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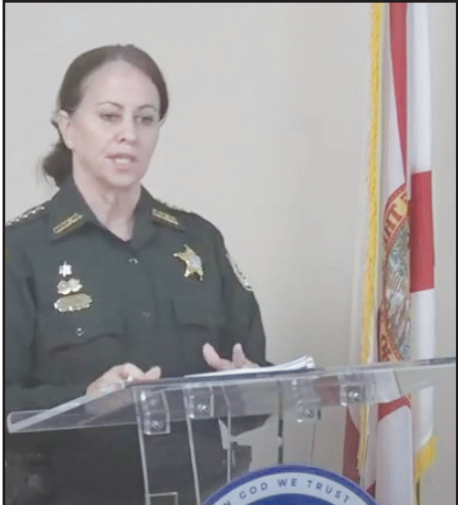
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Sheriff Michelle Cook outlined what her agency would need, including a one-time \$1.7 million transition cost, to fold the Clay County District Schools Police Department into the Clay County Sheriff's Office during a workshop Tuesday.

Board to consider putting sheriff's office deputies back in schools

By Don Coble
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The Clay County School Board will decide next week if it will enter into negotiations to put the District's Police Department under the direction of the Clay County Sheriff's Office for the next three years.

Sheriff Michelle Cook detailed the costs for her agency to provide legally required

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PHOTO BY MICHELLE COOK

No football, no problem Weekend festivals highlight busy weekend

The Jacksonville Jaguars were off last weekend. So were the Florida Gators and Georgia Bulldogs. But there was plenty to do locally at the Orange Park Fall Festival (Page 24), Swine and Dine at the Clay County Fairgrounds (Page 21), Rotary Club of Northeast Florida Outdoor Adventure Vendor Show at the Clay County Shrine Club (Page 15) and the Sea and Sky Air Show featuring the Blue Angels (Page 21). The 41st annual festival in Orange Park attracted 40,000 visitors and more than 175 vendors during its two-day run at Town Hall Park.



Band members, from left, singer Mike Hale (kneeling), bassist Gerry Goyette, drummer Steve Gard, keyboardist Debbie Stokes, guitarist Pops Stokes and harmonicist Dave Hockman advanced to the International Blues Challenge on Beale Street in Memphis on Jan. 16-20.

Southern Junction wins spot at International Blues competition

By Don Coble
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MIDDLEBURG – A victory at the North Central Florida Blues Society competition elevated the status of the six people who make up Southern Junction and earned them a spot at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee, in January.

The win means the band will spend weeks working on their setlist.

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Pace Center for Girls celebrates grand opening

MIDDLEBURG – With the snip of a pair of oversized scissors, the Pace Center for Girls Clay officially opened its doors Tuesday. Executive Director Genelle Thomas and Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley performed the ceremonial ribbon-cutting, followed by a two-hour open house of the facility on College Drive that provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. More than 100 supporters of the organization were treated to artwork created by current and former students.

BCC approves appropriations and priorities wish list

County hopes to get funding from state for several key projects

By Lee Wardlaw
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Board of County Commissioners unanimously passed its Appropriations and Legislative Priorities that will be sent to the state ahead of the next legislative session that opens on April. 10.

The BCC voted to remove the planned pickleball courts from the County Regional Sports Complex, with funds instead being sought for a cross-country trail, additional restrooms and expanded amenities for parking.

A trail would be more cost-effective. With the potential to build to NCAA standards, the facility could cater to various age levels and sporting events, hosting anything from junior high meets to collegiate-level competitions, potentially providing a boon to the community while attracting more big-ticket sporting events.

The BCC also voted to modify the Property Assessed Clean Energy statute to clarify the authority to regulate the activity within its jurisdiction and improve customer protection.

The plan won't expand the permissible uses of the Tourist Development Tax, while

continuing to fully fund Visit Florida, limit short-term rental legislation changes, and limit changes to the Florida Retirement System, while also increasing the maximum amount for the assessment of additional court costs and surcharges, which would increase the allowable fee and modify reporting requirements for the Value Adjustment Board.

Earmarked monies from the state will be divided into three categories: Infrastructure and Resiliency, Trails, Parks and Lakes and Public Safety and Library Facilities. Proposed funding the county would seek to receive from the state in the first category includes County Road 209 safety improvements (\$1.5 million), extending County Road 218 to four lanes (\$1.5 million) west of Knight Boxx road, a bridge and safety improvements for County Road 217 (\$2.5 million) and a State Road 16 right-of-way and four-lane from First Coast Expressway to Randall Road for a right-of-way acquisition (\$1.5 million).

Trails, Parks and Lakes, the county will seek \$1 million for a number of appropriations, including multi-use fields, volleyball courts, a cross-country trail, or additional



lighting at the County Regional Sports Complex.

Then, a matching \$1 million ask will be made for the Veterans Park Greenway Access, providing access to Veterans Park, along with \$3 million for the Moccasin Slough Boardwalk and Tower, which would provide access to Moccasin Slough. Then, a trail mitigation for the Black Creek Bike Path, transitioning from wood to composite, would total \$750,000.

The county will work with the State on

Phase 2 of the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project, which is part of the Geneva Restoration Project and the restoration and refill Lakes Geneva and Brooklyn in Keystone Heights.

Finally, Public Safety and Library Facilities will look to get \$10 million for Phase 1 of the 911 and Emergency Operations Center building, \$750,000 for Fire Station No. 15, \$750,000 for Fire Station No. 21 and \$750,000 for the Oakleaf Plantation Library.

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Our children come first

We need to keep school district police department

By Wayne Bolla

According to the U.S. Secret Service, the best way to reduce school violence is to eliminate bullying, address mental health needs and foster high-quality relationships between staff and students so threats are detected and reported.

The tragic Marjory Stoneman Douglas school shooting incident in 2018, where 17 students lost their lives, prompted the Florida legislature to mandate that the county's school district SHALL act as the agency responsible for guaranteeing the safety of our school children.



Wayne Bolla

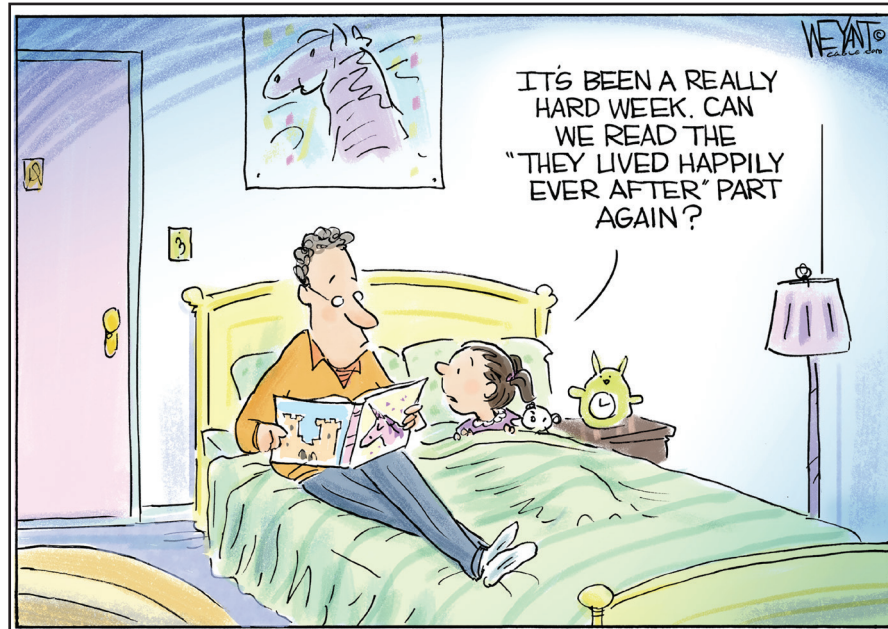
They also allowed us to pay for most of this mandate, and you voted to provide an additional \$13 million in funding to pay for a police presence in every school, along with \$4.8 million to harden facilities against hostile intrusions, \$7 million to implement a more robust mental health program and increase and enhance incident reporting and oversight and \$1.2 million to our charter schools.

Former Sheriff Daryl Daniels came up with a price that was 60% higher for each deputy than either the Orange Park or Green Cove Springs Police departments. After months of negotiations, the Sheriff held to his original number, and the Clay County School Board, faced with the start of a new school year, determined it could save more than \$1 million a year by providing the School Resource Officers with its own agency.

Control of the school policing segment of the program needs to remain with those responsible for the overall program. The school policing authority should enforce the policies of the local school district and the criminal law system while remembering our kids are still children. Mission 1 of a School Resource Officer is to keep kids safe. If a robbery occurs across the street, an officer reporting to the school system won't be pulled from campus to respond. The value of our children growing up learning that "officer friendly" is just that, and not someone to fear, cannot be overstated. Effective School Resource Officers are central mentors and can identify children in school and during after-school activities who need additional support. During the two months of summer vacation, officers

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Opinions & Viewpoints



Propane and propane accessories

By Jack Randall

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The Yom Kippur War ended 50 years ago. Also known as the Fourth Arab-Israeli War, it wasn't the region's first military conflict – and certainly wouldn't be the last. Although a ceasefire was brokered between Israel, Egypt and Syria on Oct. 25, 1973, the United States felt the aftershocks for years.

Because in response to U.S. support of Israel, Arab nations affiliated with The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) organized a crippling oil embargo that culminated in the 1973 energy crisis. Today, petroleum is still the primary energy source in the U.S.

There are environmental consequences to relying so heavily on petroleum – oil spills, tetraethyl lead, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change – but there are also economic consequences. The growing trend in electric vehicles is offset by the still overwhelming reliance of motor vehicles on gasoline. Putting just one type of gas in the tank is the energy equivalent of putting all of our eggs in one basket. Today, oil price fluctuations can have a huge sway over the economy. Just last week, the price for a gallon of gasoline jumped nearly 20 cents, seemingly overnight. Diversifying the energy sector is as much a matter of natural security as it is a way to cut costs and improve air



Jack Randall



PHOTO BY ADVANCED CLEAN TECH NEWS
It's time the United States starts looking for alternatives like propane to wean itself off fossil fuels.

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Well, propane isn't a perfect energy source, but it is a better alternative to gasoline in many ways. Like gasoline, propane is an "organic compound," not "organic" in a grocery store sense but "organic" because it is comprised of carbon atoms – just three, to be exact. Like gasoline, it releases greenhouse gas carbon dioxide when burned, but at a lesser rate per capita. It oxidizes more efficiently in a combustion reaction, emitting far less toxic carbon monoxide. That

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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.

Nonpareil: (NON-per-EL) a noun that means an unrivaled or premier person or thing.

"Lebron James was the nonpareil of the Cleveland Cavaliers during their 2016 victory in the NBA Finals."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2018

- More than 730 pounds of salad were recalled in Green Cove Springs due to fears of salmonella contamination, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

- St. Johns River State College named Anna Zirbel as the new executive director of the Thrasher-Horne Center.

- Incumbent Ashley Gilhousen, who represented District 5 on the Clay County School Board, accused her opponent Lynn Chafee of failing to properly qualify as a candidate.

10 years ago, 2013

- Town Manager Martina Kohler of Penney Farms retires – for the third time. Kohler was influential in securing a renovated sewer system and electrical grid.

- The St. Johns River Water Management District detected microcystin toxin levels at Doctors Lake Marina between 50 and 200 times higher than the recommended recreational exposure threshold.

- Bryan Campbell was elected chairman of the Charter Review Commission at the group's first meeting. The charter acts like a constitution for the county and "organizes" the government.

20 years ago, 2003

- The activist group Citizens for Term Limits and Accountability Committee turned in petitions to Supervisor of Elections Barbara Kirkman seeking to amend the county charter. Their petition sought to have voters elect BCC members from a countywide model to district-only voting.

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office colared a Miami Beach woman for an alleged purse-snatching spree involving three Clay County churches. Shirley Kurylas was ar-

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Opinions ...

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Dancing with the Stars Live tour stopping on Feb. 22

ORANGE PARK – America’s favorite dance tour is returning in 2024 at the Thrasher-Horne Center.

Dancing with the Stars: Live will feature the ballroom brought to life in this brand-new production featuring your favorite Dancing with the Stars pros, plus special guest stars. With dazzling routines in every style, jaw-dropping talent, and non-stop entertainment, it’s sure to be an unforgettable night full of the TV show’s magic and more.

Tickets for the Feb. 22 show at 7:30 p.m. Dancers and stars will be announced at a later date.

Tickets, which start at \$39, are available at the box office or at tcenter.org.

World Ballet Series’ Swan Lake appearing on March 29

ORANGE PARK – Experience the legendary!

Swan Lake, the ballet of all ballets, will be performed one night only on March 29 at the Thrasher-Horne Center as a part

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rested in the parking lot of Living Waters Church.

30 years ago, 1993

- A proposal to redistrict the attendance boundaries for Orange Park, Middleburg and Clay High schools drew a record crowd of parents and concerned residents at the Clay County School Board.

- The Clay County Juvenile Justice Council received a \$63,627 grant from the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services to fund programs and services to reduce juvenile crime. At the time, Clay County ranked third highest in Florida in the number of juvenile arrests.

40 years ago, 1983

- The Florida Highway Patrol investigated a freak accident involving a tractor-trailer truck that ran off the Black Creek Bridge on U.S. Highway 17. Instead of crashing into the water, it landed on top of a barge underneath the bridge.

- Orange Park Community Theatre opened its season with Neil Simon’s “California Suite.”

50 years ago, 1973

- Judge Thomas J. Rivers – indicted by a Clay County Grand Jury for hiring his wife – had his attorney file a motion to dismiss the charges of malpractice and malfeasance for allegedly hiring his wife in January 1973 while serving the bench.

- The Board of County Commissioners contracted with Hunnicutt & Associates to appraise all property in Clay County. The contract was for \$117,400.

Police

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supervise projects hardening schools and receive special training, which in my day, was considered ‘childish behavior’ instead of directing traffic.

Our School Board will soon vote on a proposal to move control of School Resource Officers back to the Sheriff’s Office. Will it benefit our children? In the event of a severe safety issue, the resource officer will call for the same backup on the same radio system, no matter who they work for. Will it save money? No numbers have been released as of this writing. Hopefully, we will find the Sheriff’s Office has gotten a bit more efficient under its new management. Will a term-limited Sheriff with varying fiscal and community pressures each election cycle be in a better position to direct resource officer’s efforts than the

local school district and Superintendent, who are ultimately responsible for their success, or will this add just another layer of management with no value added for anyone?

I was initially against a school district police department. Times change. I can see a much greater role for these dedicated people than being the school cop. We have a chance to innovate and grow here. This issue is a lot bigger than providing the first and hopefully last target for a would-be shooter. We need better tools to identify and help troubled kids in ways already overworked teachers cannot. Reporting to the school board, our resource officer is in the best position to fill this expanded role. If it’s not broken ...

Wayne Bolla served on the Clay County School Board from 2004 to 2008 and the Clay County Board of County Commissioners from 2014 to 2022.

Propane

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is why forklifts that run on propane can be operated indoors.

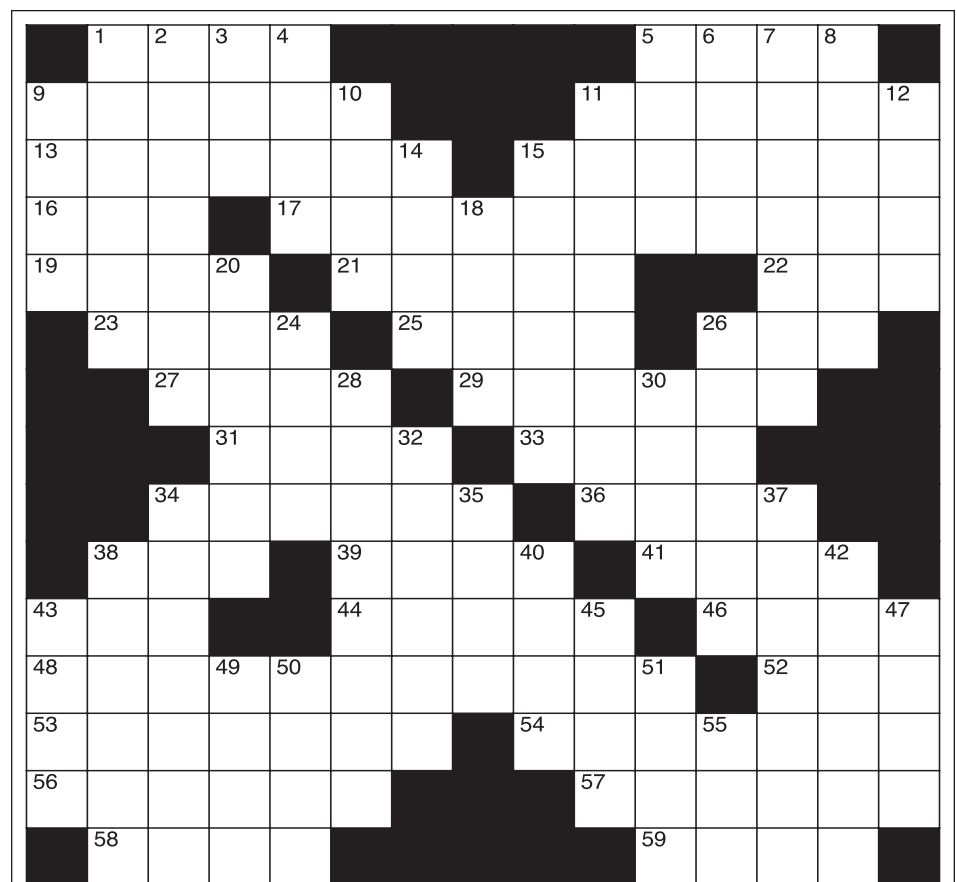
Propane is listed as a “clean energy fuel” by the U.S. government. A propane spill is nontoxic, much unlike the catastrophic spectacle of oil spills. The kicker is that it has the potential to be more cost-effective. In Florida, a gallon of propane can be half the cost of gasoline but has about 85% of the fuel efficiency. That’s still a good deal when you compare apples to apples.

A step toward any proven alternative fuel source is a step in the right direction. This isn’t “paper straw” activism. Purchasing an electric vehicle or converting your existing car to be propane-powered would have immediate ecological and economic benefits.

Businesses and individuals should continue to be encouraged to incorporate alternative fuel options. The “Sunshine State” offers incentives to put up solar panels. Nuclear energy, which has no emissions, has gained wider acceptance. Propane itself has the potential to be a renewable energy source. A strain of bacteria, *Halomonas bluephagenesis*, has been demonstrated to produce propane after editing its genome.

Currently, gasoline is the convenient choice. Gasoline still holds hegemony over the auto industry, and its infrastructure is ubiquitous. But electric charging stations have started popping up in the county. And if there’s a demand, gas stations may soon start offering propane or other alternative fuels.

Step by step, Clay County can choose to be more self-reliant and walk away from a dependence on fossil fuels.



CLUES ACROSS

- Male children
- Robert Wagner series “Hart to ___”
- Unfolded
- Digestive disease
- Wednesday
- Malignant tumor
- Conscientious investment strategy (abbr.)
- Slowed
- Letter of the Semitic abjads
- Weights of cars without fuel
- Former CIA
- Asian country
- Instead
- Ancient Egyptian King
- Privies
- Shopping trips
- Paradoxical anecdote
- It’s on the table
- Ancient Persia ruler
- Small American rail
- File extension
- Days (Spanish)
- Everyone has one
- South American plant

CLUES DOWN

- Ringlet
- Type of complex
- Midway between north and northwest
- It becomes something bigger
- German courtesy title
- Genus of birds
- Marked by public disorder
- Least aggressive
- Russian city
- Insect repellent
- Interruptions
- Scoundrels
- 1,000 calories

CLUES ACROSS

- What one does overnight
- Dwarf planet
- Pipe
- Black powdery substance
- Set of four
- Canned fishes
- North Carolina college
- Secured
- A disgraceful event
- Physical suffering
- The home of the free
- Some are boys
- Satisfy
- Makes very happy
- South American plants
- Modes of transportation
- Female sheep
- Type of torch
- Piece of merchandise
- Jump over
- Wife of Amun

Company uses alternative solution to gasoline for fleet vehicles

By Lee Wardlaw
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – In a significant move toward promoting eco-friendly and cost-effective solutions for fleet vehicles, Precise Alternative Fleet Solutions, an alternative solution to gasoline and diesel fuel through propane, recently opened its doors in Clay County.

The business, which launched two years ago in Michigan and conducted sales nationwide with a wide-ranging array of clients, including FedEx and other commercial fleets, businesses within the propane industry, law enforcement agencies, towing companies, and more, set its sights on the county earlier this year, conducting a four to five-month search before finally locking down their brick-and-mortar location this summer.

Precise has already expanded to four employees. But the impact on local jobs from the company selling the go-green, odorless, colorless propane could soon grow as it seeks to create even more job opportunities for county residents. Owner Ronny Martinez said his company has the potential to employ 15 to 30 people as they work to reach full production capacity.

The company was given a warm welcome with a ribbon-cutting from the County Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 6 at their 989 Worthington Ave. address, just an ear-



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

Ronny Martinez, owner of Precise Alternative Fuel Solutions in Green Cove Springs, demonstrates propane fuel innovation for a sustainable future.

shot from the Green Cove Springs Marina and the County Port.

“The ribbon-cutting was phenomenal,” he said. More than 60 attendees, including current and potential new customers, representatives from the propane industry, and community members, were on hand at the big event for a resource that could signal what the future looks like in the county.

Representatives from the Florida Propane Gas Association, which included Ex-

ecutive Director Dale Calhoun, were on hand to pitch attendees on the stability and cost-effectiveness of the fuel, along with everything propane had to offer.

“Today, we can actually introduce renewable propane. Most people think propane is just fossil fuels, but it’s not just fossil fuels. Yes, it comes from crude and natural gas, but you can have renewable propane,” Calhoun said.

The 7,000-square foot facility features

800 square feet of office space and an on-site fueling station that provides clients with service 24 hours a day, seven days a week with their 1,000-gallon propane tank. The digitally-operated system activates when drivers enter their PIN, mileage and vehicle number, which is connected to a network of 2,500 units across the United States.

The company, which partners with Florida’s Finest Kustom Karts, which sells Golf Carts powered by electric and lithium batteries, provides clients with a wide range of services. They specialize in converting existing fleet vehicles to run on propane, which involves installing necessary equipment and systems and offering maintenance and support throughout the life cycle of converted vehicles.

Precise also works closely with businesses to provide consultation and education about the benefits of using propane as an alternative fuel source. Martinez and his team explain the environmental and financial advantages of making the big switch. The 41-year-old spent 15 years in the alternative fuel industry and 21 in transportation.

But for the creative entrepreneur, the job isn’t done.

The county businessman, who recently

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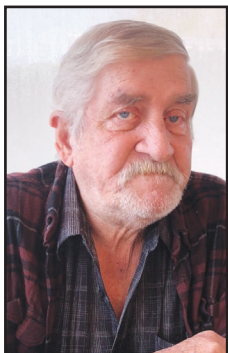
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Obituaries claytodayonline.com

James Edward Guy Jr.

James Edward Guy Jr., born March 22, 1955, in Woodbury, NJ, passed away peacefully on October 17, 2023, in Mid-delburg, FL due to natural causes. In the days leading up to his departure from us on Earth, he enjoyed time with his family. James served in the military, drove semi-trucks, was the best parts go-getter and parts changer, managed a mobile home trailer park and in his later years ran T. Phillips Mobile Home Supply Store.



James Edward Guy Jr.

James loved working but loved spending time with his late wife, Bonnie J. Guy, his children, and his grandchildren. James was an honest man and lived to set an example for his family. Shortly after his wife's passing in March of 2020 was diagnosed with kidney failure which resulted in him starting dialysis right away. The treatment made him sick, and due to the diagnosis, he had to go to many doctors' appointments. He ended up having to retire and receive help from his youngest daughter Tammie and her husband Tom Phillips. Tammie would go over and do dialysis every night. Fast forward to two and half years later he was diagnosed with dementia. Dementia took the biggest hit on us all. It was hard, especially for his caretaker.

There was good, there was bad, and there was just straight-up ugly, but his caretaker never for a second gave up on him. Nobody gave up on him. At the beginning of October of 2023, James made the decision to stop dialysis and bring hospice in. It was an emotional and heart-tugging decision but James was ready to go be with his wife again and the family had to support his decision. James was a fighter, and he fought for three and a half years.

In heaven waiting for him is his father, James Sr., his wife, Bonnie, siblings Laurie and Billy; and many more family members and friends.

James is survived by his mother, Grace; sisters, Dee, Diane, Marilyn; children, Tammie (Tom), Jimmer, Connie (David); grandchildren, Tommy (Jammie), Dylin, Bonnie (Hunter), Anthony, James (Chelsey), Tabitha, Katie; great-grandchildren, Zachary, Thomas, Gunner, Elih, Rex, Logan; and many more family and friends.

Written by Toot Toot his granddaughter
A viewing will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. and a Celebration of Life at 2:00 p.m. at Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073 (904) 264-1233.

Honors and interment will immediately follow at Long Branch Cemetery.



William Derryl Cone

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved husband, brother, father and Pepa, William Derryl Cone, who left his earthly home into glory on October 22, 2023, at the age of 77. He was born on September 17,



1946 in Monticello, Florida.

Derryl was preceded in death by his father Edward Calvin Cone, Sr., mother Willie Beatrice Cone, step-mother Jan Cone and brother-in-law Tom Bass.

His beautiful life will forever be cherished by his devoted wife of 48 years, Selina (McNeese), three children, Amanda (Bobby) Tharp of Grand Island, FL, April (Brian) Snyder of Middleburg, FL, and Ashley (Christopher) Burrell of Hiawassee, GA and seven amazing grandchildren, Isaiah Burrell, Colton Snyder, Noelle Burrell, Dixon & Brantley Snyder, Judah Burrell and Emersyn Tharp. He is survived by his siblings Edward Calvin Cone, Jr. (Janice), Larry Algeo Cone (Connie), Glenda Cone Bass, numerous nieces & nephews as well as step-siblings Martha Smith, Patricia Whitehead (Jim) and Dama Murphy.

Derryl was a devoted family man. He was a loving and supportive husband, a caring father and a wonderful Pepa. His presence was a constant source of comfort, and his wisdom was a guiding light in the lives of those he held dear.

Derryl proudly served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1966 until 1972. He devoted much of his career to Clay Electric Co-operative in Keystone Heights and retired in 2012 after 27 years of service.

Derryl had a love for all sports, especially football, more specifically, his Seminoles. In his early years, he enjoyed playing golf. Derryl always looked forward to his many vacations with his dear wife & family. Some of his favorite destinations were Alaska, the Great Smoky Mountains and the Blue Ridge Mountains. He was fond of late nights watching Andy Griffith in his La-Z-Boy with his ole pal Barney eating popcorn and drinking RC Cola.

The family will be receiving guests for a visitation at First Assembly of God in



William Derryl Cone

Keystone Heights, FL on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 10 a.m. with a celebration of life service to immediately follow at 11a.m. Please join us in celebrating the remarkable life of a man who touched our hearts and left an unforgettable mark on our lives.

So many lives were forever touched by this amazing man who broke the mold when he entered the world. Derryl will be greatly missed, but we are comforted in knowing we will see him again one day in our Heavenly home.

Flowers are gratefully accepted or memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Gerald Lindsey Spurlin

Gerald Lindsey Spurlin, 87, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away on October 19, 2023

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

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Principal Wilnitra Dixon, Assistant Principal Hope Davis honored by School District

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The Clay County District Schools selected Wilnitra Dixon from Oakleaf Junior High as the 2023- 2024 Principal of the Year and Hope Davis from Lakeside Junior High as the 2023-2024 Assistant Principal of the Year. Other administrators in the county nominated Dixon and Davis. Superintendent Broskie presented the honor by surprising them at the October meeting for principals and assistant principals.

Principal Dixon had worked in Clay County since 2003 when she started as a social studies teacher at Green Cove Springs Junior High. She has served as an administrator in the school district for the past nine years. She has led both Oakleaf Village and Oakleaf Junior High as a principal and is known by her colleagues and staff as a caring and driven leader who goes above and beyond for teachers and students.

Davis started her education career in Bradford County as a teacher for 11 years before moving to Keystone Heights Jr/Sr High, where she completed the aspiring assistant principal program. After her year at Keystone Heights, she transitioned to the assistant principal role at Lakeside. She is in her sixth year of being an assistant principal. She is an advocate for inclusion opportunities for students with disabilities and has a heart for students.

Dixon and Davis will represent Clay County District Schools in the state competition. They will be formally recognized at the Nov. 2 school board meeting.



Wilnitra Dixon



Hope Davis



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Author PeTika Tave greets families with a smile at the Fall Festival.

Author PeTika Tave shares her stories at Fall Festival

By Jack Randall
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ORANGE PARK – The 41st Fall Festival had a whopping turnout from visitors across the state. Just next door from the Clay Today was a booth of published author PeTika Tave, who was excited to promote and sign copies of her children’s books.

“Beautiful as You Are” is written for young girls, and “Brilliant as You Are” is written for young boys to instill self-love and self-acceptance in developing young minds, Tave said.

Her story-telling journey began when she wrote poems to her daughter, each a proclamation of unconditional love. The heartfelt affirmations she wrote to her daughter were like a wellspring from Tave’s own life because she struggled with her own body image when she was a young girl.

“I didn’t want any child to suffer that way. No matter how big or how short,” Tave said.

Tave wanted her daughter to see herself the way that she did. The poems culminated in “Beautiful as You Are,” her first

published storybook. “Why I Love Grandpa” is her latest published storybook.

Tave is a teacher in the Duval County school system, and as an author, she travels to other schools and daycares to hold affirmation rallies.

“I want to celebrate what makes everyone unique. There’s room for everyone in this life. I try to be as humble as I can and to encourage humility throughout society. Being accepting of others and the differences of others will make the world a better place.”

Tave came to the festival for the first time last year, where she was a vendor only at the last minute. She had heard about the festival and how the event is consistently voted to be a top destination in the Southeast. Last year, she fell in love with the uplifting atmosphere and how the community comes together to support small businesses. Now, the Fall Festival is a tradition for Tave’s family.

“Such a variety of people experiencing so much of the community and sharing so much of themselves with the world,” she said.

Baptist Health earns CHIME Level 10 certification

Hospital gets highest level of achievement in digital technology optimization for improving health

For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – Baptist Health of Northeast Florida received the highest level in the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives Digital Health Most Wired Survey.

The Certified Level 10 achievement was awarded to Baptist Health, which includes Baptist Medical Center Clay, in both the ambulatory and acute survey categories, distinguishing the health system as one of only three in the state of Florida and 16th in the nation to do so out of 55,000 organizations represented.

This is the second consecutive year Baptist Health has appeared on the Digital Health Most Wired list. The survey assesses the adoption, integration and impact of technologies in healthcare organizations at all stages of development, from early development to industry-leading.

“What a testament this is to the hard work and collaboration of our clinicians, operational and IT teams,” said Aaron Miri, MBA, FCHIME, CHCIO, senior vice president and chief digital and information officer at Baptist Health. “We are

so fortunate that our board members and leadership share a commitment to investing in digital innovation to help us provide the best outcomes, efficiencies and experiences to every person in every setting.”

This year, Baptist Health ranked above peers in analytics and data management, population health, infrastructure, and patient engagement, among other categories.

Among the items that elevated Baptist Health this year were the organization’s laser focus on partnerships with clinical staff to optimize the new electronic health record and the use of artificial intelligence tools, like voice-driven AI, to eliminate wasted time. In addition, the focus on allowing clinicians to work at the license by reducing clicks and time spent on administrative items is a continued concentration for the IT team.

“As we navigate today’s healthcare landscape, technology is a fundamental key to enhancing efficiencies and driving innovation to best serve our patients and improve the experience for our clinicians,” said Michael A. Mayo, DHA, FACHE, president and CEO of Baptist Health. “Our teams across disciplines, from clinicians to IT professionals, will continue these incredible partnerships to deliver high-performance care.”



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Fans can enjoy Jaguars game while helping Challenge Enterprises

CLAY COUNTY – The Jacksonville Jaguars have continued their support of Challenge Enterprises of North Florida by agreeing to donate as much as \$30 for single tickets purchased for upcoming games. The money will support programs that assist individuals with differences with em-

ployment opportunities and residential assistance. A limited number of tickets are available. To buy a ticket, visit tinyurl.com/givengo2023.

Reservations needed for Clay High's Blue Devil Holiday Gala

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay High alumni and friends are asked to reserve a spot at this year's Blue Devil Holiday Gala

on Dec. 14 at Vintage Oaks Events, 5960 Sweet Moody Road in Green Cove Springs. The adults-only event features semi-formal attire, dinner and dessert dash to benefit ongoing improvement projects at the high school.

To make a reservation, visit Clay High School's Facebook page.

Pork butts rule for two Green Cove Springs nonprofits

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Between the Vineyard Transitional Center and the Village Improvement Association, anyone

with a taste for sweet and smokey pork will be satisfied during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Vineyard's annual pork butt sale is ongoing. The cost is \$40 for a fully cooked Boston butt by Carter Q Competition BBQ and Catering, and the money will go toward a fund to build a transitional center that helps newly released inmates from the Clay County Jail to gain work, anger management and life experience training.

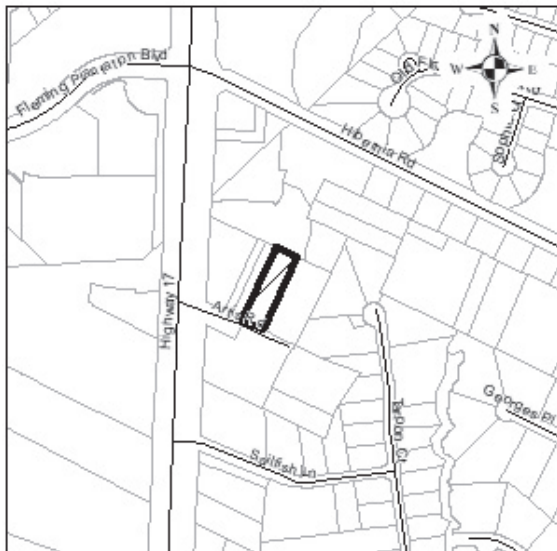
To order, visit TheVineyardTransitional-Center.org, or call Pastor John Sanders at

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF A SINGLE PARCEL (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 38-05-26-014718-001-00), TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 0.45 ACRES, FROM RF (RURAL FRINGE) TO COM (COMMERCIAL); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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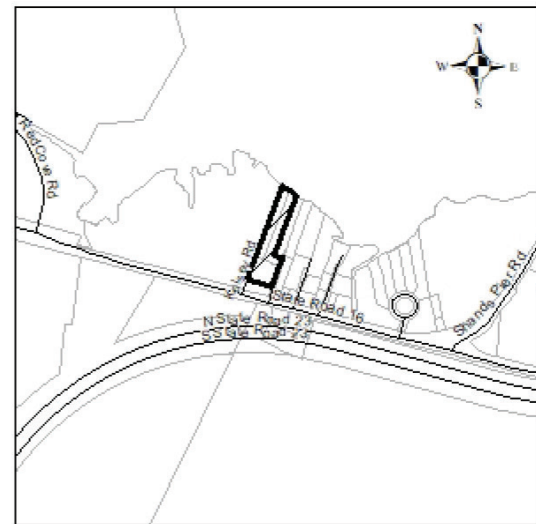
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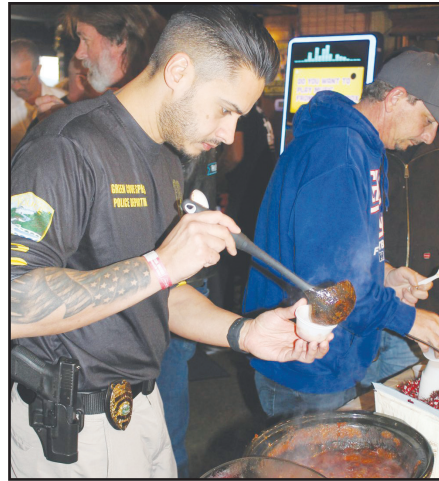
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Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook promises to have plenty of firepower when she returns for the second First Responders Chili Cookoff on Sunday, Nov. 5, at Whitey's Fish Camp on Fleming Island. Members of the CCSO, Green Cove Springs and Orange Park police departments, Orange Park Fire Department, Clay County Fire Rescue and Clay County District Schools Police Department will compete to see who makes the best chili. GCSPD Chief E.J. Guzman took advantage of last year's "all you can taste for \$10" fee.

Sheriff Michelle Cook returns to defend Chili Cookoff title

Proceeds to benefit Signal 35 Fund to help first responders

Clay Today Staff

FLEMING ISLAND – First responders vowed to bring the heat during the Second First Responders Chili Cookoff on Sunday, Nov. 5, at Whitey's Fish Camp.

Members of the Clay County Sheriff's Office and Fire Rescue, Orange Park and Green Cove Springs Police Department, Orange Park Fire Department and the Clay County District Schools Police Department will bring their homemade recipes to the restaurant for a 2 p.m. tasting, with the winning chili earning a trophy –

and bragging rights.

Sheriff Michelle Cook is the defending champion.

This year's event will benefit the Signal 35 Fund, which assists first responders.

The cookoff will be limited to 20 entries, and residents are encouraged to join the festivities. It costs \$10 to taste as many chilis as you want – and as many times – and everyone will have a vote toward the winning recipe.

There also will be a silent auction, bake sale and a 50/50 raffle.

To register, email jerryb@whiteysfishcamp.com or call (904) 269-4198.



'Auntie Alice' turns 100

STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Alice Johnson Williams said in spite of a few bad days, most of her life has been filled with good days. Last Sunday was her 36,525th day, so that's a lot of good days. "Today, I'm feeling happy. I have my family and friends. Thank God for that," she said. About 60 people threw "Auntie Alice" a 100th birthday party at Diamond Assisted Living and Memory Care. Included were her fellow parishioners from Mt. Zion AME Church in Green Cove Springs. "I'm strong, spiritually," she said. "Today is a very happy day for me. Sometimes it's an uphill journey."

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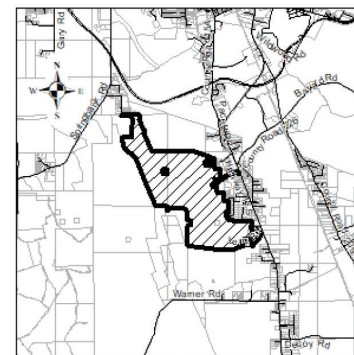
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(904) 305-4641 or Joseph Smith at (904) 343-1869. Business orders will be ready on Nov. 17 after 1 p.m., and on Nov. 18 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at 518 Pine St. in Green Cove Springs.

The VIA is selling eight-pound fully cooked butts by GrillBilly's Smoked Pork Butts for \$30. The last day to pre-order is Nov. 14, and the butts will be available at 17 N. Palmetto Ave. in Green Cove Springs on Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.

To order, contact Sherry Kelly at (904) 214-3649 or s_kelly@yahoo.com, Helen Brummer at (904) 673-8450 or im2da-boss@hotmail.com or Lucy Conrad at (904) 635-0170 or lucelc9@yahoo.com.

The VIA is a women's group dedicated to improving the community through volunteer service.

Reinhold Foundation accepting applications for nonprofit leadership training

FLEMING ISLAND – The Paul E. and Klare N. Reinhold Foundation, Inc. is accepting applications for its 2024 Nonprofit Leadership Development and Capac-

ity Building Training Programs. Through this initiative, the Foundation focuses on strengthening the nonprofit sector by strengthening the leadership of nonprofit organizations that serve Clay County. Any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides services to county residents is eligible to apply.

Applications for the 2024 programs include workshops on nonprofit management, fundraising fundamentals, marketing and communications, volunteer leadership, strategic planning, and best practices for nonprofit boards. Rollins College Edyth Bush Institute for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership teaches the programs. All classes are held in Clay County and are scheduled for January through March. There is no cost for those organizations selected to attend.

The Reinhold Foundation underwrites all costs. In addition, the Foundation will provide cash graduation awards to eligible organizations completing training programs.

Since 2006, the Reinhold Foundation has provided free leadership training programs to board members, staff and volunteers of nonprofit groups that provide services to Clay County residents. Individuals from more than 100 nonprofit organizations that work to improve the quality of

life for Clay County residents have participated in the leadership initiative.

All 501(c)(3) nonprofit groups providing services to Clay County residents are eligible to apply. Details and applications are available now at reinhold.net. The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 17.

For more information, contact Amy Parker, Executive Director, at (904) 269-5857, ext. 404 or at aparker@reinhold.net.

Florida Forum Speaker Series to welcome Mike Krzyzewski

JACKSONVILLE – The Florida Forum Speaker Series, presented by The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital, will welcome Duke University's "Coach K" – Mike Krzyzewski – on Wednesday, Nov. 8. The program begins at 7 p.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts in Jacksonville.

The passionate, dynamic and inspiring coach of Duke's men's basketball team, Krzyzewski is the NCAA Division 1 men's all-time leader for wins with 1,200 games in the W column. Coach K's success includes 35 NCAA tournament appearances, 13 Final Fours and five National Championships over 46 seasons as a head coach. He also coached the U.S. men's national basketball team from 2005 to 2016, leading Team USA to three Olympic gold med-

als in 2008, 2012 and 2016.

Coach Krzyzewski is the first of three events offered by the Florida Forum Speaker Series. Future programs include entrepreneur Steve Wozniak on Jan. 17, and retired U.S. Navy Adm. James Stavridis on Feb. 26.

Funds raised by the Florida Forum support the Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital's commitment to raise \$1.5 million for two new Kids Kare Mobile Intensive Care Units, part of Wolfson Children's Hospital's Neonatal and Pediatric Critical Care Transport fleet, including necessary life-support equipment for the transportation of critically ill and injured infants and children.

Orange Park Chorale to perform 'Meditations of the Heart'

ORANGE PARK – The Orange Park Chorale will perform its upcoming concert series, "Meditations of the Heart," in two free concerts:

- Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. at the Penney Memorial Church, 4465 Poling Blvd., Penney Farms.
- Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. at the Orange Park Presbyterian Church, 1905 Park Ave., Orange Park.

Deputies

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protection at all but five of the schools in the county. The Town of Orange Park and the City of Green Cove Springs provide school resource officers at their schools.

The decision to fold the district's police department into CCSO comes after the school district broke away from the sheriff's office in 2019, citing costs.

Now, the board is considering moving its police department, which includes a \$4.8 million budget, back under the auspices of the sheriff's office. It will decide at its Nov. 2 meeting if it wants to advance the project.

"We need to be looking at cutting pro-

grams anyway," said board member Michele Hanson. "There (are) a lot of hard decisions to be made in the next three years. For me, making a decision on the security of our kids is not as tough as making a decision about something else. Safety decisions are easier. They're easy for the public to understand."

Cook said the district asked for costs and ideas in July. She said she couldn't provide them with details until the Board of County Commissioners approved her budget last month.

She said her agency would need a one-time \$1.7 million transition payment to switch equipment.

"We went back and forth several times with questions and then followed up," Cook said. "So when it came to actual numbers,

we had to wait for the BCC to approve our budget, which included a compensation plan so that we could provide the best estimate numbers, how much a transition would cost and what ongoing costs would look like."

Cook said, if approved, school officers would simply change uniforms and maintain their basic duties. She dispelled the idea that SROs would be asked to go on patrol when they aren't protecting students, faculty and staff.

"Operationally, it would make no sense (to move them)," Cook said. "It would be my intent to hire as many people as possible and keep them in their same positions."

School officers also would get pay raises and get credit for their service. The sheriff's office also would hire a director

who would answer to the undersheriff.

However, she said, unlike the current policy where school officers are restricted to be within 1,000 feet of the campus, sheriff's office deputies may answer an emergency close to a school to make sure there aren't any life-threatening injuries or threats.

"If you're made aware of an issue nearby, there is an obligation to go check it out and make sure that there's no immediate life safety issues," she said. "But as you're doing that, what happens is the deputy will key in on the radio and say, 'I'm so and so, and I'm at this location. I've been told of an accident along the way.'"

The school board will meet at 6 p.m. at the Teacher Training Center at Fleming Island High.



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Outdoor Adventure Vendor Show enjoys successful debut

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Rotary Club of Northeast Florida’s first Outdoor Adventure Vendor Show attracted a nice crowd and showed tremendous potential for expansion. Organizers said next year’s event may be moved to November to take advantage of the season. This year, more than 50 indoor and outdoor vendors were at the Shrine Club off Russell Road. There also was outdoor games for kids and adults and Marineland of Florida brought an exciting display.

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Historical Society

Green Cove Springs rich history dates back 250 years

By Lee Wardlaw
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – John Nelson, a globetrotting cybersecurity expert with a profound fascination for local history in Clay County, was the guest speaker at last Tuesday’s County Historical Society Meeting.

As Nelson stood before members and guests, he transported them to a bygone era, weaving together the captivating narrative of an area that has undergone several remarkable transformations throughout its history.

While now a residential neighborhood across the street from Hagan Ace Hardware, St. Johns Landing Apartments was originally established as housing for members of the U.S. Navy and their families in 1951. It was converted into public housing in 1960, and the area, just south of Black Creek and stationed on the western bank of the St. Johns River, has a history dating back to the 1760s.

A favored British officer at the time, Patrick Tonyn – who would later serve as the last Royal Governor of East Florida

– received a 50,000-acre land grant for Magnolia Springs, which extended from Magnolia Springs on the south bank of Black Creek all the way up to the forks of the river.

During the American Revolutionary War, the governor had no choice but to burn down the property so Americans could not access it. Following the Treaty of Paris and the war’s end in 1783, the property switched hands to be under Spanish control.

The area that would become Green Cove Springs has a unique history. No other place in Florida has had an uninterrupted run of 250 years, surviving the Civil War, three Seminole Wars, and under the rules of both Charles II of Spain and King George III of Britain. In the late 19th century, the area would be defined by the Magnolia Springs Hotel. Emphasizing grandeur, the hotel was an original resort and golf course in the state.

Isaac Cruft, a Boston hotelier and one of the most successful developers of the time, completed Magnolia Springs Hotel in 1881, a hallmark of architectural design



STAFF PHOTO BY LEE WARDLAW

John Nelson, Guest Speaker, discussed the history of Magnolia Springs Hotel at the Clay County Historical Society meeting last Monday night.

during the Hotel Era of Clay County. For nearly three decades, state tourists, who could only access the posh resort hotel by steamboat, booked 200-plus rooms, suites and five privately-owned three-story cottages, maxing out at a capacity of 800 during the peak of the winter season, enjoying luxury and exotic adventure, which included alligator hunting.

“(The Magnolia Springs Hotel) attracted hundreds of Northerners each year to escape from the cold Northeast winters. There were all sorts of amusements,” Nelson said.

The steamboat played a pivotal role in

the settlement’s history as an early mode of transportation in the state. Magnolia Springs, centrally located, served as an important drop-off and pick-up point for travelers. The area’s freshwater source, favorable location and strategic location were key factors that originally drew settlers, a one-day canoe ride leaving Black Creek or just a day’s journey from St. Augustine. The Magnolia Springs Hotel’s dominance ended in the early 1900s when Henry Flagler extended the railroad to Miami, which allowed tourists to travel by train instead of boat to escape cold winter weather.

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT TRUNK OR TREAT: will be on Oct. 27 from 6-9 p.m. at the Chief Derek S. Asdot Memorial Building police headquarters at 1001 Idlewild Ave. The department is accepting candy donations at the police department, Green Cove Spring City Hall, VyStar Credit Union, the Elk’s Lodge and Hagan Ace Hardware. Make a canned food donation to the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs to be entered to win a gift basket.

COLLEGE DRIVE FALL EXTRAVAGANZA: will be at the Asbury United Methodist Church of Orange Park, 16

College Dr., on Oct. 27 from 6-8 p.m. The event includes trunk and treat, a pumpkin patch and a family-friendly costume competition – all in conjunction with the monthly Food Truck Friday. For vendor information, contact CDIFoodTruckNight@gmail.com.

“NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD”: will be performed on Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Island Theater, 1860 Town Hall Circle, Suite 54, on Fleming Island. Tickets are \$18 and \$10 for students and are available at theislandtheater.com.

ELDERSOURCE AAA FINANCE COMMITTEE: will meet virtually on Oct. 27 at

1 p.m. To join the meeting, visit myeldersource-org.zoom.us/j/83627584805, or join by phone at (929) 436-2866 and use meeting ID 836 2758 4805 #.

BOO ON THE BOULEVARD: On Oct. 28 in Keystone Heights from 5-8 p.m. The

event includes trick-or-treating along Lawrence Boulevard, food trucks, games and the movie, “Monsters, Inc.” at 7:30 p.m. at Keystone Beach.

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Few cities celebrate Halloween better than Keystone Heights.

Boo on the Boulevard starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, and lasts until Disney/Pixar's "Monsters, Inc." finishes at Keystone Beach. Movie time is 7:30 p.m.

Families are encouraged to dress up in their scariest costumes and collect candy from merchants along Lawrence Boulevard. In addition to trick or treating, there will be food trucks, games and prizes.

Another major event that usually sells out and attracts thousands is the Amazing Grace Fall Festival at 4251 State Road 21, just south of State Road 16.

The family-oriented festival includes pumpkins, a five-acre crop maze, duck races, a playground, farm animals, corn hole, corn cribs, jump pads, photo opportunities, treats and attractions.

The times are Fridays from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The venue also will be open on Monday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The farm is owned and operated by Justin and Kelly Mosley. They are known for carving a special message in their maze. The maze honored former Clay High swimmer Caeleb Dressel two years ago, who won seven Olympic gold medals.

This year, the Mosleys honored the memory of Levi Shepherd, a boy with special needs who died last year following a lengthy illness. A portion of the fall farm proceeds will be donated to the "Dreams Come True" organization.

Since most sessions are sold out, guests should purchase tickets in advance at agcropmaze.com/events.

Other festivals and Halloween-theme events include:

Thursday, Oct. 26

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office's Trunk or Treat will be at the Walmart, 1580 Branan Field Road in Middleburg, at 5 p.m. The free event for the entire family includes first responders and their vehicles and plenty of candy.

- Fleming Island High's Trunk or Treat will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 2233 Village Square Pkwy. There will be spooky trunk decorations, fun costumes and plenty of candy.

- Middleburg High will host its Trunk or Treat will be at 3750 County Road 220 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wear your scariest costume and enjoy candy, photo opportunities, music and games.

- Allegro's Trunk or Treat will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 3651 U.S. Highway 17 on Fleming Island.

Friday, Oct. 27

- The City of Green Cove Springs and its police department will host Trunk or Treat at the Chief Derek S. Asdot Memorial Building police headquarters at 1001 Idlewild Ave. from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be carnival rides, trunk or treating, a dunk tank, contests, face-painting, music and food

trucks. The department is accepting candy donations at the police department, Green Cove Springs City Hall, VyStar Credit Union, the Elk's Club and Ace Hagan Hardware.

Make a canned food donation for the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs to be entered to win a gift basket. For more information, contact youngm@gcspd.com or call (904) 297-7322.

- College Drive Fall Extravaganza will be at the Asbury United Methodist Church of Orange Park, 16 College Dr., from 6-8 p.m. The event includes trunk and treat, a pumpkin patch and a family-friendly costume competition – all in conjunction with the monthly Food Truck Friday. For vendor information, contact CDIFoodTruckNight@gmail.com.

- Dress up your furry friend for the Howl-O-Ween Costume Contest at Woof Gang Bakery and Grooming, 1960 East West Pkwy. on Fleming Island. The event starts at 9 a.m. Costumed pets will be photographed and entered in a raffle for free treats for a year.

- Code Ninjas will celebrate Halloween in Minecraft – Parents Night Out from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at 1811 Golden Eagle Way on Fleming Island. Families can work on a spooky maze game in Minecraft with a scary movie in the background. There will be a costume contest with the ninjas.

- The American Legion Post 250 Halloween Party will run from 7 p.m. to midnight at 2608 Black Creek Dr. in Middleburg. The party includes food, drinks and a costume party. Southbound 41 will perform.

- Seagrass Village's Trunk or Treat will be at 5 p.m. at 1949 East West Pkwy. on Fleming Island.

Saturday, Oct. 28

- Boo on the Boulevard in Keystone Heights from 5-9 p.m. The event includes trick-or-treating along Lawrence Boulevard, food trucks, face painting, games and the movie Disney/Pixar's "Monsters, Inc." at Keystone Beach at 7:30 p.m.

- Visitors are invited to dress up for the Boo at the Roo, Hoggy Walloween Event on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rooterville Animal Sanctuary, 1209 County Road 315 in Melrose. The cost is \$15 a person or \$45 for a family. The event allows families to interact with more than 100 animals. The 20-acre farm will have Halloween decorations. The goal of the event is to promote an anti-bullying campaign. For tickets, visit rooterville.org.

- Haunted at the Hilltop Wine Social will be at The Hilltop Restaurant from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at 2030 Wells Road in Orange Park. Even cost \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. It includes sips, snacks and the scariest prize for the most creative costume.

- Reparation Earth will present its Aqtoberfest at 11 a.m. at 5968 County Road 209 South in Green Cove Springs. The event includes music, farm tours at noon and 2 p.m. and lunch. For reservations or questions, call (904) 755-1606.

- Ripple Effect Martial Arts will host a

Trunk and Treat from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at 1851 Golden Eagle Way on Fleming Island. The event includes candy and a costume party.

- A Halloween Doubles Tournament and Costume Contest will start at 6 p.m. at Park Avenue Billiards at 714 Park Ave. in Orange Park. For registration, visit parkavenuebilliards.com. Contestants must be members of the First Coast American Poolplayers Association.

- Star Seed Holistic Spa invites everyone to a morning of Halloween Painting and Mini Facial from 9 a.m. to noon at 767 Blanding Blvd. in Orange Park. Tickets cost \$50, including an 11-by-14-inch blacklight painting, a 15-minute facial, mimosas and appetizers. To register, visit eventbrite.com/e/treat-yourself-to-a-morning-of-halloween-painting-and-a-mini-facial-tickets.

- Scooters Coffee's Spooktacular Trunk or Treat will be from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at 151 Park Ave. in Orange Park. Guests can decorate their vehicles, participate in a rally and support a fundraiser.

- Truck or Treat will be celebrated from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Keystone United Methodist Church, 4004 State Road 21.

- The Fall Festival Trunk or Treat will be at Lake Hill Baptist Church, 5165 County Road 214 in Keystone Heights, at 5:30 p.m.

- Mission of the Dirt Road Healthy Harvest will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 7790 State Road 100 in Keystone Heights. Health resources, medical testing and care, lunch and fun for children will be offered.

- Springs Chapel's Fall Festival will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 1106 N. Orange Ave. in Green Cove Springs. The event includes games, food, a petting zoo, an obstacle course, a bounce house, crafts, a zip line, relay races, and more.

Sunday, Oct. 29

- Fleming Island United Methodist Church will host a Halloween Mystery Dinner from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at 7170 U.S. Highway 17. Wear your costume and enjoy a frightful dinner.

- Candypalooza will start at 9:30 a.m. at Fleming Island United Methodist Church, 7170 U.S. Highway 17 on Fleming Island. The event combines church, costumes and candy.

- Burn Boot Camp will host a Trunk or Treat Extravaganza at 406 Old Hard Road on Fleming Island at 4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 30

- Trunk or Treat at Oakleaf High will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 4035 Plantation Oaks Blvd. Presented by the National Honor Society, the event is for children 12 and younger.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

- Trick or Treat and Haunted Maze at Moosehaven will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event at 1701 Park Ave. in Orange Park will include food trucks, a happy haunted trail and trick or treats. Admission is free. Volunteers and donations are needed since last year's spooktacular attracted nearly 4,000. To help, contact Susan Luke at sluke@moosehaven.org.

- The Candy Crawl will be at the Orange Park Mall at 5 p.m. Families can dress up and collect treats as they explore the mall.

- The First Baptist Church of Middleburg will host two Fall Festivals – one with trunk or treat, bounce houses and food trucks at the church at 2645 Blanding Blvd. and one with trunk or treat and food trucks at the Fox Meadows Subdivision, 1521 Lake Foxmeadow Road in Middleburg.

- First Baptist Church of Middleburg's Fall Festival will be on Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. at 2645 Blanding Blvd. A Trunk or Treat, bounce house and food trucks will be available and at the Fox Meadows Subdivision, off Old Jennings Road, 3.2 miles west of Blanding Boulevard.

- Trunk or Treat will be offered at Elevate Life Church, 1845 Town Center Blvd. on Fleming Island. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3

- St. Catherine Annual Bazaar Friday and Saturday. Attic Treasures Rummage Sale, Handicrafts Sale, Book Nook Used Book sale, Plant Booth; Silent Auction, BINGO (Friday only - games begin at 7pm) Filipino Cuisine; Hispanic Cuisine and Chuck Wagon. 50/50 Raffle and Prize Raffles all day. \$900 Electronic Dart Board; \$300 Basket of Cheer. Drawing 8pm Sat.

Saturday, Nov. 4

- The Middleburg Historic Fall Festival will be at Middleburg Civic Association, 2102 Palmetto St., from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Celebrate the history, culture and family fun with a classic car show, live music, food vendors, handcrafted goods, unique gifts and family entertainment.

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Fleming Island High trying to serve up new pickleball program

By Lee Wardlaw
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FLEMING ISLAND – For one high school in Clay County, momentum is picking up for the newest sporting sensation.

Tessa Wilson is a local pickleball prodigy and All-County tennis star. Ahmed El-Zarif plays competitive travel pickleball with her. The two teammates, both students at Fleming Island High, devised a game plan: launch the beloved sport of pickleball in Fleming Island and throughout the School District.

When Wilson hosted the first meeting of the Pickleball Club in August, she expected a turnout of maybe 20 to 30 students. To her astonishment, 75 students attended the meeting, demonstrating the remarkable interest in the sport, which is growing nationwide. “We were blown away with how many people actually wanted to join the team,” she said.

But Wilson and El-Zarif have far bigger plans. To increase pickleball’s reach across the Northeast Florida region, the sport will need to jump through a few hoops. To reach varsity status in the School District, at least four high schools must participate at the club level for two years.

With one student and one coach or faculty member needed to sponsor a club sport, Wilson took the initiative at Fleming Island by linking with Eagles’ Girls Tennis Head Coach Molly McNeill to kickstart the program.

Then, El-Zarif reached out to County Athletic Director Jay Stilianou and high school principals to get the ball rolling. After some persistence, El-Zarif received an email containing instructions on how he could help other schools start a club-level sport.



Tessa Wilson, a star local pickleball and tennis player who was instrumental in kickstarting the club pickleball program at Fleming Island High this August, stands alongside Victoria El-Zarif, a parent whose son, Ahmad, stars at mixed doubles with Wilson in travel tournaments played across the state.

Last summer, the Eagles’ Club Pickleball team hosted a fundraiser at the Eagle Harbor Tennis Club. The event was dubbed a success after raising \$1,300.

“As soon as people heard that we wanted to start pickleball, they asked, ‘How can I donate? Can I give paddles and equipment? What can I do?’” Wilson said.

Currently, the pickleball torchbearers in the county are Fleming Island and Middleburg Highs. They held a scrimmage on Oct. 17 to experiment with multiple formats, including mixed doubles and matches combining players from both schools.

“I think everyone loved it because you get to compete against another school instead of just practicing against your own team. It was just fun to see people enjoy



The Fleming Island High Golden Eagles officially started their club pickleball program in August, but it will take two years and a few hoops to jump through before they can officially call themselves a varsity athletics program.

the sport and its social aspect,” Wilson said.

Wilson started pickleball as an extension of her passion for tennis, but soon after she picked up her new pickleball paddle, the game flickered from a hobby to an addiction.

“I love competing, and I’ve played tennis my whole life, so I always loved that sport. But when I first stepped onto the Pickleball court, I said, ‘I love this more,’” she said.

With Wilson and El-Zarif playing at a high level of competition, traveling across the state for events, the pair could become a dominant force in bringing the sport to a varsity level at Fleming Island.

Last April, the dynamic duo participated in the U.S. Pickleball Open in Naples, which spanned a week. The event, sponsored by the Professional Pickleball Association, gave them the chance to win a

“golden ticket,” which can be acquired by players who win a gold medal at a tournament in their designated bracket. This means the pair will compete at the upcoming Nationals in Dallas in November.

“It’s exciting because they are very dedicated to it, very committed to it,” she said.

The Golden Eagles’ practice is each Tuesday and Thursday, and Wilson’s father, Graham Wilson, heads the program. Twice-weekly sessions give students ample opportunities to sharpen their skills and bond as a team while also advertising the school’s new pickleball program as students pass by the tennis courts.

Wilson shared her excitement about the growing club.

“Even if you don’t have previous experience, we have a lot of people who joined who have never picked up a pickleball paddle. Now, they are competing and love it,” she said.

Blues

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“I think we were working on a couple of new songs right now, and I’m hoping that we can get at least one of those out before we get to Memphis,” said singer Mike Hale. “We’ve got some stuff that we haven’t played in these challenges yet, so we’re going to bring that with us.”

All six members – singer Mike Hale, bassist Gerry Goyette, drummer Steve Gard, keyboardist Debbie Stokes, guitarist Pops Stokes and harmonicist Dave Hockman – are from Middleburg. They played three original and two cover songs in Gainesville last week to win the regional competition. And they have plenty of new material they can work into their routine before hitting Beale Street from Jan. 16-20.

“Wow, you’ve got to be excited about that,” said drummer Steve Gard. “We aren’t



sure what we’re going to do for Memphis. We have several originals we didn’t play (in Gainesville). We have covers we didn’t play. We’re going to try to work it down to our four or five best songs.”

Whatever they pick, Hale said it would

be “tight.”

“I think I think the secret is just being a very tight, tight, well-rounded band,” he said. “I mean, from the guitar to the keys. I mean, from the bass player to the harmonica – the harmonica adds dynamics to

the band. So, I mean, a very tight band is what I think is the best thing about being a great blues band.”

And attitude.

Blues music started in the Deep South in the Mississippi Delta about 160 years ago. It originated in the working fields and features distinctive melancholic subjects and sounds. Blues influences can be found in jazz, rhythm, and rock and roll music.

Three of Southern Junction’s originals that earned them a spot in Memphis were “Makin Shine,” “Hard to Believe” and “Cajun Queen.” Hale said the band was comfortable with its setlist for Gainesville, but they weren’t sure how they’d stack up against the competition.

“We knew we knew we had a chance, but I mean, there was definitely some good competition there,” he said. “We didn’t go in there with a heavy head. You know what I mean? We kind of felt like we could win. We were runner-up two years ago. I had a little bit of new material, and we came out with the win.”



The 14th Colony

By Archives Supervisor Vishi Garig, a service of Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara S. Green

As the 14th colony, Florida's place in the Revolutionary War is often forgotten. When thinking about the American Revolution, folks think about the thirteen colonies north of Florida. Looking at the big picture, the British colonies began with the British West Indies, ran through Florida and the thirteen other colonies, and then continued into the British Canadian colonies of Quebec, Nova Scotia, Ontario, and New Brunswick. St. Augustine and Florida in general were in the middle of the British Empire in the Western Hemisphere.

Then there was the attitude of British Floridians, who were happy with the status quo. While the upper thirteen had a beef with the British crown, East Floridians did not. Local plantations, especially those in Clay County, were thriving. East Floridians saw the Continental Congress as rabble-rousers who posed a great threat to an economy that was working in their favor. East Florida could feed itself, defend itself, and produce profits. Because of this success, Florida became a refuge for Loyalists fleeing the upper thirteen colonies.

When news of the signing of the Declaration of Independence reached St. Augustine on August 11, 1776, a large mob of Loyalists burned the effigies of John Hancock and Samuel Adams in the town square. British East Florida, of course, sent no representatives to the Continental Congress. St. Augustine soon became a base of operations from which the British dealt with the southern colonies. Troops and munitions were amassed there, and refugees from the other thirteen colonies flooded the streets.

None of this went unnoticed by the rebel colonists. The Continental Army launched three attempts to conquer East Florida in 1776, 1777, and 1778. The first attempt was ordered by General George Washington himself. These ultimately failed, as it seems that the true grit needed to invade just wasn't there. Lack of manpower, poor leadership, and logistical errors all led to these failures.



Governor Patrick Tonyn, the third and last British governor of Florida.

Sneaky raids by low-level rebels were one way that the Revolution affected East Florida. As a result, Governor Patrick Tonyn had to send several of his workers and slaves to St. Augustine to build public defenses. In order to keep property, houses, and other such assets out of the rebel's hands, General Augustine Prevost decided to burn all "houses and manufactured timber" along the west and north of the St. Johns River and around Doctor's Lake. Tonyn diligently carried out the order. He wrote that his orders were "fully executed", and his own 20,000-acre plantation on Black Creek was totally destroyed. He lost two plantation homes, sixteen slave cabins, two barns, four sets of indigo vats, and 3,000 cypress planks.

The American Revolution brought raids and extensive damage to British East Flor-

ida. The ungrateful rebels saw Florida as a great resource for slaves, timber, cattle, cotton, and whatever else they could lay their hands on. Not all these raiders were whom we think of today as our Revolutionary War heroes; some were sometimes just small bands of raiders and bandits.

Over at Doctor's Lake, Spring Garden and Tobacco Bluff were British indigo plantations. They were located on the western side of Doctor's Lake and were the property of John Davis. When John Bartram, the Crown's botanist, visited the area, he stayed with Davis. Spring Garden was 400 acres and Tobacco Bluff was 600 acres. Between 1774 and 1776, the sales of indigo exports from Spring Garden and Tobacco Bluff in London totaled £556 sterling. The land was considered excellent for timber and naval stores, and the set value of the property was £2844, including slaves. Indigo, tobacco, citrus, sugar cane, and Sea Island cotton were common crops.

On July 1, 1776, armed rebels from Georgia surrounded the slaves at Tobacco Bluff while they were at work in the fields. Twenty-seven men and women were abducted and marched to Georgia. The cattle, horses, hogs, indigo and provisions fields, a framed and weather-boarded barn, a log dwelling house, a mill house, slave dwellings, indigo vats, and poultry houses were destroyed or stolen.

The plundering of slaves in East Florida by American rebels was rampant. On July 1, 1776, Governor Tonyn reported that the theft of slaves was an obvious goal of the rebels as "they took upwards of thirty (slaves) and a family" from the first two plantations they reached. Tonyn was talking about Spring Garden and Tobacco Bluff.

Plundered slaves were also used to carry other items taken from plantations, such as furniture, household goods, food stores, and farm equipment.

Tonyn dealt with the "unnatural colonists who are ungrateful to British designs," as he called the rebels and Continental soldiers. He sent out his local militia, like Thomas Brown and Brown's Rangers, after them. Many were arrested and brought back to the Castillo, where some were treated as prisoners of war and others like common criminals. In 1779, Spain took advantage of Britain's total distraction with the Revolution. By 1781, Britain had lost West Florida to Spain. On September 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris ended the American Revolution. Under a separate treaty, England ceded Florida back to Spanish control in exchange for the Bahamas, ending British Florida. The war, having drained Britain's coffers, resulted in Britain being forced to recognize American independence. After losing control of the majority of its colonies, Britain had little interest in keeping Florida.

No one was angrier about the abandonment than Governor Tonyn. Patrick Tonyn, who was so loyal to the Crown felt deeply betrayed. All his efforts to keep the colony safe and ensure its economic success were tossed aside. The "Great Evacuation", as it was called, did not go well. Stretching the new Spanish governor's patience, the British managed to turn an evacuation into an almost three-year ordeal. Then, Parliament, like a dog with a bone, demanded that he explain his management of the "Long Evacuation." There were no parades welcoming back Governor Tonyn. Instead, he faced years of red tape and paperwork.

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Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register
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How Can a Good God Allow Suffering?

C.S. Lewis once wrote, “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world”

Have you ever been struggling with your faith amidst challenging circumstances, wondering how a good God could allow suffering? It’s a tough question that tugs at our hearts. As always, we find the answers in God’s Word.

In John 16:33, Jesus acknowledges that life brings troubles: “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” He’s saying that suffering is part of our journey, but through Him, we can find peace. His victory over the world gives us hope even in tough times.

Now, you might wonder why God didn’t make a world without suffering. He did, but our choices brought suffering. God gave us the freedom to choose, even if it means we sometimes make wrong choices that lead to pain. Consider Joni Eareckson Tada’s story. Despite being paralyzed for 45 years, she said, “I would rather be in this wheelchair, knowing God, than on my feet without Him.” How powerful is that? Her words remind us that God’s presence in suffering can bring unexpected blessings – things like strength, compassion, and a deeper connection with Him.

Psalms 34:18 tells us, “The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” This verse assures us that God is with us in our toughest moments. He doesn’t abandon us when we suffer; instead, He becomes our refuge and our strength.

While the question of why a good God would allow suffering might seem like an unsolvable puzzle, faith helps us see that God cares about our pain. He’s right there with us, offering comfort and peace.

Through Jesus’ victory, we find hope and certainty that, one day, all suffering will end, and God’s goodness will shine brighter than ever. So, even in the toughest times, we trust in His goodness and the promise of a better tomorrow.

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Clay County Shrine Club celebrates 61 years

Charters club has been at same location since 1975

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Shrine Club celebrated its 61st birthday as a chartered organization on Oct. 14.

The Morocco Shrine Center established and chartered the Clay County Shrine Club in 1962. Approximately 110 Shriners, spouses and family members and The Clay County Community Jazz band were treated to a homemade Italian dinner menu last week featuring baked chicken parmesan, lasagna, spaghetti, homestyle pasta dishes, salads and desserts.

The 20-piece Clay County Community Jazz Band, a subgroup of the 70-plus member Clay County Community Band featured music from the 1920s through the 1950s, as well as classics such as “Rolling on the River,” “Footloose,” “Rock-In Robin” and “Old Time Rock and Roll.”

In addition to celebrating the 61st anniversary, four new Shriner candidates were sworn in as the newest members. It was truly a night to celebrate being a Shriner.

The club, located at 2471 Russell Rd, has been home to Clay County Shriners



since 1975. Construction of their facility began with a groundbreaking ceremony on April 5, 1975, the building was completed later the same year. The groundbreaking was officiated by the 1975 Clay County Shrine Club President Jonathan M. Wainwright V and the 1975 Morocco Shrine Potentate John Ek. Club President Jonathan M. Wainwright V was the son of retired four-star General Jonathan M. Wainwright

IV. General Wainwright and his son, Clay County Shrine Club President Jonathan Wainwright V, were both Freemasons and Shriners. Shriners have been around for 150 years. Shriners International established Shriners Children’s as its official philanthropy in 1922 and continues to support it today. Shriners Children commonly known as Shriners Hospitals for Children treat both pediatric and burns. With an annual budget exceeding \$1 billion it is now one of the largest pediatric sub-specialty healthcare systems in the world.

Shriners Hospitals for Children provides specialty pediatric care to children regardless of their families’ ability to pay or insurance status. Since opening the first Shriners Children’s location, the healthcare system has improved the lives of more than 1.4 million children. For additional information or to refer a child you can reach out to lovetotherescue.org or by calling (800) 237-7256. If you would like to contact the Clay County Shrine Club please call (833) 374-7463. Feel free to leave us a message if we miss your call. You can also reach out to the Morocco Shrine Center located at 560 Wells Road, by calling (904) 909-2681 or emailing info@moroccoshrine.org.

Fuel

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closed on a deal for 80 vehicles for a Law Enforcement Agency in North Carolina, said that business owners that deploy fleet vehicles could see not only long-term savings but a return on investment on their decision to use propane in just six months to a year, depending on the vehicle. He said that this can allow business owners to re-invest in employee programs with savings, such as 401(k) plans and benefits.

Propane-powered vehicles deployed at municipal, county or state levels for fleets like school districts, law enforcement and public works also have the potential to save taxpayer dollars with government incentives obtained by rebates and grants that encourage the use of alternative fuels.

Stipulations exist for converting a vehicle to propane. The cost typically ranges from \$8,000-to-\$12,000 to go green, Martinez said. However, an Alternative Fuel Tax Credit currently exists through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, active until 2024. That allows consumers to save 37



A 2024 GMC 3500 pickup showcased dual fuel systems, embodying what a greener tomorrow could look like for more drivers.

cents a gallon to power a motor vehicle or forklift with the colorless, odorless fuel.

The future for going green isn’t solely by going electric, as currently demonstrated by Martinez and others utilizing propane.

“Electric makes sense for your golf cart or grocery-getter, but it doesn’t make

sense for your workhorse (vehicle) yet,” he said. He isn’t discounting electric, but the future could be propane, as embodied in the company’s showcase truck, a 2024 GMC 3500, that was on display last week at Trunk or Treat at the Julington Creek, where Martinez and his team passed out candy and marketed their product to potential clients.

The truck has two separate fueling systems, gas and propane, and the 40-gallon propane tank adds 1,000 miles of range. The propane tank can be placed in the back of the pickup or where the spare tire regularly sits in the undercarriage, with a dedicated line to hook up propane right beside the gas pump.

“If you move products or people, then propane should make sense for you,” Martinez said.

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Pig race for fun, not to be on menu at Swine and Dine

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Piglets on one side of the Cattleman's Arena at the Clay County Fairgrounds squealed in anticipation of running a lap around the track, knowing there was a treat waiting for them at the finish line. Others weren't as lucky because they were on the menu at the Swine and Dine to benefit three local nonprofits. The event included a dinner, games, pig races, a photo opportunity, a Derby hat contest, live music and a petting zoo. Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs in Green Cove Springs and Fleming Island, the outing supported The Way Free Medical Care and Dental, the Quigley House and Mercy Support Services. Hosted by a pig-nosed master of ceremonies, Steve Conrad of the Fleming Island club, the event attracted about 350 guests. "Our online numbers were down a bit, but we had more walk-ups and more sponsors," said event coordinator Preston Mangus. "It was certainly a success. Everyone had a great time, and the pig races were hilarious."



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Blue Angels

Nearly 500,000 fans of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels gathered on two spectacular beach days for the Jacksonville Beach Sea and Sky Blue Angels Presentation and the Blue Angels did not disappoint with incredible acrobatic maneuvers at up to 6Gs of speed (about 700 miles per hour) with a handful of sheer verticals and Supersonic passes just above the Jacksonville Beach Fishing Pier.



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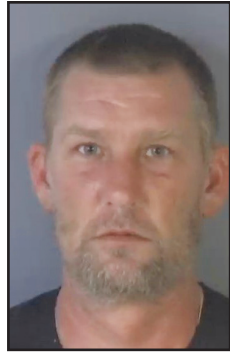
Compiled by Don Coble

Traffic stop leads to drug trafficking bust in Green Cove Springs

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy stopped a car after realizing the driver's license was suspended, and that led to several drug-related charges, including armed trafficking in 5.8 grams of fentanyl.

Jason Lee Dinkins, 39, of Green Cove Springs, also was charged with armed possession of more than 128.5 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

According to the arrest report, the driver, Marissa Ann Towery, 36, also of Green



Jason Lee Dinkins

Cove Springs, said Dinkins was too tired to drive, so she was behind the wheel when she was spotted on County Road 209 on Oct. 21.

After receiving a citation, the deputy said the couple could leave, but only if Dinkins was the driver. The deputy then was permitted to search the car, and during the pat-down, he discovered a bag of marijuana in Dinkins' waistband. Another bag with fentanyl was also found, CCSO said. They also found a silver handgun with a magazine with 11 rounds of ammunition.

Deputies found more marijuana and fentanyl in the car.

Towery was charged with driving with a suspended license and possession of 1.1 grams of fentanyl and 9.1 grams of mari-



Melissa Ann Towery

juana. Dinkins' bond was set at \$107,508, while the bond was set at \$25,007 for Towery.

Three teens arrested – one with a gun – for shoplifting at OP Mall

ORANGE PARK – Deputies at Orange Park Mall faced a surprising situation when they stopped three juvenile shoplifters from Belk. One was 16, and the others were 17, all wearing black "ski mask" face coverings. According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, the 16-year-old had a concealed firearm in his waistband during a pat-down. After removing the gun, the juvenile attempted to flee through the mall but was quickly apprehended. The incident sheds light on the daily unexpected challenges and dangers our deputies face, CCSO said. The 16-year-old was charged with several offenses, including possessing a concealed firearm by a minor, resisting arrest without violence, possessing marijuana, retail theft, and wearing a mask, hood or other device on public property. The other two juveniles face retail theft charges and wearing a mask, hood or other device on public property.



Two arrested for resisting CCSO after being bounced from bar

FLEMING ISLAND – Two men who refused to leave a lounge on County Road 220 on Oct. 20 wound up in the Clay County Jail after struggling with sheriff's office deputies.

Matthew Maua Teofilo, 53, of Orange Park, was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest,

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

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Gregory R. Halcomb, 52, Middleburg, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, burglary

Jeremy D. Shannon, 38, Green Cove Springs, two counts trafficking-fentanyl, trafficking-heroin

Mitchell R. Callahan, 46, Orange Park, grand theft

Mary L. Barber, 70, Middleburg, DUI
Kayla T. Dixon, 29, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Frederick J.W. Potts, 34, Orange Park, DWLSR

Eduardo L. Valenzuela, 44, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Tyler A. Hillegas, 31, Keystone Heights, larceny, criminal mischief, trespassing on school grounds

Bobby L. Pattishall, 31, Green Cove Springs, FTA-failure to pay civil penalty

Richard S. Parker, 47, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery

William J. Lanneaux, 30, Green Cove Springs, assault, breach of peace/disorderly conduct/fighting/brawling

Richard L. Hall, 30, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Virgil A. Peppers, 52, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions for protection against domestic violence

Samuel H. Hall, 28, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon

Monday, Oct. 23

Robin W. Fausey, 68, Middleburg, domestic battery of person 65 or older

William G. Lee, 31, Orange Park, grand theft bicycle, criminal mischief

April J. Welch, 38, Orange Park, domestic battery of person 65 or older

Blake S. Rogers, 37, Orange Park, DUI

Domonique W. Jones, 28, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions for protection against domestic violence

Raymond S.A. Drawdy, 26, Green Cove Springs, violation of jail rules

Carmen M. Hunnicutt, 61, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia

Kyle W. Blair, 38, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Sunday, Oct. 22

Anthony C. Clack, 52, Middleburg, domestic battery

Sedrick A. Player, 45, Orange Park, domestic battery

Jennifer M. East, 41, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-klonopin, possession-drug paraphernalia

David F. Green, 40, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-klonopin, possession-drug paraphernalia

Sarah M. Gray, 40, Keystone Heights, domestic battery

Demetrius W. Anderson, 42, Orange Park, domestic battery

Dawson J. Elfstrom, 22, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Saturday, Oct. 21

Lester Mims, 40, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, possession-marijuana with intent to sell/deliver/manufacture

Alexis S. Warren, 24, Orange Park, shoplifting

Augustus D. Wright, 41, Middleburg, DWLSR

Amanda E. Latvenas, 32, Maxville, domestic battery

Kim A. Gonzalez, 56, Orange Park, domestic battery

Marrisa A. Towery, 36, Green Cove Springs, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, DWLSR

Jason L. Dinkins, 39, Green Cove Springs, armed trafficking-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Friday, Oct. 20

Kason R. Sublett, 18, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana

Abram Serrato, 23, Fleming Island, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, disorderly intoxication, trespassing

Matthew J. Toefilo, 53, Fleming Island, battery on law enforcement/firefighter, EMT, resist/oppose/obstruct law enforcement

Chayne B. Williams, 21, Orange Park, domestic battery

Brandy M. Rowland, 39, Keystone Heights, disorderly intoxication, consumption of alcohol within 200 feet of package store, open container of alcohol in public

Dewey R. Wilks, 56, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Latoya D. Walker, 37, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft auto

Malasia E. Jackson, 18, Oakleaf, domestic battery

Joshua S. Pafford, 42, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-failure to register vehicle

Michelle B. Mullins, 51, Middleburg, misuse of 911 system

Dominic C. McDowell, 32, Middleburg, trespassing on school grounds after being

asked to leave

Trent K. Lovett Jr., 33, Green Cove Springs, FTA-failure to redeliver hired/leased property

Brenton D. Johnson, 31, Orange Park, driving without valid license

Thursday, Oct. 19

Jalen T. Robinson, 23, Orange Park, petit theft, violation of concealed weapon law, possession-unlicensed firearm, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Brenda J.N. Demery, 30, Orange Park, aggravated assault with intent to commit felony

Mason L. Soto, 23, Middleburg, shoplifting

Kaylea S. Lockear-Jeffers, 24, Middleburg, shoplifting

Braden S. Seebeck, 18, Green Cove Springs, three counts sexual assault of victim younger than 12

Domonique W. Jones, 28, Green Cove Springs, stalking/harassing/cyberstalking, contempt of court for injunction for protection against domestic violence

Travis W. Criswell, 33, Orange Park, petit theft

Lynsay A. Lawson, 31, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Christopher N. Cornelius, 38, Green Cove Springs, violation of jail rules

Levy D. Hansell, 31, Green Cove Springs, violation of jail rules

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Gary L. Welshans, 64, Orange Park, DUI

Jiquan J. Payton, 23, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions against domestic violence

Joshua C. Norton, 32, Green Cove Springs, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Jaren D. Tyler, 30, Green Cove Springs, violation of jail rules

Kelsey A. Herrin, 26, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Green Cove Springs looking for funds for stormwater projects

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – During its most recent meeting, the City Council took the first steps in securing a bond for Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects.

Council approved the first reading of an ordinance that authorizes city staff to borrow up to \$9 million for stormwater capital improvement projects and up to \$600,000 to purchase a Vac-Con truck for the City Stormwater Department. It also agreed to put George A. Smith Jr. of George A. Smith PLLC on retainer to serve as council for selecting and signing the bond.

The second and final reading of the ordinance will be presented to the council for approval during the Nov. 7 regular session meeting. The city is already in the Request for Proposal process for terms and conditions for a bank loan. Once the City Council adopts the ordinance, staff will present their selected loan recommendation for council approval on Dec. 5. If the recommended loan is approved, staff anticipates finalizing the loan in December 2023 or January 2024.

The proposed bond will supplement the funding needed to complete crucial stormwater projects throughout the city. Stormwater User Fees will support paying back the proposed bond rather than directly funding stormwater capital improvement projects.



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Once the city can pay for critical stormwater projects, flooding like this along Orange Avenue will become less frequent.

Once a bond is approved and finalized, funds will help accelerate the timeline for several stormwater projects, including:

West Street Drainage Project: Replacing stormwater pipes along West Street from Walnut Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. City has already begun the construction bid process and plans to start construction in January 2024

Clay Street Storm Basin Project: Replacing stormwater pipes and repairing river bulkhead along Clay Street, Lambart Street, Magnolia and St. Johns avenues. The city will be able to begin the construc-

tion bid process in Spring 2024, shortening the project's timeline by two years.

Julia Street Stormwater Project: Upgrading stormwater systems and replacing pipes along Julia Street from Sunset Avenue to the end of the street at Governors Creek. City will be able to begin the construction bid process in Spring 2024, shortening the project's timeline by a year. Bayard and St. Johns avenues upgrades: Stormwater upgrades to replace pipes along Bayard Street from St. Johns Avenue to the St. Johns River and St. Johns Avenue from Elmore Street to Bayard Street, and repair river bulkhead

on Bayard Street. The city will be able to begin the construction bid process in Spring 2024 and begin construction as scheduled.

Cove Subdivision Pipe Lining Project: Lining stormwater pipes to extend the life of the current pipe system. The city will be able to begin the construction bid process in Spring 2024, shortening the project's timeline by three years.

Ferris Street Storm Basin Project: Replacing stormwater pipes along Ferris Street and the connecting streets. The city will be able to begin the design and permitting process in Spring 2024, shortening the project's timeline by three years.

Roberts Street Project: Replacing stormwater pipe and drainage structures. The city will be able to begin the design and permitting process in Spring 2024, shortening the project's timeline by three years.

South Highland Avenue Project: Upgrading stormwater systems. The city will be able to begin the design and permitting process in Spring 2024, shortening the project's timeline by two years. **Oakridge Stormwater Project:** Installing new stormwater piping and stormwater pond on Oakridge from Walnut Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The city will be able to begin the design and permitting process in Spring 2024, shortening the project's timeline by three years.

Calendar

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will support breast cancer patients at 10 a.m. at the Springs Church, 900 Park Ave. Comedians Foxy Hamm and Bobby Parker will perform, with Charlie Eddins serving as MC. The event is \$5. To register, visit pinkribbonsymposium.org.

"NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD": will be performed on Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Island Theater, 1860 Town Hall Circle, Suite 54, on Fleming Island. Tickets are \$18 and are available at theislandtheater.com.

MOONLIGHT ON MAGNOLIA: will be on Oct. 28, starting at 4 p.m. at the Magnolia Cemetary, 1040 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park. The free event includes a tour of the cemetary to visit "former residents." If you'd like to participate, contact info@ophistory.org.

AQTOBERFEST: will be on Oct. 28, starting at 11 a.m. at Reparation Earth, 5968 County Road 209 South in Green Cove Springs. The event includes music, farm tours at noon and 2 p.m. and lunch. For reservations call (904) 755-1606.

FLORIDA BLUE HEALTHY WALK: will be on Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. at the Orange Park Mall, 1910 Wells Road. Walkers to meet near AMC Theatre entrance.

"NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD": will be performed on Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Island Theater, 1860 Town Hall Circle, Suite 54, on Fleming Island. Tickets are \$18 at theislandtheater.com. The Interactive Experience with the cast will be at 6 p.m. The cost is \$15.

ELDERSOURCE AAA BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE: will meet virtually on Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. visit myeldersource-org.zoom.us/j/86274570175?pwd=VTEvaCsrOTlpQjVFZD1GOEJ1QmFxZz09

Police

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disorderly intoxication and trespassing after a warning, while Abram Serrato, 23, of Patterson, California, was booked for resisting a law enforcement officer, disorderly intoxication and trespassing after a warning.

According to the arrest report, both

refused a security officer's order to leave the bar. One deputy wrestled with Teofilo in the parking lot before he gained control and put him under arrest. Serrato tried to hide behind the bar and was caught.

During the booking process, CCSO said both men yelled threats like "You must watch your back" to deputies.

Teofilo's bond was set at \$14,509, while Serrato's bond was \$6,506.

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ORANGE PARK FALL FESTIVAL



Showtime USA provided a world-class display of patriotic dancing and singing to Orange Park for the Town's 41st annual Fall Festival.



Bonsai Dale, owner of Evergreen Exotics, was on hand at the Town's Fall Festival to pitch residents on purchasing his unique houseplants.

Attendees enjoyed sunny weather, great food and entertainment

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – On Saturday, The Town of Orange Park kicked off the celebration for its 41st annual Fall Festival in style with a big-ticket Opening Ceremony that set the stage for a day filled with world-class entertainment, delicious food, artisan vendors and activities for all ages.

Mayor Randy Anderson gave a heartfelt opening speech that was capped off with a riveting rendition of the National Anthem by LeeAnn Purvis. With hundreds looking on, the patriotic fervor was bolstered by a proud presentation of the colors from the decorated Ridgeview High Navy JROTC.

Purvis is a star already exploding on the local music scene at just 17 years old. She has released multiple albums and is in the process of recording new songs. Purvis's performance was followed by an energetic opening act from All Starz Dance Studio, with girls from several age groups performing in front of families and the community.

With crisp weather and clear skies on the beautiful fall morning, the big moment was the perfect way for the Fall Festival to commence. This regionally acclaimed affair was ranked in the Top 20 events by the Southeastern Tourism Society in 2020.

The Opening Ceremony was followed by music, food, crafts, vendors, children's activities and even more live entertainment. The Wehner School of the Arts, Showtime USA, Miss Marie's Kids, Asbury Arts Center and others took to the stage to rock

thousands of community members and visitors for the Fall Festival spectacle.

The festival's perimeter was lined with food vendors offering cuisine from Southern to Italian to Filipino to Tex-Mex. Festivalgoers walked down "streets" lined with tents on either side, where vendors sold anything from handcrafted gifts, maple syrup, local honey, pillows, bonsai trees, firewood and wooden artwork that depicted the U.S. flag and the many flags of football teams. Visitors and residents flocking to tents were eager to financially support the small-business culture of Orange Park and Clay County.

Attendees said they enjoyed the beautiful, sunny weather and everything the event had to offer, which has a growing buzz so strong that the Fall Festival may need to find a new home to accommodate more patrons in the future.

"Every year, it's growing. It just keeps getting bigger and bigger. I was talking to someone I know at the event, and I (believe) that (the Town) will have to move (the Fall Festival) because they're just running out of space. They're going to need more vendors," said resident Darren Johns.

Kristin Smith enjoyed the event alongside her 12-year-old daughter, Mackenzie, who shared their love for shopping at the festival, which has become an iconic staple of Orange Park. "I always love (the Fall Festival). It's our favorite event to kick off the fall. We like to come out and watch all of the dancers. It's a beautiful, sunny day," Smith said.



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Robison kicks winning FG on final play

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

MIDDLEBURG - Kaleb Robison's 43-yard field goal as the game clock expired lifted Middleburg to a 31-28 victory over visiting Bishop Kenny in an instant classic on October 20.

MIDDLEBURG, 32



Middleburg High quarterback Jaydan Jenkins indicates "two" after scoring the second touchdown of the first half in the Broncos' 31-28 win over Bishop Kenny on Friday. Jenkins ran for 204 yards, had two scores and threw a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter to set up a game-winning field goal by Kaleb Robison.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Middleburg High setter Olivia Callipo holds the district championship trophy after her Lady Broncos beat Ridgeview 3-0 on Thursday. Broncos, Panthers and St. Johns Country Day School all advanced into region playoffs.

Brooke fuels mom's first district title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - Knowing that Ridgeview High had one of the state's premiere blockers ready to reject scoring shots across the net, Middleburg High got a sterling first set attack effort from lefty hitter Brooke Forkum that fueled a dominant 3-0 district 4-5A championship win over Ridgeview in a clash of Clay County titans.

"We figured they were going to concentrate on Connor (center hitter Connor Rahn) with Haley (Haley Robinson, Ridgeview senior hitter/blocker) as the matchup for the game so our strategy was to move the ball away from her," said Forkum, a junior, and also daughter to Middleburg first year coach Meredith Forkum. "I had my shots and was finding the floor either through the middle or down the sideline and in games two and three, they had to adjust. That's when Connor started to strike."

SEE FORKUM, 31



Keystone boys win district 3-1A golf championship

Keystone Heights won the district 3-1A golf championship led by senior Kenneth Guy's 72 round at Quail Heights Country Club in Lake City. With Guy are Nick Binet, Jacob Beach, Alexander Addington and Ty Mitzel.



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Athlete Of The Week



Middleburg High senior kicker **Kaleb Robison** produced a 43 yard gamewinning field goal in the Broncos 31-28 win over Bishop Kenny. Robison also had five kickoff touchbacks, a 48 yard punt average; one for 55 yards, and four extra point kicks.



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Ridgeview vs. Columbia
Fleming vs. Buchholz (7:30)



Playoffs final shots: Win big or go home

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - As sports guys call it, This Friday is Crunch Time; go big or go home. Pretty simple.

The biggest David and Goliath is Clay vs. St. Augustine for a probable winner-take-all finish as the Yellow Jackets are fifth-ranked state-wide. The scrappy Blue Devils have taken some body blows, but, like Rocky, keep getting up.

Whether St. Augustine will become Clay's Drago is whether Clay gets a playoff slot. The game is in Green Cove Springs, but coach Kyle Kennard is an old-school kind of guy and, if his legacy of tenacity is to be bolstered, a win against St. Augustine would be monstrous.

On the other end of town, Fleming Island has its own David and Goliath of

sorts with Buchholz in town for a district showdown. The Bobcats have lost no steam from last year's Final Four finish and the Golden Eagles need a break after weeks of brutal finishes including last week's excruciating loss to Creekside.

As my guy Ray Dimonda said, the kids have a chance to bless their season with one of the biggest wins of their high school era; one that will be told to their grandkids.

Down Blanding, Middleburg, with multi-talented Jaydan Jenkins finding his groove, bolstered their playoff bids with a thriller (kudos kicker Kaleb Robison) over Bishop Kenny while Orange Park went numb in loss to Ponte Vedra. Orange Park, who had spurts of solid play against Ponte Vedra, can get some get-back on the Broncos with an upset win.

Don't think it hurts Middleburg's playoffs though.

Oakleaf goes on the road a second time with a trip to the Bears at Bartram Trail. Oakleaf can punch a ticket for a solid season with a win at Bartram Trail. The Bears have been an Achilles Heel for past Oakleaf teams.

Keystone Heights comes off a forfeit week well rested and Joshua Christian (1-5) needs to bring plenty of Icy Hot because the Indians will be rugged.

Ridgeview, a 45-0 loss to Fort White (7-1) just adds to the Panthers woes (-7). Ridgeview hosts new district champion Columbia and can shake the district tree in combination with the OP v. MHS outcome.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Fleming Island lineman Joey Couch can't believe the kick went wide in a dramatic finish for the Golden Eagles against Creekside.

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

CREEKSIDE - What a difference a week makes. Friday night the Fleming Island Golden Eagles came out looking like a re-born team against the Creekside Knights playing loose, confident, and nothing resembling the team that lost the previous five games. The Golden Eagles attacked the Knights head-on, scoring first and then going punch for punch through all four quarters. Trailing Creekside 49-48 with under a minute to play, the Golden Eagles drove the ball to the 33-yard line with 5.5 seconds left on the clock. Enter the field goal

Eagles fall in dramatic fashion

No rest for Fleming Island: Buchholz next

team. Good snap, hold, and kick away. As the ball sailed, the distance was more than enough, but the ball drifted outside the left upright by less than a yard, denying the Golden Eagles the much-needed rut-buster game they sorely needed. Friday night they will line up to take on the Buchholz Bobcats at home. The Bobcats come into the Eagle's Nest undefeated, the number one team in class 4S district 3.

"We had a pretty good scheme, we had plays to go against what they were doing, the coach was calling good plays, and the offense was executing well and it all worked, but in the end, we just couldn't pull it through," said Golden Eagle Quarterback Cibastian Broughton. "This whole week, we had great leadership step up, we started having more fun during practice, which was rare for us this season. It's more than football. We have to be brothers and friends. It's just having fun with your teammates, and everything is going to fall in place."

The Golden Eagles didn't even resemble the shadow of the team from last week as they exuded confidence from the kickoff. With the Knights winning the toss and electing to receive, they thought a quick score would set the tone. After going three

downs and punt to get the offense off the field, they quickly realized Fleming Island came to play four quarters of football. The Golden Eagles would be first to light up the scoreboard with Broughton passing to Devaen Boykin for a touchdown pass, 7-0, with Broughton dropping a perfect pass to Boykin to go up 14-7.

With the half coming, Creekside took the kick, then turned on a serious tempo offense, snapping the ball as soon as the officials placed it on the ground and backed away. The new look seemed to stun Fleming Island who went into the lockers locked at 14-14.

"When they went tempo, we were ready for it, but it's just hard to get substitutions in," said Golden Eagle Head Coach Chad Parker. "You have a decision to burn those timeouts or save them for the end of the half when you need them. So, we felt we could stop them with the guys we had."

The third quarter started with a bang with the third play when Broughton ran up the middle, found the Knights asleep at the controls and sprinted 75 yards for another touchdown at 11:09. The extra point attempt was no good, 20-14. Creekside

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Blue Devils set for district showdown

By Michael Liscio
Correspondent

PALM COAST - Entering Friday the Clay Blue Devils were ranked ninth in the FH-SAA Regional Playoff Rankings, the first team out of the eight-team bracket. A win on the road at Matanzas would not only help Clay's playoff wild-card prospects, it would also set up a winner-take-all all-state championship with St. Augustine at home this Friday.

Clay set the tone early, recovering an onside kick on the opening kickoff. On 4th and 10 at the Matanzas 30-yard line, Merrick Rapoza found Payton Dykas for a 15-yard gain to keep the drive going. Moments later, Rapoza capped off a 13-play 53-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. That possession chewed 4:54 off the clock, a trend that would continue through the evening. Clay Coach Kyle Kennard said of his team's start "Our kids come to play, they played hard tonight."

Two plays into the Pirate's first series, Chandler Thomas intercepted a Dakwon Evans pass to give the Blue Devils the ball again. Clay turned the ball over on downs and Matanzas went three and out. The teams then traded punts before the Pirates recovered a Rapoza fumble. Matanzas ended the quarter with the ball trailing Clay 7-0.

Ninety seconds into the second quarter, Landon Grover kicked a 28-yard field goal for Matanzas cutting the Blue Devils lead

to 7-3. After a Clay punt Pirate quarterback Dakwon Evans hit his 6' 3" 240 Lb tight-end Daniel DeFalco on a post for a 69-yard TD pass. On the point after attempt a bad snap forced holder Cole Hash to run the fire drill floating a pass to Braden Russell for 2 points, giving Matanzas an 11-7 advantage with 9:06 remaining in the quarter. Clay was forced to punt, and Matanzas turned it over on downs. With 6:10 left, Rapoza went to work finding Payton Dykas for two more of his 10 catches on the night, a 15-yard 3rd down grab followed by a 30-yarder on the next play. Immediately after, Rapoza toted the rock 4 yards for his second score of the night giving Clay a 14-11 lead they took into the half. Clay had the ball exactly fifteen minutes in the first half and opened the 3rd quarter with a 4-minute drive that stalled at the Matanzas 38. Five plays later, Dakwon Evans hit WR Andre Andrews on a screen pass which after a few broken tackles turned into a 49-yard touchdown putting the Pirates back on top 18-14 with 6:57 left in the third. After another Clay punt Pirate coach Matt Forrest went deep into the playbook and dialed up a throwback pass to TE DeFalco who found Andrews 30 yards downfield in the endzone to make it 24-14. Clay would take a 5-minute 37-second drive into the fourth quarter where it would end on an incomplete pass on 4th and 19.

Down 24-14 with 4 minutes to go, Landon Chadwick completed 4 passes and drove the Devils down the field setting up Rapoza



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO
Clay kicker Ethan Bellamare may be the hero for a third time if the Blue Devils rock St. Augustine's world with strong defense.



Clay High will need the fast feet of running back Gino Addison to take on the mighty St. Augustine High defense in a huge district clash on Friday.

for his third touchdown of the game to bring Clay within 3, but the Pirates converted a 4th and 2 to run out the clock and end the game with 24-21. Coach Matt Forrest lamented "That was two teams that were scratching and crawling and trying to do everything they could to find a way to win."

Merrick Rapoza completed 14 of 27 passes for 124 yards, rushed for 33 yards and even caught a pass. Landon Chadwick was 11 for 19 passing for 81 yards. On his quarterbacks Kennard, "They're prepared every week and are going to give it everything they got." Payton Dykas finished with 10 catches for 116 yards. The Pirates did not throw his way once on defense.

Clay held the ball for 32 minutes running an incredible 77 plays to finish with 205 yards passing, 84 yards rushing. The Pirates had a few deep passes, but QB Dakwon Evans finished just 6 for 18 passing. Forrest added, "A lot of the things we weren't doing right were a result of Clay's defense, they were playing hard and defending us well."

The Pirates improve to 6-2 and set their sights on hosting a playoff game next month. They play Menendez, on Friday. Clay is now 4-4 and will likely need wins against St. Augustine on Friday and Oakleaf on November 3 to have a chance at a wild-card berth.

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countered with another running touchdown at 8:13 with a good point after finally taking the lead 21-20.

After a Golden Eagle stalled drive and punt, Creekside again struck with the slant pass over the middle for a 55-yard touchdown pass, 28-20.

A muffed punt recovered by Fleming Island's Sebastian Cruz got Boykin a 15-yard scoring strike and a Tyler Beverly WildCat score to 28-28.

The Knights again picked apart the Golden Eagle defense with both an air and ground attack and their tempo offense to take the lead 35-28 into the fourth quarter. Creekside scored another in the fourth to 42-28 with Broughton hitting Trace Burney on a scoring strike to 42-35.

At 7:02 remaining, Fleming Island's Jarius Rodgers came full tilt toward Ashenfelder from his blind side. Rodgers chopped down on Ashenfelder's arm as he tackled the quarterback, dislodging the ball. Rodgers saw the ball and landed on it for a strip sack and recovery setting up Broughton for another rushing touchdown with 6:42 to play, 42-42.

With time dwindling away, the Knights went back on the attack, but Fleming Island offensive center Braden Cunningham went to defense action. Cunningham responded with two key stops inside the 10-yard line.

"I loved our fight tonight," said Cunningham. "Through the ups and downs, I wouldn't have it any other way. That momentum shift on that stop was huge. You could feel it on the sidelines, hear it in the stands, you could just feel it."

Broughton went straight to work and found Jackson in sprint mode to hit a 75-yard touchdown. A botched PAT kick snap left the score 48-42.

With 3:09 left in the game, it all came down to the Golden Eagle defense. As the Knights worked the field, Ashenfelder misfired on a pass and was picked off by Tacori Allen with 1:53 to play.

Fleming Island would need to get at least one first down to deny Creekside any chance of getting the ball back. On the first play, on a routine run, the ball came out. The Knights recovered and went back on offense.

With 50 remaining, Ashenfelder connected with Eros Taufer. With the good point after kick, the Knights were ahead 49-48 before Fleming Island missed on the field goal finale.



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Fleming Island wide receiver Devean Boykin goes acrobatic for one of his many spectacular catches for scores.



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Elrod finishes first, second to fuel Blue Devils swim

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE - A first place by two seconds in the breaststroke and a second place by less than a second in the 200 individual medley by sophomore Kylie Elrod fueled a district 3-2A third-place finish for the Clay High girls swim team in action on October 19 in Gainesville. Clay's boys finished second with diver Logan Siebold winning his event to lead the Blue Devils.

Elrod, 12th in 2A last year with a 1:08.26 split, won her specialty, the 100 breaststroke, with a split of one minute, 12.29 seconds to beat Ocala Vanguard's Eva Acevedo, a freshman, by nearly two seconds.

Elrod also finished second in the 200 individual medley in 2:21.74 with Eastside's Noelle Panna winning in 2:21.06.

Clay opened with a win in the first event of the meet; the 200 medley relay, featuring legs by freshman Haley Hajost, Elrod, freshman Aubry Atkinson and senior Sophia Versage with a 2:05.39 split ahead of Vanguard's 2:05.65. Versage was third in

the 50 free and also leadoff for the 200 and 400 free relays that took second in both to Eastside. Freshman Haley Hajost snared a third in the 100 backstroke as well as competed in the relays. Atkinson was third in the 100 butterfly in 1:13.20.

In the boy's meet, Clay senior Jacob Thompson and sophomore Mason Corby combined for team points. Thompson finished second in the 100 fly in 1:02.11 and fourth in the 200 free in 2:06.00 while Corby battled to sixth in the 200 free and ninth in the 500 free.

For both the girl's and boys' team points, Eastside dominated with 480 points to win the girls ahead of Vanguard at 332 and Clay at 289. In the boys, Eastside scored 539 to Clay's 268 and Vanguard's 228 for third.

Clay heads to the FAST Swim Arena in Ocala on Thurs., Oct. 26 for the region 1-2A championship.

Fleming Island, Middleburg, Orange Park and Ridgeview were scheduled for Mon., Oct. 23 for their district 2-3A with Oakleaf set for Thurs., Oct. 26 in district 1-4A.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Clay sophomore Kylie Elrod dominated the 100 breaststroke to be a region favorite while getting a tough second in the 200 individual medley.



Freshman Haley Hajost is a strong swimmer capable of making a relay region spot with Clay girls swimming strong in three relays.



Breastroker Adam Goss could add valuable team points in regions.

Myers wins Penney Farms 5K, area runners set for districts

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PENNEY FARMS - Fleming Island High cross country runner Graham Myers took a ride to Penney Farms on Saturday to maybe ease his running mind and came home with a swift 15-minute, 31-second win at the Penney Farms 5K.

For most of the area high schoolers, the Ponte Vedra Craig Speziale Invitational at Ponte Vedra High School was the final destination prior to districts. Twelve-year-old Kate Staten won the Penney Farms 5K women's title in 23:34.

In the boy's race, dominated by St. Johns County powerhouses Creekside, Bartram Trail and host Ponte Vedra, Alejandro Vinas of Bishop Kenny won in 15:52 ahead of Creekside's Jack Zurn, runnerup in 16:13.

Fleming Island's Jacob Campbell, a critical piece of the puzzle for the Golden Eagles region and state aspirations as a



Fleming Island High's Graham Myers has had to deal with a bit of season fatigue but regrouped to run a strong road race at the Penney Farms 5K.

top five finisher for coach Dave Allen and Jason Poole, was the top area finisher in 13th place in 16:48 with John Keester IV,



STFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEKO

Key players for area cross-country districts about to ramp up are Oakleaf's Morgan Wade and Fleming Island's Allie Knotts and Brooke Reynolds.

the top finisher for the Golden Eagles as of late, cruising in at 20th in 17:02.

Clay got another strong finish from Noah Looney who clocked a 17:17 for 27th.

Fleming Island finished fifth behind winner Ponte Vedra and runner-up Bartram Trail.

For the girl's race, Creekside's freshman sensation, Alyson Johnson punched up an 18:02 to outrun Daisy Ross of Ponte

Vedra, just 11 seconds away.

For Fleming Island, sophomore Brooke Reynolds nabbed a 12th-place finish in 19:16 one of her fastest splits of the season and at a good point in the season with districts this week. Allie Knotts followed Reynolds in at 20:07 for 22nd.

Clay's duo of Erika Martinez and Kaygen Williamson finished together again with both clocking 21:36 for 53rd and 54th.

District lineups

Class 4A, Region 1, District 1

Oakleaf; also Buchholz (Girls 4A champs 2022, Boys 7th), Creekside (Boys 4A champs 2022, Girls 4th in 4A), Chiles (Boys 11th 4A 2022), Nease (Boys 9th 4A, Girls 18th 4A 2022)

Districts: Sat., Nov. 4 at Santa Fe College,

hosted by Buchholz (9 a.m. girls start, boys 9:30 a.m.)

Class 3A, Region 1, District 2

Fleming Island (Boys 3rd in 3A 2022, Girls 8th), Clay, Orange Park, Ridgeview, Middleburg; also Ponte Vedra (Boys 10th in 3A, Girls 3rd 2022), Matanzas (Boys 31st), St. Augustine (Girls 6th in 3A)

Districts: Sat., Nov. 4 at Ponte Vedra High

School (8:30 a.m. girls start, boys 9 a.m.)

Class 2A, Region 1, District 2

Keystone Heights; also Episcopal (Boys 24th 2022, Girls 2nd), Bishop Kenny (Boys 3rd 2022, Girls 4th), Bolles (Boys 1A champs, Girls 1A champs 2022), Fernandina Beach (Girls 27th)

Districts: Mon., Oct. 30 at Bishop Kenny (5 pm)

Class 1A, Region 1, District 2

St. Johns Country Day School (Girls 27th 2022); also Bishop Snyder, Maclay (Girls 4th 2022, Boys 16th), Providence (Girls 8th 2022, Boys 7th), St. Joseph Academy

Districts: Tues., Oct. 31 in Tallahassee Apalachee Park

Middleburg

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"It is awesome," gushed Middleburg head coach Ryan Wolfe, who intimated a 2M-Bishop Kenny win as strong for the Broncos' playoff aspirations. "The game had so many ups and downs."

In the same district playoff chase in district 3-3S, Orange Park got cranked by 4S-Ponte Vedra 35-0 to hamper their playoff hopes with an upcoming Middleburg vs. Orange Park game on Friday a possible season changer for both teams. For Orange Park, a Timothy Barfield interception in the first drive of the third quarter by Ponte Vedra was the highlight of the night.

In Middleburg, there were five lead changes in a tense game and neither team ever led by more than seven points.

Bronco Quarterback Jaydan Jenkins directed the game-winning drive, moving the Broncos 57 yards in seven plays in the final 1:15. Jenkins, who had misfired on his first six passes, connected on his final five, four of them on the final possession. The big plays along the march were a swing pass that Jarren Rosier turned into a 20-yard gain and an 11-yard out pattern to Braydan Street. The senior's five-yard run allowed the Broncos to take their final timeout with the ball sitting on the 26-yard line with 2.5 seconds remaining.

"We have one of the best kickers in the country," Wolfe said of Robison. "With the wind behind us, I knew that if we got within the 40-yard line, we would be okay."

A sharp snap by Travis Antienowicz and a perfect hold by Joe Forte preceded Robison's kick, which split the uprights with plenty of room to spare and triggered a rush of black-shirted Broncos onto the field to celebrate with their kicker.

Wolfe called running plays on the final two plays of the drive to ensure that there would be no time left after the field goal attempt.

"I did not want to give them the ball back," he explained. "[Bishop Kenny] Coach Krause is a great playcaller. He and I have been through this before. Ten years ago, when Clay beat Bishop Kenny 74-73, I was the offensive coordinator for Clay and he was the offensive coordinator for Bishop Kenny. It was, 'Whoever had the ball last would win,' just like tonight."

It appeared that the Broncos had clinched the game on a 17-yard fade route from Jenkins to Rosier— Jenkins's first pass completion of the game— that gave the hosts a 28-21 lead with just 2:15 remaining. Rosier snared the high throw along the sideline despite blanket coverage by the Crusaders' Julian Dewees, somehow managing to get a foot down in bounds. But Bishop Kenny's James Resar stunned the home crowd with a 60-yard bomb to J.P. Donovan to tie the game at 28. Resar, an Iowa commitment, completed 14 of 21 passes for 290 yards and two touchdowns, while Donovan led all receivers with six catches for 201 yards.

Both offenses were successful using up-tempo, no-huddle attacks in the first half. Jenkins capped a 38-yard drive on Middle-



Middleburg kicker Kaleb Robison dominated with his right leg with four touchback kickoffs that put Bishop Kenny starting at their own 20; a 48 yard punt average with two stuck inside the Kenny five yard line and four extra point kicks. Oh yeah, plus a 43 yard field goal with no time left to win the game. Bronco fullback Kendric Neal has proven to be powerhouse threat for the Middleburg offense that has opened the edge to quarterback Jaydan Jenkins to blitz downfield.



Middleburg offensive line, bolstered by mammoth center Micah George, has been consistently blasting enemy defensive lines to keep the chains moving. Middleburg defensive end B.J. Carter has emerged as a dominant force on the corners of the Bronco defensive attack with handful of tackles for losses, sacks and quarterback hurries.

burg's first possession with a 26-yard run, giving the Broncos a 7-0 lead. The Crusader's defenders appeared to lose sight of Jenkins in a scrum in the middle before he burst out of it and sped to the end zone. Luke Wheeler's fumble recovery set up the short field. After Bishop Kenny answered with a 12-yard scoring run by Caleb Mattison, the Broncos retook the lead on Jenkins' second touchdown run of the quarter, a 20-yard scamper off of the right end.

Bishop Kenny dominated the second quarter, scoring on an 18-yard back shoulder throw from Resar to Kaleb Lampkins and on a one-yard plunge by linebacker/fullback Gunnar Rogers. The Crusaders led 21-14 at halftime.

Whether in an effort to rest its harried defense or to rest Jenkins, who tallied 34 carries on the night, Middleburg slowed its pace in the second half. The Broncos methodically marched 80 yards in 13 running plays to open the third quarter, taking 7:57 off of the clock.

Linebacker Austin Cruce entered the game at running back on a third down from the six-yard line and dragged several tacklers into the end zone to knot the game at

21. Robison had a huge impact on the game as a punter, averaging 46.8 yards on four punts. The Broncos gained 37 yards of field position when the teams exchanged two punts each on three-and-out possessions spanning the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth. Robison's 54-yard blast set the Crusaders back to their 10-yard line and his next punt, a 41-yarder to the sideline, forced them to start their next drive at the two-yard line. Middleburg began its next possession at the Kenny 43-yard line and drove the short field for Rosier's touchdown.

Jenkins had 203 yards rushing and accounted for 265 of the Broncos' 311 total yards.

"This is the guy who has to touch the ball a lot," Wolfe said of Jenkins, who moved from wide receiver to quarterback in week four. "He's our guy, and our offense goes through him. A defense can take away a receiver, but you cannot take the ball out of the quarterback's hands. Plus, quarterback runs add an extra hat [for blocking]."

Wolfe was also complimentary of Rosier, a 6'0" receiver whose role in the offense has risen dramatically in the last few weeks.



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Rosier finished with 51 yards on four receptions and ran for 18 yards on six rushes.

At 4-4 and with their remaining games at Orange Park on October 27 and at home against Fernandina Beach on November 3, the Broncos will be favored to win out. Both the Raiders and the Pirates are 3-5. While Middleburg will not win District 3-3S on account of its 17-6 loss to Lake City Columbia on October 13, the Broncos are positioned to earn an at-large spot in the playoffs. In addition to the four district champions, the next four highest-ranked teams according to MaxPreps.com in the region receive a playoff berth. Entering Friday's game, Middleburg sat as the seventh-ranked team in the region, a ranking that should only improve with the win over the Crusaders.

"We are in pretty good shape," said Wolfe. "What's great about it is that our fate is in our hands. Our strength of schedule really helps us."

Conner Subjinski was wide right on a 27-yard field goal attempt with 1:12 remaining in the third quarter for Bishop Kenny. The Crusaders, now 5-3, travel to Bolles on October 27 in a battle for the District 2-2M championship

Fleming Island girls finish first at Jill Darr invitational

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE - Fleming Island High senior golfer Cambree Hodge shot an 18-hole par round at the Jill Darr Invitational at Hawkstone Country Club in Gainesville and led her Golden Eagles team to a first-time first-place finish in the event featuring a handful of state tournament finishers.

Hodge, who was third behind a winning 67 score from Katelyn Huber, a junior of P.K. Yonge who was 10th in Class 1A last year, and a runner-up score of 68 from Class 3A runnerup Braydn Smith, a senior at host Buchholz, got team points' help from senior teammate Kalia Polete who finished strong with a 74 (2-over) score for seventh place with three golfers tied in fourth place with 73 scores.

Fleming Island won with a 307 total score over Columbia (335), sixth in Class 2A last year, and Buchholz (348), 13th in 3A last year just three strokes behind Fleming Island's 12th place finish.

Hodge punched in with four par scores to open her round but slipped with two bogies to finish with a 38 (2-over par) after nine holes.

Polete nearly kept pace with Hodge with a 39 (3-over) with a double bogie on six with seven pars.

Both golfers powered through the second nine with Hodge opening with a birdie on 10, five pars and a birdie on 16 and 17. A bogie on 18 kept her score at 34 (2-under) for the back nine for her final 72 (even).

Polete answered also with a birdie on 10 and 17 with six pars and a bogie on 12 to finish with a 35 on the back nine.

Huber opened with a 37 score on her first nine but scorched the final nine with a 30 (6-under) round of nine with four birdies and an eagle on 17 to finish.

Smith parred her first seven holes with two birdies to finish with a 34, but could



Fleming Island senior golfer Cambree Hodge has been on a hot streak lately with strong scores in big tournaments as districts, regions and state approach.

not improve on the final nine with a second 34 score with just three birdies and a bogie.

Fleming Island's next three finishers included a solid round of 79 from freshman Shayla Abbas with junior Chloe Blanc at 82 and junior Kathryn McNeill finished at 95.

St. Johns Country Day School junior Addy Vogt finished as an individual competitor at fourth at 73 (1-over) with two other golfers. Jill Darr Rowell, who died in 2010 at age 37 of leukemia, was a University of South Carolina golfer from 1992-1995 after graduating from Buchholz High School.

The Golden Eagles boys' golf team finished up the regular season at home on the back nine, par 35 at FIGC with a convincing win over Atlantic Coast, 155-172. Senior Elliot Mehler, playing his final regular season match, and Junior Chase Ricks led the team with each scoring 2-over par 37's. Sophomore Alex Blom followed up with a 40 along with Sophomore Eli Lewis fired a 41.



From left Chloe Blanc, Shayla Abbas, Kalia Polete, Cambree Hodge, Kathryn McNeill and Coach Brian Nedrich.

Sophomores Ben Carlton (47), who carded his first birdie of his career in high school play, and Nathan Bozeman (51) also played but didn't figure into the scoring. The win puts the team at 11-0 in head-to-head stroke play matches and tournaments, and 63-0 in teams defeated.

District Golf

District 3-3A: Boys (Oakleaf, Fleming Island) Tues., Oct. 24 at St. Johns Country Club. Girls (Oakleaf, Fleming Island) Wed., Oct. 25 at St. Johns Country Club.

Results: Behind the 1-2-3 finish of Tyler Mawhinney (64), Jaylen Abbas (69) Emmet Kuhlenskemp (70), Dylan Frein (77), Ryan Houck (77) the Fleming Island boys golf team dominated the district 3-3A championship tournament with a team total 280. Nease was second at 314. District

2-2A: Boys (Middleburg, Clay, Orange Park, Ridgeview) Mon., Oct. 23 at Lake City Country Club. Girls Tues., Oct. 24 at Quail Heights Country Club in Lake City.

Results: Clay boys finished second to Suwannee 314-329 led by Jack Newells' 75 and Robert Young's 78. Ridgeview finished sixth at 369 (Joseph DeRosa 87, Hayden Skrzypczak, Hunter Beach and Keegan Roach all 94), Middleburg was seventh at 381 (Lucas Wahlstrom 80, Logan Wahlstrom 82) and Orange Park was eighth at 406 (Brock Buhnerkemper 70; region qualifier, Hayden Hooks 88).

Results: In district 2-2A girls golf, won by host Columbus at Quail Heights, Middleburg, Ridgeview and Clay finished third, fourth and fifth. Middleburg's Neva Winslow was fourth at 78. Ridgeview's Taylor Margarine was seventh at 91. Clay's Rebecca Gibson was eighth at 95. Columbia's Karlee Gainey won at 74.

District 3-1A: Boys (Keystone Heights) Mon., Oct. 23 at Quail Heights Country Club. Girls Tues., Oct. 24 at Quail Heights Country Club.

Results: Keystone Heights boys won the district title with a 320 score over Madison Cowboys' 356 led by Kenneth Guy's 72, Alexander Addington's 80, Ty Mitzel's 82, Nick Binet's 86 and Jacob Beach's 100.

District 4-1A: Boys (St. Johns Country Day Club) Mon., Oct. 23 at Hidden Hills Golf Club. Girls Mon., Oct. 23 at Hidden Hills.

Results: St. Johns Country Day School finished seventh behind winner Episcopal who won with a 310 score. St. Johns finished at 383 led by eighth grader Beckham Cummings with an 87 and Ander Vogt with a 94.

Results: St. Johns Country Day School junior Addy Vogt finished seventh with an 82 score that was behind a slew of 70-plus scores including winner Chloe McGrath of Bolles who scored a 75 with three golfers tied for second at 76.



Oakleaf Junior High heads to Florida Athletic Conference football championships

Oakleaf Junior High headed to Baker County for the Northeast Florida Athletic Conference football championship on Tues., Oct. 24. The Yellow Jackets, coached by Merlin Smith, defeated Lakeside in their semifinal 12-6 while Baker County defeated Orange Park Junior High 14-10 to advance. The Yellow Jackets lost 16-12 to Baker County in the championship game.



Golden Eagles miss playoffs after comeback falls short

By Anthony Richards
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PONTE VEDRA - The Fleming Island Golden Eagles showed their resilience as they fought back from two sets down against Ponte Vedra, but a comeback bid came up short and they lost to the Sharks in four sets, 25-21, 25-19, 23-25, 28-26 in the district 3-6A championship on Oct. 19.

With the loss, the Golden Eagles finished runner-up in the district but did not qualify for a spot in the state playoffs as they were the odd team out in the rankings process, as they finished the season No. 18 in the state, one spot below Fletcher who made it into the postseason despite falling to the Golden Eagles in the semifinals of the district tournament.

Every one of the four sets saw both teams going back and forth trading momentum, as it turned out to be a very evenly matched contest between the two squads.

The largest lead of the game for either team was six points after the Sharks (13-13) jumped out to an 8-2 lead early in the third set.

That came after the Sharks were able to string together some points late to pull away in the first two sets to take a 2-0 lead.

It looked as if the Sharks were poised to take complete control when they quickly formed a lead in the third set, but the Golden Eagles (19-7) were having none of it and chipped away at the deficit and eventually grabbed the lead before seemingly trading points before securing the set victory in the end.

The win pumped life into the Golden Eagles, who received key offensive play by senior middle Rauly Eason and junior outside hitter Kaylee Kirkland during their



STAFF PHOTO BY ANTHONY RICHARDS
Fleming Island senior hitter Rauly Eason celebrates a big point in Golden Eagles loss to Ponte Vedra in district 3-6A championship game. Eason finished with 11 blocks and seven scoring kills.

comeback bid.

However, just as the Golden Eagles showed the mental toughness to narrow the gap, the Sharks responded nicely to the adversity they faced as well and did not let the third-set loss rattle them.

Instead, the Sharks regrouped and were able to fend off the Golden Eagles in a relentless fourth set by both teams.

It was obvious at times that a district title was on the line with the way both teams were hitting the floor diving for balls to keep rallies going and keep hope alive for every possible point, and in the end, those points added up and the result was yet another title for the Sharks trophy case.

"There was a lot of energy by both teams and great full stands of support all night," Ponte Vedra head coach John Goings said. "It was one fun night."

Fleming Island's sophomore setter Hazel Williams reached the 800 career assists milestone on the night.



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St. Johns Country Day School's volleyball blockers; Brooke Pickett, left, and Kendall Proffitt, get up above the net to thwart scoring attempt by Countryside Christian hitter in region quarterfinal at St. Johns. Spartans, under first year coach Jenna Williams, earned a region spot despite a loss in their district final.

Spartans drop district final; get regional berth

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - Seven kills from Brynn White and six each from Brooke Pickett and Kendall Proffitt were not enough to get St. Johns Country Day over their nemesis, as the Spartans fell in three sets at Christ's Church Academy in the District 2-2A volleyball final on October 19.

To continue its season, the Spartans, now 14-7 and ranked 19th in the FH-SAA Class 2A rankings on MaxPreps.com, must hope for an at-large berth in the Class 2A regional playoffs. The first four spots in the regional go to District champions, while the remaining four are awarded to the highest-ranked teams in Districts 1 through 4, using the MaxPreps.com rankings as of October 21.

SJCD had leads in each game, only to see the Eagles roar back to steal the wins. In the first game, the Spartans led 16-11 after consecutive blocks by Ashanti Williams, who frequently combined with Hadley Dantzler to set up a wall that thwarted the Eagles' outside hitters. But Christ's Church scored six of the next seven points to knot the game at 17, and then went on a run during which they scored five of six points to take control at 23-20.

"That is the thing about volleyball—it is all about momentum," said SJCD head coach Jenna Williams. "We had the momentum through the first 15 points."

The Spartans led 5-3 in the second

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Forkum

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For Connor Rahn, a senior hitter with 17 scoring strikes for the contest to add to her district-leading 338 for the season, whatever was working was working.

"I kind of became the distraction and our sets from Olivia (Callipo, 35 assists) and Kendyl (Wahl) kept them reacting late to Brooke's side hits," said Rahn. "It's hard for any team to defend both of us let alone account for our third hitter, Kate Lowery or Ally Lowery."

Though Ridgeview scored the contest's first points off a strike from Robinson, it became quickly noticeable of the Forkum strategy.

"We learned a little about ourselves in the loss to Trinity Christian just a few weeks ago," said Meredith Forkum, noting Ridgeview had beaten Trinity Christian just a week later in a barometric measure of both team's abilities. "My coaches and

I retooled our approach with a big hitter blocker in the middle of the net on the other side and we were scoring off quick set strikes and cross-country hits. Their blockers were about a step off our pace to the net."

With Middleburg winning game one 25-16, game two 25-22, and game three 25-17, Ridgeview coach Steven Henry felt his team was not in their game.

"We just had one of our worst games in one of our biggest games, pretty simple," said Henry, who was torched last year by Middleburg in the district final behind a 26-kill night by Rahn. "Our blockers were not getting to the point of attack fast enough and we were stretching to the ball rather than being directly in front of the hitter."

Brooke Forkum's first game impact; seven kills in her 11 for the night, was the apparent difference for the contest as Ridgeview had no answer for the left-sided sidewinder. With Rahn taking the lead on games two and three, Forkum accounted for 21 service returns and 15 digs that got

the Bronco attack underway.

"We figured their middle hitter (Rahn) was going to come straight at us and she did, but the outside hitter was finding the sideline and open space," said Ridgeview libero Sydney Little, who amassed an astounding 48 digs against Trinity Christians' center hitter Amaria King. "We didn't figure it out quick enough and they took advantage. We'll adjust and hope to see them again." As the region playoffs start, both Middleburg, No. 1 seed in region 1-5A, and Ridgeview, No. 2 in the region, advance and will host quarterfinals on Wed., Oct. 25 with the Broncos (22-5) hosting No. 8 Arnold (14-14) while Ridgeview (18-7) to host Columbia (16-8). Columbia, the No. 2 seed in the district, lost a 3-1 match to Ocala Vanguard in their district 2-5A semifinal; Vanguard, the No. 3 seed in the district, lost to No. 1 Tallahassee Lincoln in that region final 3-0.

For Arnold, the No. 3 in district 1-5A, lost in that semifinal 3-0 to No. 2 Booker T. Washington who lost in the final to No. 1

Choctawhatchee 3-0.

In the region, No. 1 Middleburg hosts No. 8 Arnold, No. 2 Ridgeview hosts No. 7 Columbia, No. 4 Lincoln (17-10) hosts No. 5 Choctawhatchee (18-8) and No. 3 Beachside (21-5) hosts No. 6 Booker T. Washington (12-13).

Also in district 4-5A, Clay (5-16) lost to Menendez 3-1 in the tournament opener.

In district 4-4A, Keystone Heights (3-18) lost to Bishop Kenny (20-7) 3-0 to end their season.

In district 3-6A, Orange Park (15-8) lost 3-1 to Nease (11-11) in their tournament opener while Fleming Island (19-7) lost in the championship game to Ponte Vedra (13-13) 3-1. Fleming Island, who did not advance into region play despite beating region No. 7 Fletcher in the district semifinal, defeated Oakleaf (10-15) in their district opener 3-0.

In district 2-2A, St. Johns Country Day School (14-7) beat University Christian in that semifinal before losing 3-0 to top seed Christ's Church Academy (17-7).

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Clay County was well represented at Saturday's Furman vs. Western Carolina conference clash with, from left, Fleming Island's Alex Maier at Furman linebacker, Clay's AJ Belanger at Western Carolina wide receiver, Fleming Island's Jeremiah Jackson at Furman defensive end, and Ridgeview's Tyler Huff at Furman quarterback.

RHS Huff vs. CHS Belanger; Furman beats Western Carolina

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor
with excerpts from *Furman Athletics*

Quarterback Tyler Huff's 53-yard touchdown run with 54 seconds remaining sealed FCS No. 3 Furman's 29-17 victory over No. 8 Western Carolina on Saturday afternoon in a Top-10 nationally-ranked Southern Conference showdown at E.J. Whitmire Stadium.

Huff is a Ridgeview High graduate who played four years at Presbyterian where he set numerous school records then transferred as a graduate student to Furman.

With the victory, its fifth straight and 10th consecutive league triumph, Furman (6-1, 4-0 SoCon) took sole possession of first place in the SoCon. The win was also Furman's seventh in the last eight clashes with Western Carolina (5-2, 3-1 SoCon).

Huff, in his second season with the Paladins, accounted for 263 yards of total offense and three touchdowns, passing for 174 yards and two scores while finishing with 89 yards rushing and a touchdown on six attempts. The Paladins improved to 18-3 with Huff in the starting lineup, 15-1 versus FCS opposition, and 11-0 against the SoCon.

The Paladins compiled 508 yards of total offense, including a season-high 334 yards rushing. Running back Dominic Roberto proved again to be a wrecking ball against Western Carolina, rushing a career-high 31 times for a season-high 154 yards and a touchdown. Wayne Anderson Jr. added 85 on eight rushes to give Furman its first 300-yard performance on the ground since totaling 426 against the Catamounts last season in Greenville.

Furman's defense, with Fleming Island grads Alex Maier and Jeremiah Jackson, keyed the victory, limiting Western Carolina to only 353 total yards after the Catamounts entered the contest averaging an FCS-leading 531.8 yards and 41.3 points per game. The Catamounts managed only

84 yards rushing. The Paladins sacked WCU quarterback Cole Gonzales three times and intercepted him twice.

Note: On the Western Carolina offense was former Clay High wide receiver A.J. Belanger who registered one catch for four yards.

Linebacker Evan DiMaggio led the Paladins with 10 tackles and two of the three sacks, giving him four in the last two games.

Seven Paladins registered pass receptions, led by tight end Mason Pline, who had four grabs for 88 yards.

Pline's 10-yard scoring catch from Huff helped give Furman an early 7-0 lead.

The Paladins followed with touchdowns on their next two possessions — on a 16-yard strike from Huff to freshman wide receiver Colton Hinton and a Roberto 9-yard burst four minutes into the second quarter — to go up 20-7.

Western Carolina cut the lead to 20-14 with two minutes remaining in the half.

After failing to convert a 32-yard field goal attempt in the third quarter, Furman watched Western Carolina move to the Paladin 18, but on a second-and-nine play Cally Chizik stepped in front of a Gonzales pass at the pylon for his third interception of the season, halting the threat.

The Paladins turned to their potent ground game to take command in the fourth quarter, covering 59 yards on 11 plays to set up a 39-yard Ian Williams field goal for a 23-14 advantage with 7:54 remaining.

WCU countered with their lone score of the second half, a 43-yard Richard McColm field goal with 5:13 left, but Furman's offense put any Catamount comeback designs to rest on the ensuing possession, covering 79 yards in eight plays, capped by Huff's keeper around right end on a third-and-nine play with WCU's defense keying on Roberto.

The Paladins return to Paladin Stadium next Saturday, October 28 to host East Tennessee State on Homecoming at 2 p.m.

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with F.S. 287.055 the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation ACT (CCNA), the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, will be accepting sealed qualifications which will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, December 4, 2023, for the following:

RFQ NO. 23/24-014, Professional Architectural Continuing Services

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

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

In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal.

For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Tammy Foor in the Purchasing Department by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for bids in any respect during the Request for Bid Period.

The Request for Bid Period during which no contact may occur commences from the date of publication of the notice of a Request for Bids and ends upon a Bid Decision becoming final, i.e. after the notice of bid protest period of 72 hours has expired. However, in the event of a notice of protest, the no contact rule continues in place during the Protest Period and does not end until a resolution of the protest has occurred and become final. The following exceptions exist to the no-contact rule:

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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

Jax Bay Insurance Services, located at 1318 Portside Drive, in the County of Clay, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 23rd day of October 2023.

Gitz Enterprises LLC
Legal 89790 Published 10/26/2023 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 - 11/9/2023, 9:00 a.m.
2016 Dodge VIN# 2C3CDXCT-9GH159660
Legal 89786 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 3412/2020
Legal Description: N 100' OF LOTS 12 BLK 17 ISLAND VIEW AS REC O R 1787 PG 1604

Parcel ID No.: 400326-018442-015-01
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,412.38
Physical Address: NAVARRA AVE , ORANGE PARK

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: DAVID C FIELDS/PC EL AL, FLOYD C FIELDS, JEAN R FIELDS

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023
TARA S . GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

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Certificate No.: 2/2021
Legal Description: LOT 11 & 12 BLK 33 LAKE GENEVA AS REC O R 722 PG 324; 1510 PG 1072 & 1603 PG 98 EX PT REC O R 1590 PG 1912

Parcel ID No.: 280323-021917-001-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,750.90
Physical Address: CYPRESS ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: RICKEY MOSLEY

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023
TARA S . GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

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

Certificate No.: 1007/2020
Legal Description: LOT 8 GENEVA ACRES AS REC O R 3460 PG 52 & 4180 PG 1774

Parcel ID No.: 330823-004922-001-08
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,474.89
Physical Address: 7960 GUSTAFSON , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
W/SPECIAL FEATURES OR YARD ITEM
Name in which assessed: PAUL J HALL

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023
TARA S . GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: RAJENDRA INC, the holder of the following cer-

tificate 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.: 938/2021
Legal Description: LOT 133 BLK 8 FLA FRONTIER REPLAT UNIT 1 AS REC O R 3617 PG 1603

Parcel ID No.: 240823-007398-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,307.17
Physical Address: 7669 MONONGAHELA AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: IBRAHEEM KHAMIS ALI BAMAGA

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023
TARA S . GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

Legal 89782 Published 10/26/2023, 11/2/2023, 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: HENRY YEH, 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.: 2165/2017
Legal Description: LOT 18 BLK 3 LAKESIDE TERRACE AS REC O R 610 PG 222 & 1557 PG 629

Parcel ID No.: 140824-007104-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,943.62
Physical Address: 7207 QUAIL ST , FLORAHOME

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: RALPH & BECKY PRATER, BECKY PRATER

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023
TARA S . GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

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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

NextOnDeck RV, located at 411 Walnut Street #21136, 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 23rd day of October 2023.

Mark D Johnson
Legal 89780 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with F.S. 287.055 the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, will be accepting sealed qualifications which will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 20, 2023 for the following:

RFQ NO. 23/24-17, GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PLANNING AND DESIGNING OF INDIGO BRANCH CHANNEL EROSION CONTROL MEASURES

Proposals will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

This is a Federally Funded Project under the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program through Florida Division of Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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

In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal.

For information concerning procedures for responding to this Proposal, contact Jessica Loos in the Purchasing Department at (904) 284-6388 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically,

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

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c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Proposals.

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Legal 89778 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE OF VESSEL BY U.S. MARSHAL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA JACKSONVILLE DIVISION "IN ADMIRALTY"

CASE NO.: 3:23-CV-292-TJC-JBT CLAY COUNTY PORT, INC., Plaintiff,

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

On Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 12 p.m., the M/V ESCAPADE, her Engines, Tackle,

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

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

William Berger
United States Marshal
U.S. District Courthouse
801 N. Florida Ave
(813) 483-4200
Point of Contact
Ricky Tiptie
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300 N. Hogan St.
(904) 431-4238

EXHIBIT A
M/V ESCAPADE
FLAG UNITED STATES
BUILT YEAR 1978
IMO NUMBER 7802689
CALL SIGN/Official # WDB8251/594643
PORT OF REGISTRY MADIERA BEACH, FL
GROSS TONNAGE 1320 GT
ITC 98 GRT
NET TONNAGE 396 NT
ITC 676 GRT
LOA IN FEET/AIR DRT 182
BEAM IN FEET 38.5
HP/KW 2500
CREW MEMBERS 8
SERVICE SPEED 10 KTS
Legal 89436 Published 10/26/2023 and 11/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING FOR CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of Cross Creek North Community Development District

chasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids;

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REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, November 16, 2023, for the following:

RFB NO. 23/24-18, GREEN COVE SPRINGS AUGUSTA SAVAGE ARTS & COMMUNITY CENTER PICKLEBALL COURTS COMPLEX

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, November 17, 2023 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Green Cove Springs Augusta Savage Arts & Community Center Pickleball Courts Complex at 415 Lemon St, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bid bond shall include bonds or cashier or certified checks payable to the County. The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL](https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/claycounty/status-all).

In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal.

For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Stephanie Puhalla in the Purchasing Department at (904) 284-6388 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

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

a. Inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids;

b. Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and

c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.

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

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

Legal 89778 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE OF VESSEL BY U.S. MARSHAL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA JACKSONVILLE DIVISION "IN ADMIRALTY"

CASE NO.: 3:23-CV-292-TJC-JBT CLAY COUNTY PORT, INC., Plaintiff,

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

On Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 12 p.m., the M/V ESCAPADE, her Engines, Tackle,

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

Immediately after auction, the successful bidder must deposit the full purchase price, or a minimum deposit of 10% of the successful bid, with the U.S. Marshal by cash or certified cashier's check. The balance, if any, must be paid to

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

2023 A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. **FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION.**

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 certinrtp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 19th day of October, 2023.

Tara S. Green
as Clerk of Said Court
By: Denise Haselwood
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 89431 Published 10/26/2023, 11/2/2023, 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Rolling Hills Community Development District ("District") will hold a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Rolling Hills Amenity Center, 3212 Bradley Creek Parkway, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. A copy of the agenda may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: (904) 940-5850 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verba-

tim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
Marilee Giles
District Manager
Legal 89430 Published 10/26/2023 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
November 9, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068,
pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.
2009 BMW ID# WBANU53559C119461
2006 Chev ID# 1GCEK19B76E139709
Legal 89428 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
1709 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068
November 14, 2023 at 10:00 am
Crystal Ledoux – Household Goods
Hilary Burchfield – Household Goods
Ronda Hunt – Household Goods
Jocelyn Rivera – Household Goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storageexpress.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 89427 Published 10/26/2023 and 11/2/2023 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, November 20, 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.necfr.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 89310 Published 11/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that on dates below these vehicles will be sold at public sale on the date listed below at 10AM for monies owed on vehicle repair and storage cost pursuant to Florida Statutes 713.585 or Florida Statutes 713.78. Please note, parties claiming interest have the right to a hearing prior to the date of sale with the Clerk of Courts as reflected in the notice. The owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle without judicial proceedings as pursuant to Florida Statute 559.917. Any proceeds recovered from the sale of the vehicle over the amount of the lien will be deposited clerk of the court for disposition upon court order. "No Title Guaranteed, A Buyer Fee May Apply" Auction for Mechanics Lien
December 9, 2023, @ 10:00 AM,
NCRS Towing & Recovery, 7077 SR21, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
2018 HOND VIN # JH2SC7713JK100744
Legal 89309 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Formal Administration)

IN THE 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2023-CP-000392
DIVISION:
IN RE: The Estate of ALAFAIRE HUBBARD, Deceased.
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
The administration of the estate of ALAFAIRE HUBBARD, deceased, whose date of death was January 30, 2023, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-4515, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue #308, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN 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 October 26, 2023.
Attorney and Personal Representative Giving Notice:
/s/ Steven E. Gurian .
STEVEN E. GURIAN, ESQ.,
Attorney for Personal Representative
EASY ESTATE PROBATE, PLLC
2601 South Bayshore Drive, 18th Floor
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133
Tel: 1-833-973-3279
Fax: 1-833-927-3279
E-mail: SG@EasyEstateProbate.com
Florida Bar No. 101511
/s/ Brenda Martin
BRENDA MARTIN, As Personal Representative
Legal 89302 Published 10/26/2023 and 11/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 11/21/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 3052 JOE JOHNS RD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
5TBET34134S457754 2004 TOYOT
1G1PG5SB9F7252988 2015 CHEV
1FTEW1EGXGKF38686 2016 FORD
Legal 89301 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE PUD-0823-00011

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF THREE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY, TOTALING 1.45 ACRES, AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL ONE (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 40-04-25-020640-000-00) FROM BB-2 (COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO PCD (PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT); PARCEL TWO (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 40-04-25-020642-000-00) FROM BA (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO PCD (PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT); AND PARCEL THREE (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 40-04-25-020643-000-00) FROM BA (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO

PCD (PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of three parcels of land from BB-2 (Community Business District) and BA (Neighborhood Business District) to PCD (Planned Commercial Development District), the owner of the land being Kayco Holdings LLC.
Location Address for PUD-0823-00011
Tax Parcel Identification Numbers 40-04-25-020640-000-00, 40-04-25-020642-000-00, and 40-04-25-020643-000-00.

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings 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
Legal 89114 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE ZON-0823-00020

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A SINGLE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 38-05-26-014718-001-00), TOTALING 0.85 ACRES, FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF RA (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) AND BB (INTERMEDIATE BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO BB-4 (HEAVY BUSINESS DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of a single parcel of land from RA (Single-Family Residential District) and BB (Intermediate Business District) to BB-4 (Heavy Business District), the owner of the land being L-BRO Enterprises, Inc..
Location Address for ZON-0823-00020
Tax Parcel Identification Number: 38-05-26-014718-001-00

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings 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 per-

sons can access the telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).
Clay County Board of County Commissioners
Legal 89113 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE PUD-0823-00010

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF TWO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION #s 24-05-24-006564-004-00 AND 24-05-24-006564-004-02), TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 3.20 ACRES, FROM THEIR PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of two parcels of land from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), the owners of the land being KBM Professional Office Complex, LLC.
Location Address for PUD-0823-00010
Tax Parcel Identification Numbers 24-05-24-006564-004-00 and 24-05-24-006564-004-02


Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings 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).
Clay County Board of County Commissioners
Legal 89092 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO: 2023-CP-000489
DIVISION: B
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELIC BEASLEY, deceased.
The administration of the estate of ELIC BEASLEY, deceased, whose date of death was August 22, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM



FDOT HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING

Blanding Boulevard (State Road 21) South of Knight Boxx Road

Median Modification Safety Improvements

DISTRICT TWO

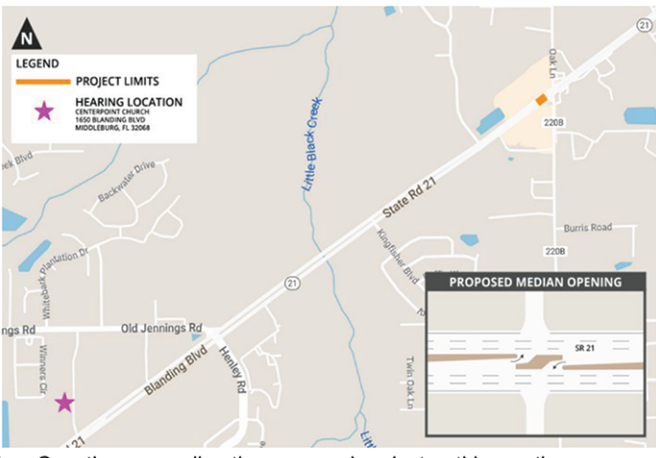
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a hybrid public meeting **Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023**, online at nflroads.com/VPH or by phone at **(914) 614-3221** (enter access code **517-724-347**) to discuss changes to the existing median opening located on Blanding Boulevard (State Road 21) south of Knight Boxx Road in Clay County

Proposed improvements include converting the existing full median opening in front of the Clay Shopping Plaza into a directional median, eliminating through access for drivers entering and exiting both northbound and southbound shopping plazas.

Citizens may attend the meeting in person at **Center Point Church, 1650 Blanding Boulevard Middleburg, FL 32068**. FDOT staff and consultants will be available from **4:30 to 6 p.m.** to answer questions and accept comments. A formal hearing and public comment period will begin at **6 p.m.**

Both virtual and in-person participants will be given equal opportunity to ask questions and make oral statements that will become part of the public meeting record. All interested persons or groups are encouraged to attend and participate. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability or familial status.

Anyone requiring special accommodations should contact Samantha Rambeau at Samantha.Rambeau@dot.state.fl.us or (904) 831-3368 no later than seven days prior to the meeting. Questions regarding the proposed project or this meeting may be directed to FDOT Traffic Safety Engineer, Matthew Nance via email at Matthew.Nance@dot.state.fl.us or via phone at (904) 360-5691.



LEGEND
PROJECT LIMITS
HEARING LOCATION
CENTER POINT CHURCH
1650 BLANDING BLVD
MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068

PROPOSED MEDIAN OPENING

Legal 87515 published October 12 and October 26, 2023 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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 October 26, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
MARY C. COBB, Esquire
The Cobb Law Firm, P.A.
431 Stowe Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073
(904) 269-5800
Florida Bar No.: 23972
Email: maryc.cobb@gmail.com
Personal Representative:
JOSEPH ALBERT POWERS
988 Sams Lane
Middleburg, FL 32068
Legal 88959 Published 10/26/2023 and 11/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023CP000352
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF
DAPHNE CHRISTINE WILLIAMS
ZEPEDA,
Deceased.

The administration of the Estate of Daphne Christine Williams Zepeda, deceased, whose date of death was January 31, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is October 26, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
T. Hailey Hatcher
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 0064303
LUKE LAW LLC
1405 Kingsley Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073
Telephone: (904) 637-2700
E-Mail: serviceofpapers@lukelaw.com
Secondary E-Mail: thh@lukelaw.com
Personal Representative:
Mark S. LeBlanc, Jr.
Legal 88958 Published 10/26/2023 and 11/2/2023 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: 918 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park FL, 32065

November 14th, 2023 at 10:00 am
Shawn Pelletier- Clothes
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.
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NOTICE: Disposition of Property / Lost or Abandoned

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Florida State Statute 705.105 Lost or Abandoned Property the following items were found within Clay County between the dates of 02/14/23 and 09/28/23. This property listed below is described in a manner reasonably adequate to permit the rightful owner of the property to claim it. Any Lost or Abandoned Property not claimed within 14 days of this notice will be disposed of in accordance with this statute. To claim, please call the Clay County Sheriff's Office evidence unit at 904-529-6070

Currency
Headphones
Purse
Wallet
Cell phone
Weed Eater
Shotgun
Pistol
Bicycle
Rifle
Revolver

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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 THE SUNMARK GROUP DBA SUNMARK INSURANCE AGENCY, located at 1300 Cooks Lane, 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 September 2023.
Joe F Solsona, President, The Sunmark Group, Inc.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

L&K Automotive 970 Blanding Blvd Orange Park FL will auction off the following vehicles for towing, repair and storage charges, starting prices listed, pursuant to Florida statutes, section 713585, on November 27, 2023 at 8:00 am.
2005 Infiniti G35, JNKKCV51E65M223776, \$3200 and 2006 Ford E-450, 1FDXE45S16H30120, \$3200.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 11/20/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 3052 JOE JOHNS RD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
3FAFP13P41R155596 2001 FORD KNAGD128325162011 2002 KIA
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-000412
Division: A
IN RE: ESTATE OF
BETTY JEAN TORRENCE
Deceased.

The administration of the Estate of Betty Jean Torrence, deceased, whose date of death was August 4, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME 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 October 26, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Gary L. Luke
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 0047350
LUKE LAW LLC
1405 Kingsley Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073
Telephone: (904) 637-2700
E-Mail: serviceofpapers@lukelaw.com
Secondary E-Mail: gary@lukelaw.com
Personal Representative:
Barbara Torrence Castelli
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AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2022-CA-908
DIVISION

JACK JUSTINO
a/k/a JOSEPH JACKSON JUSTINO
and WANDA JUSTINO
Plaintiffs,

vs. :
DEANN TURNER, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARRON L. MOORE, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY AND THROUGH SHARRON L. MOORE, DEANN TURN-

ER, DALE L. TOWNS, CRYSTAL JOHNS, and SARA JOHNS
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment in Foreclosure entered on September 28, 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022-CA-908 in the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein DEANN TURNER, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARRON L. MOORE, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY AND THROUGH SHARRON L. MOORE, DEANN TURNER, DALE L. TOWNS, CRYSTAL JOHNS, and SARA JOHNS are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest bidder for case at www.clay.realforeclose.com on November 1, 2023, at 10:00 AM, following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PORTION OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2, SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 40.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 618.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 57 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, 10138 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SECTION STREET; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE RUN NORTH 61 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST, 224.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, 150.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 61 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST, 112.98 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF HARVARD STREET; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE RUN SOUTH 27 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, 150 FEET TO THE SAID LINE RUN SOUTH 61 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST 111.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS, MAKE PEAC, IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S) 4260A AND 7260B, TITLE NUMBER(S) 11071049 AND 11071048, PERMANENTLY AFFIXED THEREON. LESS AND EXCEPT ANY PORTION LYING IN THE BOUNDS OF SECTION STREET.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1974 PEAC DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME #7260A AND #7260B, and commonly known as 3890 SECTION STREET, MIDDLEBURG, CLAY COUNTY, 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 THIS LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. PUBLISHING: Clay Today WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on October 16, 2023.

TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
Clay County, Florida
Chelsey Mason
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 CRTINTRP@COJ.NET AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711."

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Legal Public Notice Request for Qualifications Contractor Prequalification RFQ-SJR-05-2023 New Certificate -or- RFQ-SJR-06-2023 Renewal Certificate Application

St. Johns River State College (SJR State) invites its currently prequalified contractors to apply for certificate renewal (RFQ-SJR-06-2023); and also invites general, building, roofing, mechanical, and site-work (civil) contractors with SREF and public projects experience to apply for a new certificate (RFQ-SJR-05-2023), for calendar year 2024. Prequalification is required to bid on various construction related projects. Anticipated projects may include construction, renovation, remodeling, major repairs, roof replacements, and site work at any of the College's campuses in Clay, Putnam and St. Johns Counties.

To obtain an RFQ specifications document, e-mail a request to Mrs. Terry Thomas, Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management, at TerryThomas@sjrstate.edu. Specify whether request is for renewal or new. The RFQ specifications documents can also be downloaded from the web page dedicated to

the RFQ which applies to them at https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023 or https://www.sjrstate.edu/062023.

Deadline for receipt of RFQ submissions is 3:00 p.m., November 13, 2023, to St. Johns River State College, Business Office Attn: Terry Thomas, Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management, 5001 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL 32177. Submissions must be sealed and identified on the outside with RFQ-SJR-05-2023 or RFQ-SJR-06-2023 (whichever is applicable) and responder's name. Faxed, e-mailed (except that portion noted in specs), conditional, late, or responses delivered to the wrong location will not be considered. Responses received by the deadline will be opened publicly at 3:30 p.m., November 13, 2023, in Room A-152 on the SJR State Campus in Palatka.

RFQs received by the deadline will be evaluated in a public meeting starting at 1:30 p.m. on November 13, 2023, in Room A-152 at SJR State, 5001 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL. RFQ awards are expected at the DBO meeting at 2:00 p.m. on December 6, 2023, at SJR State, Room A-152, 5001 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL. The basis for award of prequalified contractor status is for firms to meet all RFQ specifications. SJR State reserves the right to reject any or all responses received, to waive any or all informalities in regards thereto, and to award certificates which are in the best interest of the College.

Respondents must monitor the web page dedicated to the RFQ which applies to them at https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023 or https://www.sjrstate.edu/062023 for updates and information, notices, and scheduling information.

For disability accommodation for the public meetings, call (386) 312-4110 48 hours prior to the meeting.
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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.: 3320/2021
Legal Description: PT OF NE1/4 S35T7R26 AS REC O R 3606 PG 203
Parcel ID No.: 350726-016016-035-01
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,204.82
Physical Address: LOVERS LANE , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL W/SPECIAL FEATURES OR YARD ITEM
Name in which assessed: PEGGY JOYCE MORRIS

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 88816 Published 10/19/2023, 10/26/2023, 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 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.: 1070/2021
Legal Description: LOT 46 LIVE OAK FOREST AS REC O R 4359 PG 815
Parcel ID No.: 360823-007852-069-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,151.89
Physical Address: LEANING OAK DR , MELROSE
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: JOSEPH SIPPLO

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 88816 Published 10/19/2023, 10/26/2023, 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFLY 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.: 232/2021
Legal Description: LOTS 35 BEDFORD OAKS AS REC O R 2229 PG 2189;2376 PG 1407 & 2771
PGS 2142 & 2144
Parcel ID No.: 070823-000898-038-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$6,592.00
Physical Address: 6738 SPANISH MOSS DR , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: RUSSELL M SOUZA

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 88814 Published 10/19/2023, 10/26/2023, 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFLY 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.: 3015/2021
Legal Description: PT LOTS 4-7 BLK 20 FLA FARM LA ND CO AS REC O R 3801 PG 1646 & 3785
PG 1366(MNRLS)
Parcel ID No.: 460526-010214-001-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$13,954.49
Physical Address: 2439 HUMMINGBIRD LN , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: RGLG PROPERTIES 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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 88810 Published 10/19/2023, 10/26/2023, 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

as follows:
Certificate No.: 232/2021
Legal Description: LOTS 35 BEDFORD OAKS AS REC O R 2229 PG 2189;2376 PG 1407 & 2771
PGS 2142 & 2144
Parcel ID No.: 070823-000898-038-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$6,592.00
Physical Address: 6738 SPANISH MOSS DR , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: RUSSELL M SOUZA

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFLY 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.: 1301/2021
Legal Description: PT OF E1/2 A/K/A PRL 48 DUCK-WATER WOODS II UN-REC AS REC O R
1698 PG 491
Parcel ID No.: 060524-005947-001-48
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,152.64
Physical Address: 1948 PEREGRINE PL , MIDDLEBURG
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: MICHAEL A TOWER & ELIZABETH A KINNEY

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFLY 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.: 806/2021
Legal Description: LOTS 7 & 8 BLK 88 HIGHLRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2303 PG 1757 & 2467
PG 93
Parcel ID No.: 210823-004075-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,027.71
Physical Address: 6146 FURMAN AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: EARL H SANFORD, DOROTHY M SANFORD

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFLY 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.: 234/2021
Legal Description: LOT 53 BEDFORD OAKS AS REC O R 2396 PG 2132
Parcel ID No.: 070823-000898-056-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,989.81
Physical Address: 6830 OAK BROOK CT , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: BARBARA ANN CANE (ESTATE OF)

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Jennifer Brosky
Deputy Clerk
Legal 88809 Published 10/19/2023 and 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFLY 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.: 234/2021
Legal Description: LOT 53 BEDFORD OAKS AS REC O R 2396 PG 2132
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Opening Bid Amount: \$2,989.81
Physical Address: 6830 OAK BROOK CT , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: BARBARA ANN CANE (ESTATE OF)

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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Jennifer Brosky
Deputy Clerk
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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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Jennifer Brosky
Deputy Clerk
Legal 88809 Published 10/19/2023 and 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 88811 Published 10/19/2023, 10/26/2023, 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFLY 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.: 3015/2021
Legal Description: PT LOTS 4-7 BLK 20 FLA FARM LA ND CO AS REC O R 3801 PG 1646 & 3785
PG 1366(MNRLS)
Parcel ID No.: 460526-010214-001-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$13,954.49
Physical Address: 2439 HUMMINGBIRD LN , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: RGLG PROPERTIES 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 13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2023
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022CA000229
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
PHILIP FLAHERTY, JAMIE INGOGLIA ET AL.,
DEFENDANTS. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Order on Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale Date dated the 10th day of October 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022CA000229, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; JAMIE INGOGLIA; PHILIP FLAHERTY; and RAVINES CROSSING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are defendants. Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 AM on the 29th day of November 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 43, RAVINES CROSSING, UNIT THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 48, PAGES 51 THROUGH 57, INCLUSIVE, 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

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 88808 Published 10/19/2023 and 10/26/2023 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 2023 CA 000938
 NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,
 VS.
 KAREN RICHARDSON; SHARON MARIE CONAWAY; MICHAEL D. RICHARDSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHARON MARIE CONAWAY N/K/A WILLIAM CONAWAY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on September 27, 2023 in Civil Case No. 2023 CA 000938, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING is the Plaintiff, and KAREN RICHARDSON; SHARON MARIE CONAWAY; MICHAEL D. RICHARDSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHARON MARIE CONAWAY N/K/A WILLIAM CONAWAY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.clayrealforeclose.com on November 29, 2023 at 10:00:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
A PORTION OF LOT 27-A, WEST BIG BRANCH UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO AN UNRECORDED PLAT THEREOF PREPARED BY LOUIS H. MCKEE, REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 1221, ON JULY 22, 1969, SAID LOT BEING A PORTION OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 25, S. 88°18'35" E. 3957.46 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 27-A; THENCE S. 00°12'00" E., ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT, 954.93 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THAT LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2963, PAGE 1077 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE S. 00°12'00" E., ALONG LAST SAID EAST LINE, 425.69 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MAVERICK ROAD; THENCE S. 89°32'01" W., ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 165.04 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THAT LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2431, PAGE 276 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE N. 00°08'35" W., ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2431, PAGE 276 AND A PORTION OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF THAT LAND DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3267, PAGE 1810 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS, 428.67 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LAND DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2963, PAGE 1077; THENCE S. 89°25'48" E. ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LAST SAID LAND, 164.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on October 13, 2023.
 CLERK OF THE COURT
 Tara S. Green
 Chelsey Mason
 Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crlntpr@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled

court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 2023-CP-000483
 Division D
 IN RE: ESTATE OF
 MARIE ELIZABETH MCALLISTER,
 a/k/a MARY MCALLISTER
 Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Marie Elizabeth McAllister, deceased, whose date of death was August 24, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave., PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN 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 October 19, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 L. J. Arnold III
 Attorney
 Florida Bar Number: 154474
 ARNOLD LAW
 718 N. Orange Ave.
 PO Box 1570
 GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
 Telephone: (904) 284-5618
 Fax: (904) 284-5937
 E-Mail: arnold3service@gmail.com
 Secondary E-Mail: marie.arnoldlaw@gmail.com

Personal Representative:
 Donna Jorge
 2 Flarestone Ct.
 Palm Coast, Florida 32137
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 2022CA001092
 LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ARIEL FLORES SARINO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARIEL FLORES SARINO; BRENDA NINO;
 FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; VYSTAR CREDIT UNION S/B/M TO CITIZENS STATE BANK; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendant(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 11, 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022CA001092, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC is Plaintiff and ARIEL FLORES SARINO; BRENDA NINO; FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; VYSTAR CREDIT UNION S/B/M TO CITIZENS STATE BANK; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants.

TARA S. GREEN, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by ELECTRONIC SALE AT: WWW.CLAY.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at 10:00 A.M., on the 10th day of January, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 5, CHATHAM VILLAGE UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 34, PAGES 30 THROUGH 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
 Dated this 12th day of October, 2023.

TARA S. GREEN
 As Clerk of said Court
 By Chelsey Mason
 As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crlntpr@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 2022CA000522
 VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC Plaintiff(s),
 vs.

ANTHONY R. BILLUPS AKA ANTHONY BILLUPS; ANTHONY R. BILLUPS; OSHAY MASON; OSHAY MASON AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF TANYA BILLUPS A/K/A TANYA JEAN BILLUPS; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF TANYA BILLUPS A/K/A TANYA JEAN BILLUPS, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANTHONY R. BILLUPS AKA ANTHONY BILLUPS; THE PRESERVE AT TWO CREEKS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; TWO CREEKS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THOMAS G. LOVE, IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF THOMAS G. LOVE, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS.

Defendant(s).
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on **October 11, 2023** in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clayrealforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 29 day of November, 2023 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to wit: All that certain land situate in Clay County, Florida, to wit: Lot 472 of Two Creeks, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 52, Pages 62 through 104, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.

Property address: 1072 Merlin Point, Middeburg, FL 32068
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crlntpr@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Tara S. Green
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 As Clerk of the Court
 BY: Gracie Moore
 Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO.: 10-2023-CP-000525
 In re: THE ESTATE OF
 MARK WALTER WAGONER,
 also known as
 MARK W. WAGONER and
 MARK WAGONER
 Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Mark Walter Wagoner, also known as Mark W. Wagoner and Mark Wagoner, deceased, whose date of death was September 18, 2023, and whose Social Security Number is ****-8997, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is October 19, 2023.

Personal Representative:
 Mark Jacob Wagoner
 7682 El Dorado Avenue
 Keystone Heights, Florida 32656
 Attorneys for Personal Representative:
 TAYLOR ARRUBLA HARDWICK P. A.
 By /s/Jennifer T. Arrubla
 James J. Taylor Jr.
 Florida Bar No. 334057
 Jennifer T. Arrubla
 Florida Bar No. 98804
 420 S. Lawrence Blvd.
 Keystone Heights, Florida 32656
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 352-473-8088 (telephone)
 352-473-8161 (facsimile)

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Life Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
 600 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park FL, 32073

November 14th, 2023 at 11:00 am
 Addis Terrero Household Goods
 Tiffany Quoan Household Goods
 Daron Beito Household Goods

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storageasures.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 take possession of the personal property.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO: 2023CC001398
 THE COTTAGES AT OAKLEAF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff,
 vs.

JASMINE PATES and VICTOR BEMBRY, JR., wife and husband and UNKNOWN TENANT, Defendants.

STATE OF FLORIDA
 TO: VICTOR BEMBRY, JR., and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title, or interest to the property described below, whose residence address is UNKNOWN.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a Claim of Lien on the following property in Clay County, Florida: **Condominium Unit 607, COTTAGES AT OAKLEAF CONDOMINIUM, a condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium as recorded in Official Records Book 2366, Page 1558, of the public records of Clay County, Florida, and any amendments thereto together with an undivided interest in the common elements.**

has been filed against you and you are required to file your written defenses, if any, with the Clerk of the above Court and to serve a copy within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action on:

SCOTT B. TANKEL, Esquire, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: 1022 Main Street, Suite D, Dunedin, FL 34698, 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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the A.D.A. coordinator not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at (904) 269-6302. If hearing impaired (TDD), call 1-800-955-8771, or if voice impaired (V), call 1-800-955-8770 for the assistance of Florida Relay Services.

DATED on this 4th day of October, 2023.

TARA S GREEN
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: Robbin Tefft
 Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: DENNIS RYAN, 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.: 434/2021
Legal Description: LOT 248 SILVER SANDS ESTATES AS REC O R 711 PG 365

Parcel ID No.: 140823-001540-008-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,336.43
Physical Address: 7880 FAWN LN , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: PATRICIA D ROBERTS

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 **13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 9th day of October, 2023
 TARA S .GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
 Clay County, Florida
 By: Christina Spadea
 Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 967/2021
Legal Description: PT LOT 27 & 28 LAKE GENEVA ACRES AS REC DB 4264 PG 1992

Parcel ID No.: 280823-004610-001-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,380.91
Physical Address: IRENE ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: JOHNA-THON NUGENT

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 **29th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 9th day of October, 2023
 TARA S .GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
 Clay County, Florida
 By: Christina Spadea
 Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: DENNIS RYAN, 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.: 640/2021
Legal Description: LOT 6 BLK 36 HIGHLIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 484 PG 126

Parcel ID No.: 200823-003005-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,099.04
Physical Address: 6492 BAYLOR AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: STANLEY J CHUCK, C/O DOROTHY J CEBRA

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 **29th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 9th day of October, 2023
 TARA S .GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
 Clay County, Florida
 By: Christina Spadea
 Deputy Clerk

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 10-2019-DR-000885-FM
 DIVISION: E

IN RE: The Former Marriage of KATELYN NICOLE MCRAE n/k/a KATELYN NICOLE THRASHER, Former Wife/Mother
 And
 BEAU NICHOLAS MCRAE,
 Former Husband/Father

TO: **BEAU NICHOLAS MCRAE**
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: **3414 Tallisman Dr., Middleburg FL 32068**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Supplemental Petition to Modify Consent Final Judgment has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on

KATELYN NICOLE THRASHER, at her attorney's address at: **DRAKE LAW FIRM, P.A., 4600 Touchton Rd. E., Bldg. 100, Suite 150, Jacksonville, FL 32246.** on or before September 8, 2023,

and file the original with the clerk of this Court at: **Clay County Clerk of Family Court, 825 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043** before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the supplemental petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

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

Dated: July 25, 2023.
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: Rebecca Crews
 Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 10-2023-CA-1245
 ERIK DAIN CHRISTENSEN, PLAINTIFF,
 VS.

BARBARA J. CHRISTENSEN, TAMMY ANN WILLIAMS, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING ANY ESTATE, RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST BARBARA J. CHRISTENSEN, TAMMY ANN WILLIAMS, OR IN THE REAL PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED.

DEFENDANTS.
 TO: BARBARA J. CHRISTENSEN, TAMMY ANN WILLIAMS, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING ANY ESTATE, RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST BARBARA J. CHRISTENSEN, TAMMY ANN WILLIAMS, OR IN THE REAL PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed to quiet title to real property located in Clay County, Florida, more particularly described as:

Lots W-13, W-14, and W-15, Spring Lake Village, an unrecorded subdivision, lying in the East 1/2 of Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 23 East, Clay County, Florida, as recorded in Official Records Book 801, Page(s) 583 through 592, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.

TOGETHER with that certain 1983 Residency, single wide mobile home, bearing I.D. #N11786, with Title #22507470, situated thereon; permanently affixed thereto. A copy of the COMPLAINT is located in the Court file. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses/response, if any, to it on VERONICA R. OWENS, ESQ., attorney for the PLAINTIFFS, whose address is 189 S Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before 30 days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, 845 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on the PLAINTIFF or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
 Dated: October 6, 2023.

Tara Green
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: Rebecca Crews
 Deputy Clerk

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 10-2022-DP-000054
 DIVISION: E
 IN THE INTEREST OF:
 M.P.
 MINOR CHILD

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Amanda Bragg, MOTHER 5833 La Moya Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32210 Last Known Address 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, M.P., who was born on January 23, 2008. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on November 14, 2023 A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crtrintp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 3rd day of October, 2023. Tara S. Green as Clerk of Said Court By: Denise Haselwood As Deputy Clerk Legal 87504 Published 10/12/2023, 10/19/2023, 10/26/2023 and 11/2/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-2021-DP-000139 DIVISION: JV - E IN THE INTEREST OF: O.M. MINOR CHILD THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Desaree Robinson, 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, O.M. who was

born on October 23, 2015. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on November 14, 2023 A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crtrintp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 3rd day of October, 2023. Tara S. Green as Clerk of Said Court By: Denise Haselwood As Deputy Clerk Legal 87367 Published 10/12/2023, 10/19/2023, 10/26/2023 and 11/2/2023 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 November 14, 2023. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on November 07, 2023 and end at 10AM on November 14, 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, K066, Matthews, Lisa, K084, Collier, Kassey 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 87246 Published 10/19/2023 and 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: HENRY YEH, 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.: 1632/2018 Legal Description: PT OF N1/2 OF NW1/4 AS REC O R 88 PG 583 & 570 PG 305 Parcel ID No.: 220524-006519-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$2,427.91 Physical Address: FORMAN CIR , MID-LEBURG Classification: CHURCHES MISC Name in which assessed: ETERNAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST INC Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 29th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.claytaxdeed.com. Dated this 2nd day of October, 2023 TARA S . GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk Legal 86789 Published 10/5/2023, 10/12/2023, 10/19/2023 and 10/26/2023 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.: 3778/2019 Legal Description: LOT 10 BLK 33 LAKE GEMMA O R 1510 PG 1342 & 1343 Parcel ID No.: 280823-021924-001-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,403.25 Physical Address: CYPRESS ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: VIRGINIA P SHELL 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 29th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at

www.claytaxdeed.com. Dated this 2nd day of October, 2023 TARA S . GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk Legal 86788 Published 10/5/2023, 10/12/2023, 10/19/2023 and 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Meeting South Village Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the South Village Community Development District will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office. Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. Marilee Giles District Manager Legal 89796 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Public Sale

On November 23, 2023, at 10 A.M. 246 Jefferson Ave, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The following vehicles will be auctioned off for towing and storage charges. 2009 MERCEDES WD-BUF56X09B389983 2012 JEEP JC4NJPPFA1CD568010 Legal 89919 Published 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2023-CP-000526

DIVISION: A IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA CARROLL BAUDER, Deceased

The administration of the estate of MARTHA CARROLL BAUDER, deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The 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 October 19, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: GERALDINE C. HARTIN, Esquire Florida Bar 15201 3168 U.S. Highway 17, Suite A Fleming Island, FL 32003 904-278-3888 geraldine.hartin@gmail.com Personal Representative: SUSAN ELIZABETH LOUGHREN 1341 N. E. 33rd Street Cape Coral, Florida 33909 Legal 88310 Published 10/19/2023 and 10/26/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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