parkway, Fleming Island, FL 32003
September 19, 2023 at 10:00 am
Raphael Rivera-Household Goods
Tenise Haynes- Household Goods
Dominique Fanelle- household goods
Chris Coyle- Household Goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order

to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Legal 81966 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 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
September 14, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068,
pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.
2017 Jeep ID# ZACCJBC5HPHE86698
Legal 81965 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Clay County School Board Public Notice

The Clay County School Board will hold its Regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Teacher Inservice Center located at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island, Florida 32003. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to bonnie.onora@myonclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at www.onclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Legal 81963 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinance: **ORDINANCE NO. O-27-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 90, UTILITIES, ARTICLE III, ELECTRIC UTILITY, DIVISION 3, ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC"; SECTION 90-121 ENTITLED "RATE SCHEDULE FOR ELECTRICITY FURNISHED"; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance: City Council: First Reading on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
City Council: Second & Final Reading on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through (904) 284-4849 (TDD).

Said Ordinance is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

City of Green Cove Springs Erin West, City Clerk
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
L. Steve Kennedy, City Manager
Legal 81962 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, JUDICIAL DISTRICT, IN AND FOR, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2022-CC-001701
DIVISION: CC-C
TWO CREEKS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JENNIFER SATCHEL, ET AL.
Defendants.
Notice is given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 23, 2023, in the above styled civil action of the County Court, in and for Clay County, Florida, in which THE ESTATE OF JENNIFER SATCHEL is the Defendant, and TWO CREEKS OWNERS

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff. The property will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. on **October 12, 2023**, on Clay County's Public Auction website: www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, 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 lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. The property to be sold as set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure is more particularly described as: Lot 491, TWO CREEKS, a subdivision, according to the plat as recorded in Plat Book 52, Pages 62 through 104, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Dated this 24th day of August, 2023. CLERK OF COUNTY COURT
By: Nicole Barrie
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81827 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Clay County Department of Public Safety has received an application from RG Ambulance Service, Inc., d/b/a Century Ambulance Service, Inc., for a Class B, C and D Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) and is in the process of reviewing it. Pursuant to Clay County Ordinance 2018-23, as amended, codified at Chapter 7.3 of the Clay County Code, notice is hereby given that a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners will be held on September 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, to consider the application. The public hearing will be held at the following location: Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Clay County Administration Building (4th Floor), 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard on matters pertaining to the application. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A copy of the application is available for review during normal business hours at the Clay County Department of Public Safety, 2519 State Road 16 W., Green Cove Springs, Florida. Telephone number: (904) 284-7703, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of legal holidays. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to participate in this matter should contact Clay County Risk Management by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 278-4718, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Deaf and hard of hearing persons can 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 81811 Published 8/31/2023 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 **Celebrating Antique Beauty** located at 225 College Dr, Suite 65609, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32065 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 24th day of August 2023. C.A.B. Collective, LLC
Legal 81809 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

ELITE TOWING gives notice that on 09/18/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(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. 1HGCG5644YA148515 2000 HOND
Legal 81808 Published 8/31/2023 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 **Emanated Business Solutions** located at 1521 Ashleigh Street, in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 23rd day of August 2023. Linda Nelson
Legal 81648 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023-CC-1136
DIVISION:
ARBOR MILL AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
AJITKUMAR HARIKRUSHNA PURANI, ET AL Defendants.
TO: AJITKUMAR HARIKRUSHNA PURANI, JAGRUTIBEN A. PURANI, JAYSHIL AJITKUMAR PURANI, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAYSHIL AJITKUMAR PURANI, MONIKA AJIT PURANI, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MONIKA AJIT PURANI, KHUSHUBU AJITKUMAR PURANI, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KHUSHUBU AJITKUMAR PURANI
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above-styled action to foreclose the lien on the following described property in Duval County, Florida:
Lot 131, OF ARBOR MILL AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 58, Page 10, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
Property Address: 4224 Arbor Mill Circle Orange Park, Florida 32065
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Crabtree Law Group, P.A., 8777 San Jose Boulevard, Building A, Suite 200, Jacksonville, Florida 32217. (Phone Number: (904)732-9701, Email: ems@crabtreefl.com). Plaintiff's attorney within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Clay Today.
DATED on August 21, 2023.
TARA S GREEN
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT
By: Robin Tefft
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1697, at least seven (7) days prior to scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Legal 81598 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The online bidding and auction for Storage Rentals of America, 369 Blanding Blvd. will be held online at lockerfox.com through **September 21, 2023, at 11:00AM.**

The entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien and other charges according to FL Statutes 83.801.
PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:
Unit # Tenant or Business Name
B07 Joyce Grace
E46 Derrick Williams
E48 Dior Jordan
I20 Tyler Cyriaque
I61 Louis Lozado
K15 Richard Dernick
M30 Martha Jones
N206 Michael Ardolino
Total Units: 8
Sale being held to satisfy Landlords' lien. The seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. CASH ONLY. Contents to be removed within 48 hours.
Storage Rentals of America
369 Blanding Blvd.
Orange Park, FL 32073
904-977-6400
Legal 81594 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

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

ing for the proposed rezoning application on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public. Information regarding the proposed change is noted below.
Current Zoning Districts: Commercial Neighborhood (CN)
Proposed Zoning District: Commercial General (CG)
Application No. R-10-2023 Acreage: 0.924 +/-
Owner: Bailey's Real Estate, LLP
Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. by appointment.
Courtney Russo, Town Clerk
Legal 81578 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

A request to amend the Future Land Use Map of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located at 2183 Park Avenue between Milwaukee Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. The parcel number is 41-04-26-018940-000-00. The Town Council will hold a public hearing for the proposed amendment on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public. Information regarding the application and proposed changes is noted below:
Application No: CP-10-2023
Acreage: 0.924 +/-
Current Land Use Category: Commercial Low Intensity (CLI)
Proposed Land Use Category: Commercial Medium Intensity (CMI)
Owner: Bailey's Real Estate, LLP
Current or previous use: Medical Equipment Sales
Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of the application may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. by appointment.
Courtney Russo, Town Clerk
Legal 81577 Published 8/31/2023 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 **Signatrust Notary Services** located at 410 Blanding Blvd, Ste 10 #401, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 22nd day of August 2023. Signatrust, LLC
Legal 81576 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2021-CC-000400
AUTUMN GLEN TOWNHOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,
v.
JAMES L STOVALL, et al, Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Court will offer the following described property in Clay County, Florida:
Street Address: 1605 Vineland Circle D Fleming Island, FL 32003
Legal Description: Lot 12D, Autumn Glen, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 44, Page(s) 38 through 42., of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
for sale to the highest bidder, for cash on **October 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** at www.clay.realforeclose.com, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in this action dated August 17, 2023.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
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 Administrator (904) 630-2564 at least seven (7) days prior to your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time

before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771 for assistance.
DATED this 22nd day of August, 2023.
CLERK OF COURT
By: Nicole Barrie
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81575 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES ANABELLE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

The Board of Supervisors of the Anabelle Island Community Development District will hold their regular meetings for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065 on the second Tuesday of each month as follows or otherwise noted:
October 10, 2023
November 14, 2023
December 12, 2023
January 9, 2024
February 13, 2024
March 12, 2024
April 9, 2024
May 14, 2024
June 11, 2024
July 9, 2024
August 13, 2024
September 10, 2024
The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provision of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from Governmental Management Services – North Florida, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 or by calling 904-940-5850.
There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (877) 276-0889 at least 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 Office.
A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
Marilee Giles
District Manager
Legal 81572 Published 8/31/2023 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. 2023CA000053
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
v.
SAMUEL L. THOMPSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAMUEL L. THOMPSON; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; JAMES JONES, JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES JONES, JR.; BARBARA D. COCHRAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BARBARA D. COCHRAN; Defendants.
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 09, 2023, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as: **LOT 8 OF HAGANS RIDGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 53, PAGES 17, 18 AND 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. a/k/a 1713 HAGANS RIDGE CT, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043-8591** at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com, on November 7, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this 21st day of August, 2023.
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Jennifer Brosky
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81429 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-414
Division: A
IN RE: ESTATE OF

BETTY G. HARRIS Deceased.
The administration of the estate of BETTY G. HARRIS, deceased, whose date of death was July 4, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, 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 31, 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/ Cynthia Harris Stewart
1688 Muirfield Drive
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Legal 81428 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: ATCF II FLORIDA A LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 205/2021
Legal Description: LOT 61 KINGSLEY COVE
Parcel ID No.: 150623-021646-002-61
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,199.36
Physical Address: 4072 BUENA VISTA AVE, STARKE
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: NUTTY BUD-DY 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 15th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 21st day of August, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81280 Published 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: GLORIA J WARNICK, 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.: 1657/2017
Legal Description: PT LOT 9 SW OF RD BLACK CREEK ESTATES AS REC O R 919 PG 568
Parcel ID No.: 110524-006143-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,521.25
Physical Address: SCENIC DR , MIDDLEBURG
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: CECILE K ABRAM
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 15th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 21st day of August, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81279 Published 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: GRACE SALAS, the holder of the following certifi-

cate 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.: 910/2017
Legal Description: LOT 19 BLK 96 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3150 PG 963
Parcel ID No.: 210823-004239-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,005.18
Physical Address: 7184 RUTGERS ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: DENTON II LLC
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 15th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 21st day of August, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81278 Published 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: BUFFALO BILL 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.: 3639/2016
Legal Description: W1/2 LOT D WILES S/D OF LT 7 BLK 30 N S GCS DB 30 PG 356 & O R 1 PG
29 EX O R 126 PG 328 & 242 PG 134
Parcel ID No.: 380626-017901-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,112.99
Physical Address: WALBURG ST , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: ESTATE OF LEWIS REDMOND C/O LEE P WASHINGTON 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 15th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 21st day of August, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81277 Published 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: BEAMIF A LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 631/2020
Legal Description: LOTS 1,5 & 6 BLK 17 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2535 PG 961
Parcel ID No.: 210823-002658-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,816.73
Physical Address: 7191 SKIDMORE ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: SONUEL LOUISANT & GLADYS MESIDOR
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 15th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 21st day of August, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81276 Published 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: VINMAS HOLDINGS LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 794/2021
Legal Description: LOT 17 BLK 79 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 1029 PG 740
Parcel ID No.: 210823-003843-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,051.15
Physical Address: 6208 HUNTER AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: CLARENCE L WILSON JR
Said property being in the County of Clay,

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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 15th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 21st day of August, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81275 Published 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: VINMAS HOLDINGS LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 1996/2021
Legal Description: LOT 15 BLK 1 LAKESIDE TERRACE AS REC O R 3595 PG 1334
Parcel ID No.: 140824-007055-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,190.55
Physical Address: 7212 CARDINAL ST , FLORAHOME
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: TERRELL GLEN SWEAT
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 15th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 21st day of August, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81274 Published 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 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.: 3382/2020
Legal Description: LOT 10 EX W 18' BLK V SHANDS PLAT AS REC O R 36 PG 343, 1737 PG 1183, 1744 PG 1669, 3012 PG 1371 & 3031 PG 478
Parcel ID No.: 380626-018251-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,965.17
Physical Address: 1209 FORBES ST , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: JEWEL BASKIN P/R
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 21st day of August, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81273 Published 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: BEAMIF A LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 2085/2021
Legal Description: LOTS 3-9 BUNDY PARK SEC 1 BLK 1 AS REC O R 1770 PG 894, 1777 PG 1910, 1784 PG 1022 & 2865 PG 400
Parcel ID No.: 310824-007851-003-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,290.10
Physical Address: 0 HONEYDEW CIR , MELROSE
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: RONALD C TUCKER (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 11th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 21st day of August, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81272 Published 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: BUFFALO BILL 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.: 1939/2016
Legal Description: LOT 49B SUNNYSIDE FARMS AS REC O R 1454 PG 212 & 2234 PG 316 (MINERALS)
Parcel ID No.: 360524-006761-108-01
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,697.67
Physical Address: 4060 SUNNYSIDE DR , MIDDLEBURG
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: MICHAEL P SINCLAIR
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 21st day of August, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 81271 Published 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023CA001049
625 OAKLEAF PLANTATION #714 LAND TRUST,
Plaintiff(s),
v.
CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST (#06-04-25-007869-070-40),
Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a judicial sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment for Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause of action. The Clerk of Court Tara S. Green, shall sell the following described real property at a public sale online at <https://clay.realforeclose.com/> to the highest bidder or bidders for cash beginning at **10:00 a.m. on September 15, 2023** in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes:
UNIT #714, IN BUILDING NO. 7, IN PHASE 7, OF THE COVENTRY AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2954, PAGE 1405, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA, AS AMENDED
Property Address: 625 Oakleaf Plantation Pkwy #714, Orange Park FL, 32065
Parcel Identification Number: 06-04-25-007869-070-40 (the "Property").
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.
DATE: August 18, 2023
CLERK OF COURT
By: Gracie Moore
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PARENTING/TIME SHARING

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE# 2014-DR-2102
Division F
Miles Tyler
Petitioner
and
Jessica Picklo
Respondent.
TO: Jessica Picklo
1904 Plainfield Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Family Court has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Miles Tyler whose address is 4468 Gray Hawk St. Orange Park, FL 32065, on or before October 2, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to com-

ply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: August 18, 2023.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Gracie Moore
Deputy Clerk
Legal 80881 Published 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NUMBER: 2023-CP-000408
DIVISION: A
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLIFFORD JOSEPH BASEL
a/k/a CLIFFORD J. BASEL
Deceased,
The administration of the estate of CLIFFORD JOSEPH BASEL, deceased, whose date of death was June 5, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Circuit Court, Probate Division, 825 North 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 ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS 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 PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 24, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative: GERALDINE C. HARTIN
FLORIDA Bar 15201
3168 Highway 17, Suite A
Fleming Island, FL 32003
904-278-3888
geraldine.hartin@gmail.com
Personal Representative: CAROL A. BASEL
1619 Sheffield Place
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Legal 80880 Published 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2022 CC 000809
DIVISION:
ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGES OF FIRESIDE, INC.
a Florida not for profit corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JUSTIN BEHM,
Defendant.
TO: JUSTIN BEHM
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for injunctive relief and specific performance under the authority granted by the governing documents of the Plaintiff homeowners association and under Chapter 720 Florida statutes, as regards the real property owned by Defendant, Justin Behm and more specifically described follows:
LOT 299, Villages of Fireside Unit 2-C, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 32, page(s) 44 through 51, inclusive, of the public records of Clay County, Florida.
Parcel ID No.: 45-0525-008989-013-47
With a physical address of: 2595 Spring Meadows Dr., Middleburg, FL 32068,
And such action was filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ted K Brown, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1450 Flagler Ave. #1, Jacksonville, FL 32207, no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this notice of action and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Clay County, Florida, this 3rd day of July 2023.
TARA S GREEN
As Clerk of the Court
By Robin Tefft
As Deputy Clerk
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) if you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Mary Justino at 904-269-6337 at least three business days prior to the required service by calling 711 and the Florida Relay Service will assist you with your call to the Court.
Legal 80877 Published 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2023CA001186
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CIM TRUST 2021-R1, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2021-R1, Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF BONNIE J. WANTLAND, DECEASED, et al.
Defendant(s).
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF BONNIE J. WANTLAND, DECEASED,
whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
LOT 48, BLOCK 29, BELLAIR, UNIT NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 18 AND 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 17th day of August, 2023.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Jennifer Brosky
DEPUTY CLERK
Legal 80746 Published 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 10-2023-CP-000203-CPAXXX
DIVISION: B
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LADONNA LORAIN HODGES, Deceased.
The administration of the Estate of LADONNA LORAIN HODGES, deceased, whose date of death was March 2, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 10-2023-CP-000203; address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estates, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this court, WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED 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 24, 2023.
/s/ Donald W. Matthews
DONALD W. MATTHEWS, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No.: 131997
7952-1A Normandy Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32221
Phone: (904) 695-3002
Email: donaldmatthewslaw@bellsouth.net
Attorney for Personal Representative
/s/ Steve Hodges
STEVE HODGES, Personal Representative
6106 Island Forrest Drive
Fleming Island, FL 32003
Legal 80745 Published 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2023CA001143
TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2020-4, U.S.
BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANT-EEES,
ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES,
AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST
THE ESTATE OF RONALD E. BARNHILL A/K/A RONALD BARNHILL, DECEASED; ET AL.,
Defendants.
To the following Defendant:
RONALD S. BARNHILL
(LAST KNOWN ADDRESS-3662 MATEO PLACE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065)
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOT 8, BLOCK 4, MINIATURE ACRES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGES 27 AND 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
a/k/a 3662 Mateo Place, Orange Park, FL 32065
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, upon Heller, Zion & Sanchez, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 1428 Brickell Avenue, Suite 600, Miami, FL 33131,
Designated Email Address: mail@heller-zion.com, on or before October 1, 2023, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the CLAY TODAY and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Verified Complaint To Foreclose Mortgage.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crintrp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 17th day of August, 2023.
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Gracie Moore
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 80730 Published 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 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.: 2101/2021
Legal Description: LOT 4N LIVE OAK FOREST AS REC O R 1465 PG 964 & 1540 PG 624
Parcel ID No.: 310824-007852-074-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,621.07
Physical Address: 5521 DARWOOD ST , MELROSE
Classification: MOBILE HOME JOINED SFR UNIT
Name in which assessed: DIANE E TOMLINSON
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 17th day of August, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 80729 Published 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023, 9/7/2023 and 9/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022CA000412
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST
IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. CLARK A/K/A WILLIAM FREDERICK CLARK ET AL.,

DEFENDANTS.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 2nd day of August, 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022CA000412, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. CLARK A/K/A WILLIAM FREDERICK CLARK, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM F. CLARK A/K/A WILLIAM FREDERICK CLARK, JAMES RAY HACK JR A/K/A JAMES HACK, JR. A/K/A JAMES HACK, LEE MICHAEL CLARK AND UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are Defendants. Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 A.M. on the 4th day of October, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 7 OF SECTION 1 GATOR BONE LAKE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE(S) 51, 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 an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TDD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crintrp@coj.net.
Dated this 15th day of August, 2023.
Tara S. Green
Clerk of The Circuit Court
By: Gracie Moore
Deputy Clerk
Legal 80540 Published 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-000416
Division A
IN RE: ESTATE OF ELLA MAE JOHNS, Deceased.
The administration of the estate of ELLA MAE JOHNS, deceased, whose date of death was June 24, 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 petitioner and the petitioner's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is August 24, 2023.
Attorney for Petitioner: GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR., LL.M.
Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar Number: 887950
Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.
Attorneys at Law, P.A.
1543 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 5
Orange Park, FL 32073
Telephone: (904) 264-8800
Fax: (904) 264-0155
Primary email address: grady@floridaelder.com
Secondary email address: renee@floridaelder.com
Petitioner: OWEN W. JOHNS
3095 Moody Avenue
Orange Park, Florida 32065
Legal 80535 Published 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on September 20, 2023. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/notes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on September 13, 2023 and end at 10AM on September 20, 2023. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com. **KO Storage of Keystone Heights - 1029 State Rte 100, 1029 FL-100, Keystone Heights FL 32656, (952) 314-7121**
Time: 10:00AM CST
 K030, Baker, James
KO Storage of Keystone Heights - 7350 State Rte 100, 7350 FL-100, Keystone Heights FL 32656, (952) 314-7121
Time: 10:00AM CST
 KM009, Crowley, Robert, S041, Shriver, Lisa

Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121. **Legal 80532 Published 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NUMBER: 2023-CP-000413
 DIVISION: B
 IN RE: ESTATE OF BONITA CLAUDIA BROWN-IGLESKI
 Deceased.

The administration of the estate of BONITA CLAUDIA BROWN-IGLESKI, deceased, whose date of death was April 10, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, at the address of which is 825 North 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS 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 PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 24, 2023.
 Attorney for Personal Representative: GERALDINE C. HARTIN, Esquire HAMILTON & HARTIN, P.A. Florida Bar 15201
 3168 U.S. Highway 17, Suite A Fleming Island, FL 32003 904-278-3888
geraldine.hartin@gmail.com
 Personal Representative: REBECCA ANN WEEKS 1499 Cougar Ridge Huntsville, Tennessee, 37756
Legal 80531 Published 8/24/2023 and 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
 2406 Hutton Ct. Middleburg FL 32068
 September 19th, 2023 10:00 AM.
 Cristin Hallstein
 Household Goods
 Judy Wheeler
 Household Goods
 Haley Dalton
 Household Goods
 Jeremy Wilkey
 Household Goods
 Bobbie J Papoosha
 Household Goods
 Kevin Golubovich
 Household Goods
 The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. **Legal 80280 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 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.: 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 KO-REPANOVA
 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, 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: 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 HIGHLRIDGE 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

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003
 September 19, 2023, at 10:00am
 Stacey Ruplinger
 clothing, holiday items, furniture
 Roxanne Van hof
 household
 Towns Sanford
 household items/ furniture, boxes
 The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid

at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 80268 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 09/12/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at FIRST COAST TOWING INC- 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
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Legal 80267 Published 8/31/2023 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

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:

 MINOR CHILD
 OF 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. must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.
FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PETITION FILED IN YOUR DEPENDENCY CASE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crtntrp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
 WITNES 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

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 , MID-

DLEBURG
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: MARY L JOHNSON & DONNA LYNN FARMER
Legal 79406 Published 8/17/2023, 8/24/2023, 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Clay County, Florida
 By: Christina Spadea
 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 APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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 MADDIX
 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 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: BRAD-FORD 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.**
Dated this 8th day of August, 2023
 TARA S .GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
 Clay County, Florida
 By: Christina Spadea
 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 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 POST-MASTERS 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: 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.**
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: BRAD-FORD 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.**
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 Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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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

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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: COUNTRY 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.**
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

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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.**
Dated this 8th day of August, 2023
 TARA S .GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
 Clay County, Florida
 By: Christina Spadea
 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 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 com-

ply 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 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 8/31, 09/07, 09/14 and 09/21/23 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A hybrid meeting, both in-person and via Zoom, will be held for the Clay County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board at 2 p.m., Monday, September 18, 2023, in the BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043 and by Zoom video conference. For Zoom, utilize Meeting ID number 890 6666 5315 to join by computer, or dial by phone 1-786-635-1003 US (Miami) or 1-470-381-2552 US (Atlanta). All interested persons are invited to call in. Meeting materials will be posted at <https://www.nefrc.org/transportation-disadvantaged>. The Northeast Florida Regional Council adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Requests should be received at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to allow time to provide the requested service. For more information, contact the Northeast Florida Regional Council at (904) 279-0880 between the hours of 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Legal 78762 Published 8/31/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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.
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 TARA S .GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
 Clay County, Florida
 By: Christina Spadea
 Deputy Clerk
Legal 78558 Published 8/31, 09/07, 09/14 and 09/21/23 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 7855

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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.clayrealty.deed.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

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Thursday the 21st day of September, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 996 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL, 32065 Fishbein, Stephen 302 Boxes of misc, shelves, wooden chest, baskets, pictures, totes of misc. Kinchen, Michael 945 Misc items, computer tower, door, table, armor, totes, boxes, armor, gates, workout machine, plastic shelving, vhs tapes, TV cabinet, rocking chair. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
 Legal 82369 Published 8/31/2023 and 9/7/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2007, a certain Mortgage was executed by JOHNNY CROSBY a/k/a JOHNNIE CROSBY and CLAUDETTE CROSBY a/k/a CLAUDETTE JACKSON as mortgagor(s) in favor of AMERICAN REVERSE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as mortgagee and was recorded on January 7, 2008, in Book 2980 and Page 470 in the Official Records of Clay County, Florida; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated January 19, 2018, and recorded on January 25, 2018, in Book 4050 and Page 1399 in the Official Records of Clay County, Florida; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that a Borrower has died and the Property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower, and the outstanding balance remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of September 17, 2021, is \$115,463.32; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on December 21, 2021 in Book 4549 and Page 1913, notice is hereby given that on **September 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM, EDT** local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:
(LOT 33, PLUM AND WITTENBERG, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION)
 A PORTION OF TRACTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 3, ACCORDING TO MAP OF FLORIDA FARMERS LAND COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 49 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 COMMENCE AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF TRACT 3, BLOCK 2, AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP OF FLORIDA FARMERS LAND COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION, ALSO BEING THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 142, PAGE 344 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID TRACT 3, BLOCK 2, SOUTH 42° 32' 39" EAST, 330.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 47° 27' 21" EAST, 359.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 53° 23' 42" EAST, 300.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 47° 27' 21" EAST, ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY PROJECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE

EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS VOLUME 700, PAGE 524, EXHIBIT "B" OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, A DISTANCE OF 310.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING THE TERMINATION POINT OF SAID CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT, SAID TERMINATION POINT BEING THE RADIUS POINT OF A CUL-DE-SAC SAID CUL-DE-SAC HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.0 FEET TO BE INCLUDED IN SAID EASEMENT; THENCE NORTH 47° 27' 21" EAST, ON SAID CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT A DISTANCE OF 215.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 46° 02' 39" EAST, 343.09 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS VOLUME 556, PAGE 34 (SCHEDULE "A", PARCEL II) OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, LAST SAID POINT BEING IN A CURVE, SAID CURVE BEING CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 478.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG AND AROUND SAID CURVE AND ON LAST SAID CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT, RUN AN ARC DISTANCE OF 170.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF A REVERSE CURVE, SAID ARC OF CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 20° 27' 10" AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 65° 09' 13" WEST, 169.75 FEET TO SAID POINT OF REVERSE CURVE, SAID REVERSE CURVE BEING CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 176.17 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG AND AROUND SAID REVERSE CURVE, AND ON LAST SAID CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT, RUN AN ARC DISTANCE OF 70.61 FEET, LAST SAID ARC OF CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 22° 57' 50" AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 63° 53' 53" WEST, 70.14 FEET; THENCE NORTH 44° 00' 56" WEST, 271.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO THAT PARTICULAR 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES, AS DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS VOLUME 556, PAGE 34 (SCHEDULE "A", PARCEL II) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO THAT PARTICULAR 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES, AS DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS VOLUME 700, PAGE 524, EXHIBIT "B" OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, A PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 33) IS SUBJECT TO A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES; THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS BEING SUBJECT TO SAID NON-EXCLUSIVE

EASEMENT, BEING DESCRIBED AS: A PORTION OF TRACTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 3, ACCORDING TO MAP OF FLORIDA FARMER'S LAND COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 49 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 COMMENCE AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF TRACT 3, BLOCK 2, AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP OF FLORIDA FARMERS LAND COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION, ALSO BEING THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 142, PAGE 344 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID TRACT 3, BLOCK 2, SOUTH 42° 32' 39" EAST, 330.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 47° 27' 21" EAST, 359.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 53° 23' 42" EAST, 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 47° 27' 21" EAST, ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY PROJECTION OF, AND ON THE CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS VOLUME 700, PAGE 524, EXHIBIT "B" OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, A DISTANCE OF 490.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 47° 27' 21" EAST, ON SAID CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT, A DISTANCE OF 35.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 46° 02' 39" EAST, 343.09 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS VOLUME 556, PAGE 34 (SCHEDULE "A", PARCEL II) OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, LAST SAID POINT BEING ON A CURVE, SAID CURVE BEING CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 478.06 FEET; THENCE

SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG AND AROUND SAID CURVE AND ON LAST SAID CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT, RUN AN ARC DISTANCE OF 55.87 FEET, SAID ARC OF CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 06° 31' 45" AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 58° 16' 30" WEST, 55.84 FEET; THENCE NORTH 42° 44' 04" WEST, 331.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
 THE ABOVE DESCRIBED NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THAT PARTICULAR 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES, AS DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS VOLUME 556, PAGE 34 (SCHEDULE "A", PARCEL II) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 SAID EASEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THAT PARTICULAR 60 FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES, AS DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS VOLUME 700, PAGE 524, EXHIBIT "B" OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME VIN SHS1WGA06833109A AND SHS1WGA06833109, SITUATE THEREON.
 Commonly known as: 2348 N. Fork Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
 The sale will be held at the Front Entrance to the Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.
 The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$119,354.48.
 There will be no prororation of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.
 When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$11,935.45 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need

not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$11,935.45 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.
 If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.
 There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.
 The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service

of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.
 The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$119,354.48 as of September 25, 2023, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.
 Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.
 Date: August 3, 2023
 Annalise Hayes DeLuca, Esq., FBN:116897
 Audrey J. Dixon, Esq., FBN: 39288
 Ashley Elmore Drew, Esq., FBN: 87236
 MCMICHAEL TAYLOR GRAY, LLC
 Foreclosure Commissioner
 3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260
 Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
 Phone: 404.745.7149
 Fax: 404.745.8121
 Email: ServiceFL@mtglaw.com
 STATE OF FLORIDA
 COUNTY OF BROWARD
 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 3rd day of August, 2023, by Audrey J. Dixon who is/are personally known to me.
 Amy Peebles
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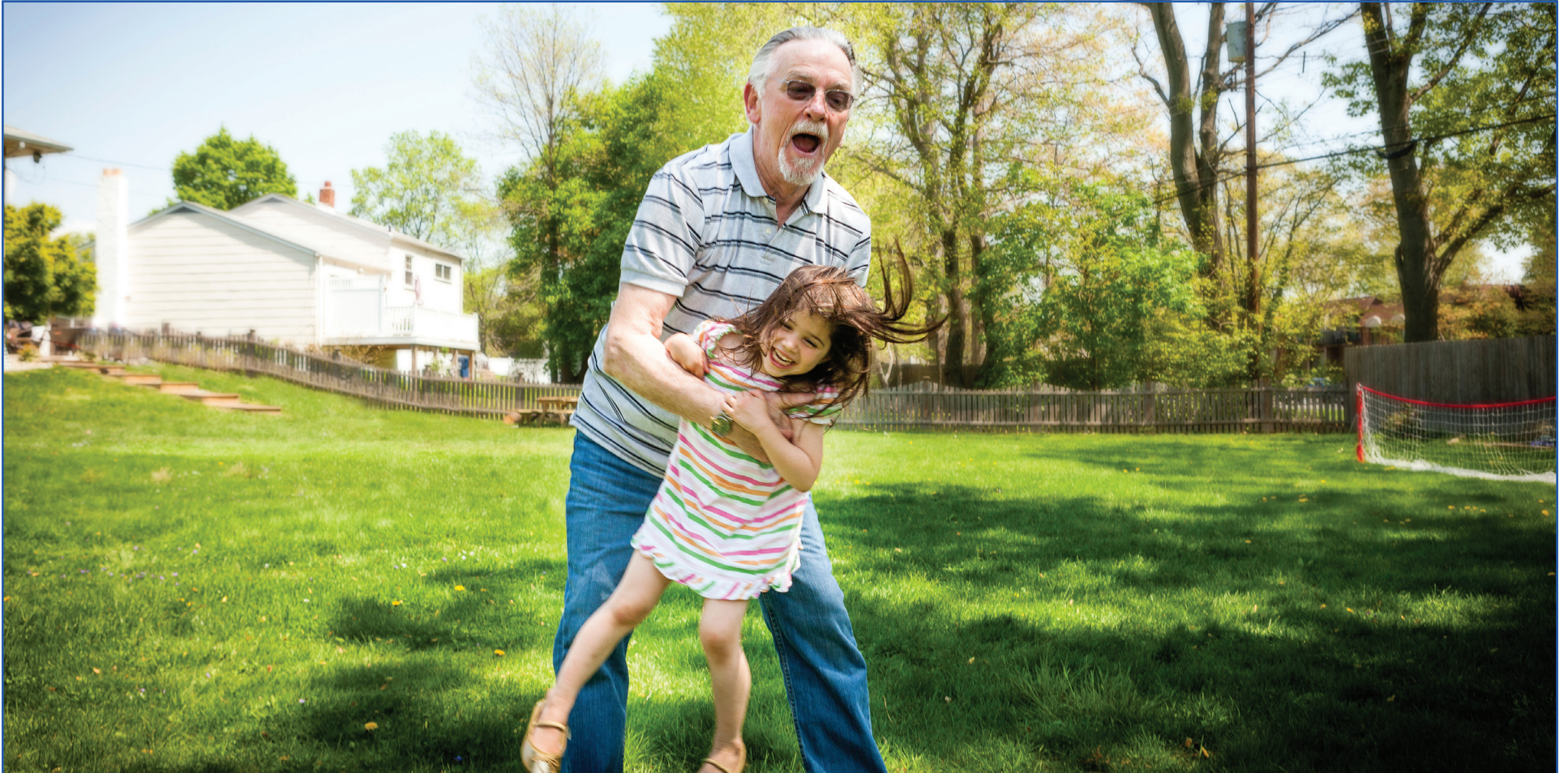
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