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## School board to fold police department into CCSO

Council votes 4-1 to open negotiations between agencies

By Lee Wardlaw  
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FLEMING ISLAND – The Board of the Clay County School District voted 4-1 to enter negotiations that will put its police department under the direction of the Clay County Sheriff's Office for the next three years.

If negotiations are successful, the Clay

County District Schools Police Department and its \$4.8 million operating budget will be overseen by the sheriff's office. CCSO School Resource Officers would start during the next school year.

Superintendent David Broskie will spearhead the negotiations, involving

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Clay County District Schools Police Chief Kenneth Wagner administered the oath to the first group of police officers who were hired four years ago to protect schools. The school board decided last week to enter negotiations with the Clay County Sheriff's Office to move its police department back under the direction of the sheriff's office.

## 'Very good chance of being successful here'

Clay High graduates continue to excel on national, worldwide stages

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – One of many trophy cases at Clay High is just a few steps inside the main entrance. Inside is a photograph of the U.S. Olympic swim team and a pair of goggles worn by one of the school's prominent graduates, Caeleb Dressel.

Scribbled on the photo is the simple message: "To Clay High. Thanks for everything. Once a Blue Devil, always a Blue Devil!"

Once an Olympic gold medal winner, always an Olympic gold medal winner.

Dressel isn't the exception to the high school's exceptional success. Its Wall of

Fame boasts a Super Bowl champion, a pair of World Series champions, an NCAA national wrestling champion, five county sheriffs, former NFL and Major League baseball players, a prominent local attorney and the man who invented the Smartphone.

"You want to go where people care about you, where you get support," said Vice Principal Matt Lewis. "People here take pride in their school. They work harder. They want to achieve."

Dane Dunning is another Blue Devils graduate with historic credentials. He left

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The honor of being the 2023 Christmas Parade Grand Marshal was bestowed to Steve Thomas by the Green Cove Springs Business League. After 37 years with the city, this will be Thomas' last Christmas Parade as a city employee before he retires next May.

# Water, wastewater pricing to tick up

GCS Board commends City Manager Steve Kennedy

By Jack Randall  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – City Manager Steve Kennedy received a favorable performance review and was granted a 4% raise during a city council session last Tuesday.

Kennedy was commended for his efforts as the city's Chief Administrative Officer, overseeing local government objectives and services.

"His work speaks volumes," said board member Thomas Smith, "He has been transparent with the board and with the

city. He has brought fantastic ideas to the table."

"Kennedy has fostered accountability across the city and has been receptive to input from his peers and those on the Citizens' Advisory Committee," said Vice Mayor Steven Kelley.

Kennedy has managed many new initiatives across Green Cove Springs, the new stormwater utility as an example. He aims to improve the city's financial position by maintaining liquid assets in case of emergency.

"These past three years have gone by too fast. I appreciate your generosity and

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# Town Council agrees to enhance improvements at Rob Bradley Park

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – The Town Council made significant strides in enhancing Rob Bradley Park at Nelson Point during Tuesday night's meeting.

The first decision approved a two-unit modular restroom at the park. While the approval for the purchase will come later, the decision will provide direction for the procurement process.

The estimated cost for a single-unit restroom would be \$75,000, while town manager Sarah Campbell said a double-unit option could range around \$82,000-\$85,000. She said the town will be reimbursed up to \$25,000 for the facility.

A plan to buy an adaptive kayak launch from BoardSafe Docks was tabled.

The council, however, gave the green

light for state-of-the-art water access to Doctors Lake and St. Johns River at the town's only public waterfront park. The kayak launch will be accessible to those who have mobility challenges.

The walkway from the parking lot to the kayak launch and restrooms was supposed to include asphalt, but the council had other thoughts. Concerns from members about the surface, and they wanted to consider options like crushed lime rock. However, asphalt still is the top option.

The walkway around the park's perimeter will have a temporary surface such as mulch, the council agreed unanimously, and the lease agreement with the Orange Park Athletic Association, which will run until Sept. 30, 2024, was approved.



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multiple stakeholders, the sheriff's office, the Board of County Commissioners and others.

Broskie and School Board Attorney Jeremiah Blocker stressed the importance of complying with state statutes.

Members agreed to include charter schools and strongly expressed mutual support for transferring the district police department's equipment to the sheriff's to avoid paying duplicate costs.

The sheriff's office would need to make a one-time \$1.7 million payment to switch the equipment back to her agency, Sheriff Michelle Cook said during a workshop on Oct. 24.

Four years ago, the district separated from the sheriff's office in 2019 amid cost concerns. After reassessment, the school



If a deal is struck between the school district and sheriff's office, the school police department and its \$4.8 million budget - will move to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

board will return to the prior arrangement, citing budgetary constraints and a desire to increase safety and security.

Board member Beth Clark said it is important to avoid duplicated costs for taxpayers, particularly equipment. She said the already purchased equipment should

transfer smoothly from the district to the sheriff's office.

Board member Michele Hanson advocated uniformly implementing security measures among charter schools, which are part of the district.

"Charter school students have taxpay-

ing parents, and their lives matter, too. The same training, standards, expectations and procedures should apply," she said.

Cook said once an agreement is reached, school resource officers would change their uniforms and continue their basic duties. She also said the sheriff's office would intend to hire as many former district officers as possible for the same positions. A director would also be employed to oversee operations and report to an undersheriff.

Board Member Mary Bolla agreed.

"They will simply be in different uniforms. They will go from blue to green, and their cars will be wrapped differently," she said.

Bolla also said in a one-on-one meeting with the sheriff, they agreed more coordinated training by the sheriff's office would be "beneficial."

"School policing is different than community policing, and we need to make sure that our staff are trained," she said.

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## NFL Hall of Famer Kelly pushes for Krabbe's Disease screenings

By Jacob Ogels  
For FloridaPolitics.com

The Buffalo Bills QB lost a son to Krabbe's Disease and survived cancer. Now, he wants hope for others.

Quarterback Jim Kelly played in four Super Bowls, but his greatest challenges in life tackled him off the field. His only son, Hunter, died at age 8 after a lifetime fighting Krabbe's Disease. Later, Kelly survived four personal bouts with cancer.

Life provided him challenges, Kelly said, but also opportunities.

"I've been through it all. And right now, I travel the country speaking and, hopefully, trying to be a difference maker," he said, "not only for the people out there with cancer, but anybody out there is going through tough times in your life."

The University of Miami Sports Hall of Famer, Kelly became a first-round draft pick to the NFL and played for the Buffalo Bills for more than a decade. His team went to four Super Bowls in the early '90s but notoriously lost everyone.

In 1997, he became a father on his birthday to Hunter, but within months, the baby was diagnosed with Krabbe's Disease, a rare, inherited and fatal disorder. While doctors initially said Hunter would likely die by age 2, he lived to 8.

Kelly and his wife, Jill, launched the Hunter's Hope Foundation, which continues to advocate for early screening for the disease. That's part of Kelly's message to Florida as he spoke at the Orlando conference.

He notes that children in every state have a heel prick shortly after birth, which provides samples for early disease screenings.

"Every state in this country, believe it or not, tests for a different amount of treatable diseases. When my son was born, the state of New York was only testing for 14. States like Mississippi would have 45. Illinois had 51."

New York did not screen for Krabbe's. While the disease is incurable, Kelly knows his son could have received treatments earlier and seen an improvement in quality of life. Florida still does not screen for Krabbe's Disease.

"It drives me nuts we cannot get this," Kelly said. "The politics in it drives me crazy. To be honest with you, I don't want to get into it anymore because it gets me really, really mad. But this is just to wake people up and understand we've got to give these kids all a chance."

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## OPINIONS



## Don't you wish you knew then what you know now?

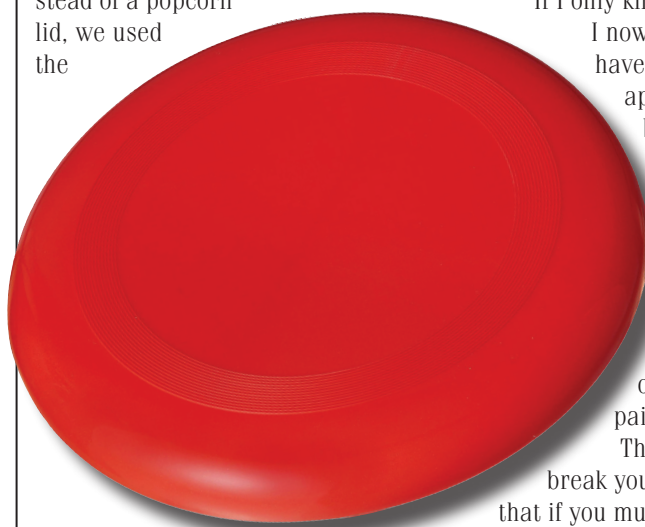
By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

According to Wikipedia, the idea behind Frisbee came about in 1937 when Walter Frederick Morrison and his future wife Lucile tossed a popcorn can lid after Thanksgiving dinner.

For most of my life, I thought my next-door neighbor Cameron and I invited the flying disk in 1964. Instead of a popcorn lid, we used the



Don Coble



metal lid cut from a coffee can.

We had fun tossing the flying disk until, one day, I got distracted. That happens with Attention Deficit Disorder (Look! A duck!). Unlike the plastic Frisbee, a metal lid doesn't just bounce off

Did you know that it's not safe to dump a gallon of gasoline on a fire ant mound and throw a match on it? It seemed like a good idea at the time, but the Ocoee Fire Department wasn't as impressed.

your head when you miss the catch. It leaves a scar above your left eyebrow.

If I only knew then what I know now.

I now know you should always have on your jockstrap before applying analgesic heat balm to your thigh. That was something I didn't know when I was putting on my football uniform ahead of a game during my junior season.

That lesson was not only embarrassing, it was painful.

There's never a good time to break your ankle, but I now know that if you must, avoid doing so during the holiday season.

I played five years of junior high and high school football without any serious injuries. But I broke my ankle in two places playing flag football four months after graduation in 1975.

SEE KNOW, 8

## 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.

**Rumbustious:** (rum-BUS-chus) an adjective that means boisterous or unruly.

"The rumbustious party next door kept me up all night with their loud music and shouting."

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2018

- A total of 93,997 of Clay County's 153,119 voters cast ballots in the 2018 election. Clay County voters said "no" to three proposed county charter amendments but gave the green light to a fourth amendment placing term limits on constitutional officers.

- Newly elected Gov. Ron DeSantis received 64,366 votes from Clay County. Newly elected Sen. Rick Scott received 65,587.

- Incumbent Ashley Gilhouseen defeated Lynne Chafee for the School Board District 5 seat. After winning, Gilhouseen dropped her lawsuit that accused Chafee of improperly qualifying her candidacy.

### 10 years ago, 2013

- The Clay County Fire Rescue Professionals union told former battalion chief Russell Benes Jr. that he would not have any legal support in his appeal on charges he used public resources for private gain. He was fired after an investigation revealed misconduct.

- Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club proposed expanding by adding 123 homes on 110 acres at the northwest corner of the massive development.

- About 300 Clay County high school students from the school district's Exceptional Student Education program attended the Third Annual Transitions Career Fair for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### 20 years ago, 2003

- On the roof of the Orange Park Mall, a fire set off as a prank left one teenager hospitalized and another charged with arson and burglary.

- Chairman of Clay County's School Board, Charles VanZant, voted in support of federal legislation that expanded the eligibility of the free meal program.

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### Opinions ...

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Guest Column claytodayonline.com

# Florida still ignoring pleas to test Solite property

By Bruce Reynolds  
The Solite Task Force of Clay County Citizens

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Environmental samples show toxic metals throughout the Russell Community, including cadmium, barium, lead, chromium, and arsenic. Residents of the community funded the tests because even after decades of complaints, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection declined to do the testing.

Florida Solite, now known as Stoneridge Farms, operated a lightweight aggregate plant in the Russell Community of Green Cove Springs from the late 1950s until they abruptly abandoned it in 1995. Solite-mined clay is processed through high-temperature kilns, using hazardous wastes as fuel. Federal regulations governed the use of hazardous wastes as fuels, and if those regulations had been followed, little or no contamination would have occurred.

However, EPA discovered massive contamination on the property as far back as 1990. EPA issued a consent order to the parent company, Carolina Solite, in September 1996. The consent order only required action on about 230 acres (the plant processing area) of the 902-acre property. The remaining portions of the property, and the areas outside the property, were claimed to be “clean” by Solite, and both EPA and FDEP went along - despite at least four documented releases of water and sediments from a contaminated Solite holding pond into nearby Mill Log Creek.

The 1996 EPA consent order is still

open after over a quarter of a century. FDEP officials expect to conclude soon, but the contamination remains in place. Many in the local community believe they have been impacted. The community has been complaining since the early 1990s that a disproportionate number of people in the community, of all ages, have suffered from a variety of cancers, heart diseases, respiratory illnesses, and other health issues. Some died.

Some limited testing in the “clean” areas was done around 2008, and some contamination was found, but those findings did not spur any cleanup actions.

Former Solite employees allege that equipment, vehicles, structural components, and drums of toxic waste were buried throughout the Solite property and dumped into ponds created from clay mining.

The former employees identified possible burial sites. FDEP acted on that information in a limited way by requiring a few soil and groundwater samples to be taken in early 2023. Some contamination was documented, and some metal and fiberglass debris was found. The community requested more robust searches for buried drums and debris using commercially available technologies such as ground penetrating radar and magnetometers, but those requests have been ignored.

Representatives of the Citizens’ Task Force met with officials from FDEP in Tallahassee on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley and Florida Rep. Sam Garrison also attended the meeting. FDEP was presented with evidence of toxic metals found outside the Stoneridge Farms



Property. FDEP pledged to keep the Citizens’ Task Force informed on the progress of their existing efforts but made no commitments regarding the new evidence of off-site contamination.

The Task Force is also concerned with ongoing efforts to sell the property. At least one potential purchaser, developer Michael Danhour, may be considering residential development on the contaminated property. FDEP requires a portion of the

proceeds from a sale of the property be earmarked for cleanup, but the full cost cannot be known until the extent of the contamination is fully determined.

A nearby property on Russell Road, located just a few hundred feet from the Solite property, was recently purchased by the Clay County School Board as a future site of a public elementary school. No testing has been done to determine if that property has also been contaminated.

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Kelly has also survived several bouts of oral and skin cancer. His most serious treatment required removing his fibula bone and several arteries and blood vessels from his arm and using that to completely replace his upper jaw. More recently, a procedure required removing parts of his nose and chin.

“I might have lost four Super Bowls, but I kicked cancer’s butt,” he said.

He has advocated for early cancer screenings as well.

Kelly said he keeps strong through challenges, leaning on his personal faith and his family for support. He and his wife have two daughters, and Kelly said all kept his spirits up during the worst periods of his life.

He also enjoys the support of fans. He

played one season with the Miami Dolphins, his last in the NFL, but said even fans there sent him get-well cards when he was recovering from cancer.

Still, asked if he had a final message to deliver in Florida. It was an anti-Dolphins cheer from his days in a Bills uniform.

“Let’s go Buffalo, squish the fish,” he said.

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CLUES ACROSS

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- 5. Mutual savings bank
- 8. Rock TV channel
- 11. Large number of fish swimming together
- 13. Military mailbox
- 14. Female of a horse
- 15. Category
- 16. City
- 17. Breezed through
- 18. Officer who bears a mace
- 20. Tax collector
- 21. “Cheers” actress Perlman
- 22. Pauses before acting
- 25. Extracted information from a wave
- 30. Tendency to revert to something ancestral
- 31. No seats available
- 32. Nocturnal rodents
- 33. Moves gently to and fro
- 38. Not good
- 41. A way to ready
- 43. One who makes something better
- 45. Things associated with American history
- 48. Ancient Phoenician fertility god
- 49. A continuous portion of a circle
- 50. Volcanic craters
- 55. Units of electrical resistance
- 56. Gamble on
- 57. Ethiopian town
- 59. One point east of northeast
- 60. Polynesian garland of flowers
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. State of fuss
- 63. Keyboard key
- 64. Partner to relaxation

CLUES DOWN

- 1. The world’s most famous arena
- 2. Polite interruption sound
- 3. Private school in New York
- 4. Refuse of grapes
- 5. \_\_\_ Tomei, actress
- 6. Adult beverages
- 7. Supporter
- 8. Papier-\_\_\_ art material
- 9. Forests have them
- 10. Most ancient Hindu scriptures
- 12. Downwind
- 14. Marketplace
- 19. Flowering plant genus
- 23. Street where nightmares happen
- 24. Admirer
- 25. Dip lightly into water
- 26. When you hope to get there
- 27. Partner to cheese
- 28. Egg
- 29. A way to disqualify
- 34. South American plant
- 35. Fold-away bed
- 36. Debbie Harry album “\_\_\_ Koo”
- 37. Swedish krona
- 39. Displaying warmth and friendliness
- 40. Official orders
- 41. Bowling alley necessity
- 42. Stray
- 44. About milk
- 45. Expressed pleasure
- 46. Caribbean dance
- 47. If not
- 48. \_\_\_ fide (Latin)
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Hebrew calendar month
- 53. One easily swindled
- 54. Point that is one point south of southwest
- 58. Small island (British)

## SJR State expands curriculum to include continuing, community education classes

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – Just 10 months ago, Dr. Daniel Ray held a shiny corporate title as the Vice President and Senior Project Management Lead at Citi Bank in Jacksonville. However, he felt a persistent calling elsewhere. So, when St. Johns River State College was looking for a Director of Community and Corporate Education, he took a leap of faith in another direction.

Ray was interviewed in January by Chief Academic Officer Melanie Brown, Director of Organizational Management Karen Balcanoff and Full-Time Professor of Business Summer Garrett. To his pleasant surprise, he was hired.

Ray has transitioned out of his full-time role in the corporate world. Just seven months into his new gig, he's already earned a promotion. Like all teachers, he didn't apply for the job for the salary. He applied because he yearned to share his wealth of knowledge that would give students the tools needed to foster connections and find success.

The professor has overseen educational programs that serve the local community and corporate partners, developing curriculum for classes, coordinating faculty, fostering community partnerships and fa-

ilitating non-credit-based programs. The busy course load he manages cultivates leadership, customer service, human resources management, legal and ethical reasoning.

Some community and corporate education classes provide practical expertise in QuickBooks Accounting, Insurance, CDL and HVAC licensing, Heavy Equipment, Fitness, Culinary, Zumba and Basic Life Support.

Ray earned a doctorate in philosophy and organizational management from Liberty University in September and a master's in science and data analytics from Western Governors University in May. And he's far from being finished. Next year, he will add a business communications course to his responsibilities, and he hopes to teach data analytics in an upcoming semester.

"I have credentials in (several areas), but I haven't been asked to teach (some subjects) yet," he said. "I would teach 10 classes a semester if they'd let me."

Ray left his high-paying corporate job to follow this passion, guiding others to academic and career success. His unique approach bridges the gap between the academic and professional areas.

"We (as educators) need to meet the needs of our workforce not just globally or (throughout) the United States, but within



STAFF PHOTO BY LEE WARDLAW

Dr. Daniel Ray – who recently earned his doctoral degree in philosophy and organizational leadership from Liberty University in September and master's degree in data analytics from Western Governors University in May – teaches several courses at St. Johns River State College, including Customer Service, Human Resource Management, Legal and Ethics. Ray's role also entails guiding students through non-credit and elective courses that teach them practical skills.

the immediate community. 'What do our Gordon Chevrolet's need? What do our manufacturers need?' Being able to make those connections is what attracted me to the job."

Inspired by past educators, Ray is dedicated to creating lifelong, self-determined leaders. He finds deep intrinsic satisfaction in watching his students learn. More than anything, Ray loves engaging with his students.

SJR State offers the opportunity to earn a four-year bachelor's degree in early childhood education, organizational management and nursing. The college offers the opportunity to earn a two-year associate degree, which grants students transfer to other post-secondary institutions in the state. Continuing education is a key tenet of SJR State, which offers classes toward technical certificates in various professional fields for students of all ages and backgrounds.

"When I was a (child), you could go to the high school at night, pay six dollars, and take a class in wood shop or karate or learn how to dance," he said.

Part of his role is returning that "good old" community feeling.

SJR hosts career services throughout

the year for students, alumni and community members – a career fair is scheduled at the Palatka campus on Nov. 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – to bridge the gap between academic curriculum and career connection.

The college has announced that the scholarship application for the 2023-24 academic year is open. Last year, more than \$163K in scholarships provided the financial assistance necessary to aid students in completing their degrees and becoming skilled members of the workforce. The scholarship application closes on April 1, 2024.

A wave of local business owners eagerly surges to campus to teach elective and non-credit classes at SJR State. This, along with a strong outreach to the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, promises exciting growth at the college and in the community.

"These people are applying what they have learned in the real world to students. There's a drive towards that (style of teaching)," he said.

It all comes down to one principle:

"How can we bring the college back to the community, and how can we bring the community back to the college?" Ray asked.

For more information, visit [sjrstate.edu/continuinged](http://sjrstate.edu/continuinged).

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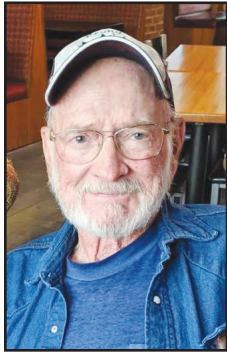
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## David Halwood Horton

David Halwood Horton, 81 of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away Saturday, September 16, 2023. David was born in Quincy, FL to the late Halwood and Lena Horton. He graduated high school in Jacksonville and was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving from 1960-1963 as an Army Ranger/Special Forces before his honorable discharge at Fort Benning, Georgia. After the war, David became a plumber pipefitter and was a member of the Local #234 from 1969-2005. He served as a volunteer fireman for Lake Asbury for 30 years, 15 of which he was chief, was a member of the Masonic Lodge #1965 of Jacksonville and was a 32 Degree Scottish Rite. David loved welding and his oc-



David Halwood Horton

cupation, as well as, guns, shooting, family and most of all his loving wife, Connie.

Mr. Horton is survived by his wife, Connie Horton, children, Cynthia (Whitney) Thompson, Hal David Horton, Lori (Tim) Ley, David (Kathy) LaGrua, Teresa (David) Sanday, Pat (Joyce) Kiser, and Denise LaGrua, brother, Larry (Nancy) Horton, sister-in-law, Carol Horton, several grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Memorial Services will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 11, 2023 at Black Creek Methodist Church, 3925 Main Street, Middleburg, FL 32068

Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Family and friends may share their condolences at: [www.RHRFH.com](http://www.RHRFH.com) 904-284-7720



## Know from page 4

The cast didn't come off until Jan. 5. For more than a month, I sat on the couch and ate. And ate. And ate. After playing three sports in high school, where I ate and burned more than 3,000 calories daily, I went to just eating 3,000 calories daily. Apparently, a waist is a terrible thing to mind. But at least my ankle is all right.

I'm so happy I wasn't accepted to any of the Ivy League schools. I knew it then; I know it now.

Did you know that it's not safe to dump a gallon of gasoline on a fire ant mound and throw a match on it? It seemed like a good idea at the time, but the Ocoee Fire Department wasn't as impressed.

I shudder every time I think about my buddy Rick and I going to Sebastian Inlet on the weekends to fish and collect oysters and clams in the inlet.

We found that the best way to reach the oyster and clam grounds in the Indian River was to embark in a big washtub that

we held onto like a raft.

When we filled the tub with our bounty, we waited for the tide to change to float us back through the inlet. The current was dangerously strong, and we usually had to crash into the rocks on purpose to keep from being swept away into the shark-infested ocean.

We realized what we were doing was stupid when we saw a boat overwhelmed and sinking while trying to navigate against the current. To be young and dumb again.

I now know using a wooden candle holder in a treehouse isn't intelligent. I came to know everyone at the Ocoee Fire Department.

Sally Kettering. That's all I have to say about that.

But most of the time, I miss being young and naive. There are things I didn't know then that I really wish I didn't know now. Like property taxes. Cholesterol. Prostate exams. Hateful politics. "The View." Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift.

It makes me want to tune everything off and have fun throwing a Frisbee – a real one, not a coffee can lid.

# Eleven, eleven

By Jack Randall  
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When I was young, my mind was consumed with wishful thinking. Searching for four-leaf clovers in gardens and shooting stars in the night sky, finding shiny pennies and flipping them into Friendship Fountain, blowing out dandelions and birthday candles. It was a lot of work to make a wish, so I never failed to notice whenever the clock struck 11:11.



Jack Randall

Now, I notice the paired elevens every year on my calendar. We celebrate Veterans Day on 11/11.

Veterans Day commemorates the service and sacrifice of all veterans (Memorial Day honors those who have explicitly died serving their country). Veterans Day shares 11/11 with Armistice Day, when in 1918, hostilities ceased on the Western Front of World War I on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month."

That's a lot of elevens.

It's hard to be wishful on a day of such somber remembrance. It is impossible to imagine what survival was like in the muddy, bloody trenches, where rolling artillery thundered and shook the ground incessantly. World War I was thought to be "the war to end all wars." Perhaps it was wished to be.

Memorial Park in Jacksonville commemorates the "Florida Fallen," 1,700 men and women from Florida who died serving in World War I. The monument

was constructed in 1924 (the park is celebrating its centennial next year) and was attended by Florida veterans from the American Expeditionary Forces. I wonder if they flipped a penny in the fountain as they passed. I wonder what they wished for.

Veterans from World War I returned home without healthcare, financial or educational benefits (the GI Bill would not be authored until the next world war). During the Great Depression, veterans from World War I marched in protest to Washington, D.C., due to postponed payments of their bonuses. The protestors – more than 17,000 veterans – were shot at and forcibly removed from their shanty shelters in the capital.

Today, there are substantially more resources and support for our returning veterans. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the number of veterans experiencing homelessness has been halved – from 74,087 in 2010 to 37,252 in 2020. The Wounded Warrior Project has offered mental health, career counseling and long-term rehabilitative care for 20 years.

Still, according to the VA, there were 6,146 Veteran suicide deaths in 2020.

It is imperative to keep our Veterans in mind, not just this Saturday but throughout the year. The 21st-century world is holistically a more peaceful place to live in, and it's thanks to the sacrifice of our veterans. As we inch toward a world without war, as we wish for peaceful resolutions to conflicts throughout the world, we must keep our veterans in mind. We must continue giving our veterans the support they need. We must never take their sacrifice for granted.

This Veterans Day, I wish all veterans and their families solace in this life and what comes after.

I wish all a happy Veterans Day.

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**Veterans Day at the Camp Blanding Museum**

The event not only supports the museum at the primary training site for most of the Florida National Guard and the biggest training base during World War II for the Asian Theater, but it also honors the men and women of the military.

And to highlight the significance of the base's history, food will be priced at World War II levels – 25 cents for a cheeseburger and 10 cents for a hot dog. Chips and drinks also will be sold with discounts.

Green Cove Springs City Councilman and former Camp Blanding Camp Commander Matt Johnson started the ceremony in 2021. He still serves as the museum's president.



Activities will include more activities for children, Johnson said. In addition to touring the museum, children can play in Bounce Houses and crawl over and through military equipment.

"It feels very satisfying that we have an opportunity to educate the community about the military," Johnson said. "It's nice to bring the family to see the museum. We can all celebrate veterans together. It's important for families because it educates the next generation on how veterans have served this country."

The first 100 active or retired veterans will get a free T-shirt from the museum. Penney Farms Retirement Community said several World War II veterans will join the ceremony.

The base is on State Road 16, just west of State Road 21.

**Veterans to be recognized with wreath-laying service at Magnolia Cemetery**

ORANGE PARK – The Historical Society of Orange Park and the Town of Orange Park invite residents to join the town's much-beloved Veterans Day Ceremony at the Orange Park Veterans Memorial at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11.

The memorial is located inside the gates of the town's historic Magnolia Cemetery, directly across the street from Clarke House Park on Kingsley Avenue.

The solemn ceremony honors America's veterans as part of this national holiday. The community gathers to thank the men and women of the Armed Forces for their service.

The program will include a wreath-laying by Orange Park Mayor Randy Anderson, and a presentation of the colors by the Orange Park High Navy JROTC Color Guard and the First Coast Highlanders.

The Keynote Speaker this year will be Capt. Ed Turner, Executive Director of the National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum at Cecil Field. Also included will be local students who have written winning essays in the 2023 Veterans Day Essay Contest, along with participation by the American Legion Post 250 Riders and the Sofia Fleming Chapter of the DAR, as well as a flyover by the Dreamland Squadron from Haller Airfield.

Parking for the ceremony will be at the First Baptist Church of Orange Park at 1140 Kingsley Ave., a short walk from the memorial.

**American Legions, VFWs to conduct various ceremonies**

CLAY COUNTY – Veterans organizations will pay homage to the men and women who have, and still, serve in the military, including:

- American Legion Post 202 will host a Veterans Day Event at 11 a.m. at Keystone Beach at 565 S. Lawrence Blvd.
- American Legion Post 250 will conduct its Veterans Day Ceremony at 1 p.m., followed by a luncheon at 2609 Black Creek Dr. in Middleburg.
- VFW Post 8255 of Middleburg will host a Veterans Day Ride benefiting soldiers freedom at 9 a.m. at 2296 Astor Ave. Cost is \$30 a rider and \$20 for a passenger. Registration opens at 9 a.m., with kickstands up at 11 a.m.
- VFW Post 5968 will celebrate Veterans Day with music by Wanda from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at 187 Arora Blvd. in Orange Park.

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# Rotary Club of Orange Park donates \$7,000 to WWP

For Clay Today

JACKSONVILLE – The Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise Squad participated in the Carry Forward Wounded Warrior Project 5K run or walk on Nov. 4. The squad consisted of 10 members and exceeded their goal, raising \$7,124 for the Wounded Warrior Project. Orange Park finished second out of 183 squads.

The Wounded Warrior Project is a non-profit organization providing support and services to veterans and service members injured in the line of duty.

The Carry Forward 5K is an annual event that challenges participants to carry a flag, a weight, or another person for five kilometers, symbolizing the daily burdens that wounded warriors face.

Gordon Reynolds led the Rotary Club. Linda Reynolds, Duane Mallicoat, Dr. Douglas Reed, Jeremy Johnston, Sarah Cambell, Brianna Butcher, Daniel Leporati, James Mallicoat and Karen McMullen joined him. The squad members wore matching shirts and carried flags during the run.

“When we rally together for injured veterans, we help ensure warriors with traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, and physical injuries get the specific help they need – free of charge,” Gordon Reynolds said. “Every step we take



Members of the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise Squad participated in the Wounded Warrior Project 5K last weekend, and in the process, the organization raised \$7,124 for the group that assists veterans.

and every dollar we raise helps provide services in mental health, career counseling and long-term rehabilitative care so that warriors can thrive in their next mission, whatever it may be.

“We are proud to support the Wounded Warrior Project and honor the sacrifices of our brave men and women in uniform,” Mallicoat said. “We had a lot of fun and camaraderie during the 5K, and we are

“Every step we take and every dollar we raise helps provide services in mental health, career counseling and long-term rehabilitative care so that warriors can thrive in their next mission, whatever it may be.”

– Gordon Reynolds, Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise

grateful for the generous donations from our friends, family and community.”

The Carry Forward 5K had 1,909 participants. Along with corporate sponsorships, it raised \$223,313.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise and its activities, please contact Jenielle Holderfield at [RotaryOPsunriseCharity@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryOPsunriseCharity@gmail.com) or visit [oprotarysunrise.com/](http://oprotarysunrise.com/).

For more information about the Wounded Warrior Project and the Carry Forward 5K, visit <https://carryforward.wounded-warriorproject.org/>.

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### Hundreds embrace fall festivities at Middleburg

MIDDLEBURG – Hot rods, hot dogs and handicrafts were featured during the annual Middleburg Historic Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 4. The event attracted hundreds who perused a collection of exotic cars, petted animals and played games at the Middleburg Civic Association. Also, children played in bounce houses while everyone enjoyed arts, crafts, local performers and food vendors.



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# The ins and outs of vacation rentals

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – The Clay County Tourism Board met last week to discuss short-term rentals and vacation rental businesses.

Director of Tourism and Film Development Kimberly Morgan guided residents owning vacation rentals through the business by emphasizing safety, education and industry expertise.

Denis Hanks, Executive Director of the Florida Alliance for Vacation Rentals, commented on the exponential growth of the rental industry, which has skyrocketed in the last two years following the COVID-19 pandemic. He said the number of vacation rentals in the state ballooned from 233,000 to 382,000 since 2021.

The industry, which has increased by 163% units during the past two years, is constantly evolving and shifting, responding to ever-developing dynamics in the market – especially post-pandemic.

“The industry is evolving rapidly. We’re seeing purpose-built homes and communities specifically designed for vacation rentals. The industry continues to change and expand,” he said.

Third-party vendors, including landscapers, plumbers and others, have seen the benefits through the creation of over 300 jobs, Hanks said. He said vacation



Clay County Tourism warmly welcomed their Vacation Rental Ventures event, featuring speakers from across the state. They covered a myriad of topics relating to the industry, including human trafficking awareness, building, planning, and zoning, fraud and chargebacks and most importantly, water and pool safety for young children.

rentals have a nearly \$30 billion annual economic impact, outpacing the citrus industry.

Speakers addressed a wide range of other pivotal subjects regarding the rental industry, including human trafficking. A growing problem in Florida, the state

is ranked third in the U.S. for trafficking cases.

Industry members must take a one-hour certification class on human trafficking awareness every year, although optional for housekeepers and other vendors. However, property owners or managers



Orange Park Town Manager Sarah Campbell, left, and Permitting Coordinator Maddie White talked about licensing a vacation rental business in the town.

can suggest employees take the course. “If you see something, say something, and make a report,” Hanks said.

Other topics included balcony safety, navigating the Tourist Development Tax collection and Department of Business

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# American Cruise Lines to set sail with expanded trips

Small-boat cruise company to expand to 16 stops

By Lee Wardlaw  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – American Cruise Lines hopes to help the city sail into a prosperous future. The cruise line, a booming business in the small-boat cruise industry, has planned to double the number of trips passing through the city next year.

The line's stop at the county seat is a destination during their Great Rivers of Florida Cruise, an eight-day, seven-night round trip that begins and ends in Jacksonville, with stops in Amelia Island, Palatka, Lake George and St. Augustine.

As part of the expansion, the patriotic-themed cruise line will make its first voyage on Feb. 5, with two or three 24-hour, overnight stops at the Green Cove Springs City Dock. American Cruise Line's ships only "tie up" for up to three hours, typically on a Sunday morning.

The ramping up of the line's expanding operation in Clay County has required another cruise boat. The American Star, a 48-room ship capable of accommodating 98 guests, has been traveling to Green Cove Springs since 2013. It will be joined by the



PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW, AMERICAN CRUISE LINES  
Art Yeaman, owner of Heritage Guides, who provides walking tours and in Green Cove Springs, along with other local businesses, could see expanded opportunities for commerce. American Cruise Lines, a booming business, will expand its slate from eight to 16 excursions to the City Dock starting in 2024.

American Eagle, which was inaugurated this year and can accommodate more passengers with additional entertainment options. The Eagle contains 56 rooms, six common areas and a capacity of as many as 100 people.

With the number of excursions doubling, the previous limit of 720 visitors has now expanded to 1,520 – an increase of 111%.

Art Yeaman is the owner and operator



The American Star is a 100-passenger boat that has been transporting passengers to Green Cove Springs for the last 10 years. Next year, a second cruise ship, the American Eagle, will join it.

of Heritage Guides, a walking tour service through historic landmarks and points of interest in Green Cove Springs. The educational storyteller has been living in the city for 33 years.

Yeaman weaves a fascinating oral history marked by tales of agriculture, industry and military heritage within the backdrop of Florida's natural beauty. The journey takes guests to sites like the City Pier, Spring Park and picturesque neighborhoods, where visitors can admire historic residential homes.

Yeaman was a U.S. Marine veteran who served in the Vietnam War before retiring after 22 years. He is a third-party independent cruise line contractor excited for the line's increased presence. The hope is that the increased traffic will be a boon for his tour service and other businesses in the city. Yeaman pitched organizing excursions and reenactments at Spring Park or

picnics at the Historic Triangle with Megan Olszewski, Guest Programs Assistant with American Cruise Lines.

Keying into the overnight experience for the river tourists will be crucial.

"If we can do something for (American Cruise Lines) guests while they are here on an extended stay, then we should do it. American Cruise Lines is an 'absolutely booming' business, and we're a river town," Yeaman said.

Green Cove Springs, along the shores of the St. Johns River, has ample opportunity to capture visitors from off the water.

"We have all sorts of opportunities to get people off the river that have already slowed down that want to 'take it easy' and come 'leisurely explore' with us. We're not Fort Lauderdale, we're not Cedar Key and we're not St. Augustine. We're Green Cove Springs; we're Clay County and we have an excellent story to share," he said.

## County to collect funds for Vineyard Transitional Center through December

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – When Clay County Tax Collector Diane Hutchings took office, she floated the idea of using her offices to collect money and goods for local nonprofits. The employees did the rest by creating The Cares Committee. In less than three years, they've collected more than \$29,000. Now it's The Vineyard Transitional Center's turn to benefit from caring residents. Windows at the tax collectors offices will have boxes to donate to the organization that provides counseling and life skills for newly released prisoners from the county jail. Assistant Manager Miaesha Coleman suggested The Vineyard. The group collected \$6,718.03 for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer last month, and now they will accept gifts for The Vineyard through December. The Vineyard's John Sanders, from left, was joined by Coleman, Kelly Trahan, Jackie Dalton and Hutchings in launching collections for The Vineyard Transitional Center.



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# Vacation

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and Professional Regulation licensing processes, the requirements for obtaining a business license for short-term or vacation rentals in Orange Park and Green Cove Springs.

Safety and liability, fraud and chargebacks were addressed by Florida Alliance for Vacation Rentals General Counsel Keith Brady.

No information was more important than when Tina Morgan, Circuit 9 Council Development Administrator, and Kirby Morgan, Central Region Child Fatality Prevention Specialist of the Florida Department of Children and Families talked about water and pool safety, especially regarding safety for children under four years old.

They said there should be multiple layers of protection to restrict unsupervised access to natural water sources and pools.

They stressed limiting access to pools, securing pool fences and providing clear safety instructions to renters. They encouraged removing ladders from above-



Residents owning short-term rental homes or vacation rental businesses came en masse to the big event to seek out education and information.

ground pools when not in use and clearing away objects bordering the pool that opportunistic toddlers could potentially climb toward.

Florida has 1.6 million pools, the most of any state. With 307,000 rental homes and 37.9 million tourists visiting during the first quarter of this year, a high number of tourists, some from states with less exposure to water, it's important to learn and practice safety measures.

Most fatal drownings occur during non-swim time.

The Morgans recommended water watcher tags to ensure active supervision, which is a visible reminder of the designated adult supervision. Water watchers must remain alert and avoid distractions, like social media, at all times.

Brady said one of the most effective measures to prevent child drownings is to install hard-wired door alarms. These devices are designed to alert when a door to the pool area is opened, providing another layer of security for young children.

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### Hip-swiveling Ultimate Elvis Christmas hits stage on Dec. 3

ORANGE PARK – Get ready to shake, rattle, and roll this holiday season because “The Ultimate Elvis Christmas” concert is coming to the Thrasher-Horne Center on Dec. 3 at 3 p.m.

The spectacular event features The Ultimate Elvis Champion, Cote Deonath, alongside the world-renowned Infinit-E Tribute Band. This unforgettable concert will transport you back in time to the golden era of rock and roll, complete with all your favorite Elvis hits and a festive twist of classic Elvis Christmas tunes. From “Blue Christmas” to “Suspicious Minds,” Deonath’s electrifying performance will have you tapping your feet and singing along to every note.

Come and experience “The Ultimate Elvis Christmas” concert for yourself and join in on the holiday cheer. It’s a night you won’t want to miss.

Tickets, which start at \$25, are available at the box office or at [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).



### Lorrie Morgan’s Hall of Fame career headed to Thrasher-Horne

ORANGE PARK – Lorrie Morgan is a Nashville native, the daughter of Country Music Hall of Fame member George Morgan. She debuted on the Grand Ole Opry stage at 13, singing “Paper Roses.” Her

father died suddenly of a heart attack at age 51. She was 16 at the time and just beginning her musical career. Lorrie Morgan began making her records shortly after that and was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry at 24.

She will perform many of her iconic hits on Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center. Tickets, which start at \$29, are available at the box office or at [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

Morgan maintained her recording pace in the new millennium, releasing collections in 2002, 2004, 2009 and 2010. In 2012 and 2013, Morgan starred and sparkled in the lavish Enchanted Christmas productions at the opulent Opryland Resort in Nashville.

Morgan has made more than 40 chart entries on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, including three No. 1 singles: “Five Minutes,” “What Part of No,” and “I Didn’t Know My Own Strength,” and 11 additional Top-10 hits. Morgan has recorded in collaboration with her father, as well as Keith Whitley, Jon Randall, Sammy Kershaw, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Mathis, Tammy Wynette, The Beach Boys, Dolly Parton, Andy Williams, the New World Philharmonic and Pam Tillis.

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

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

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

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

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

### Grammy award winner Ricky Skaggs coming to Thrasher-Horne

ORANGE PARK – During his 50-plus-year career, Ricky Skaggs has won 15 Grammy Awards, eight CMA Awards, nine ACM Awards, 13 International Bluegrass Music Association Awards, nine ICM Awards, two Dove Awards, three honorary Doctorate degrees and countless other awards.

Ricky also has 12 consecutive Grammy-nominated albums from his Skaggs Family Records label.

Skaggs will bring his band, Kentucky Thunder, to the Thrasher-Horne stage on Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, on sale now to

members, are available at the box office or at [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

Skaggs has been honored with inductions into the Gospel Music Association’s Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Musicians Hall of Fame in the past decade.

In 2018, Skaggs was awarded membership into the National Fiddler Hall of Fame, the IBMA Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and country music’s greatest honor, the Country Music Hall of Fame. Most recently, he was awarded the prestigious National Medal of Arts in 2020.

### Grand Funk bringing ‘We’re An American Band’ tour to town

ORANGE PARK – Multi-platinum-selling iconic group GRAND FUNK RAILROAD announced tour dates to their highly anticipated upcoming ‘The American Band Tour,’ in honor of the 50th anniversary of their 1973 “We’re An American Band” platinum-selling single and album.

One of those stops will be at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, which start at \$39, visit the box office or [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

One of rock’s most definitive anthems, founding member Don Brewer (vocals and drums) was the soul writer and vocalist on “We’re An American Band,” which went all the way to No. 1 on the Billboard “Hot 100” chart on Sept. 29, 1973. “We’re An American Band” came to me when we were flying to town on its “Phoenix Tour” in 1972,” said Brewer of writing the song.

“We were being sued by our former manager, Terry Knight, and he was trying to stop us from performing. The line, ‘We’re comin’ to your town, we’ll help you party it down,’ came to me first, and I wrote the song around that line, taking snippets of things going on during the tour at that time - like staying up all night with Freddy King playing poker, four young chiquitas in Omaha, sweet, sweet Connie in Little Rock, and, finally, the declaration, ‘We’re An American Band,’ because it sounds great and sings well. I feel lucky and blessed every time we play it live.”

### Dancing with the Stars Live tour making stop on Feb. 22

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

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Tickets, which start at \$39, are available at the box office or at [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

### Mamma Mia! Almost ABBA Tribute headed to Thrasher-Horne

ORANGE PARK – Almost ABBA, the No. 1 tribute to Swedish supergroup ABBA, will be at the Thrasher-Horne Center on March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

The group recreates the magic and

nostalgia of ABBA in a costumed, choreographed, audience-interactive experience. This dynamic show has performed for the U.S. military, NBC, Universal and the release of MAMMA MIA!

Almost ABBA has performed for audiences of as many as 50,000 and was recently asked to open for Cher on her “Here We Go Again” Tour of Australia.

Tickets, which start at \$29, are available at the box office or at [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

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

ORANGE PARK – Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. return to stages all across America as our three critically acclaimed entertainers resurrect the famous and infamous Rat Pack.

Sinatra, Martin and Davis were the kings of Las Vegas Swing and formed The Rat Pack as their nightly on-stage party. Relive those amazing nights on March 16 at the Thrasher-Horne Center with their international star performers.

Featuring a live orchestra and the fabulous Swinging Showgirls, The Rat Pack – One More Time! is an uncanny trip back in time when Vegas was at its hottest. This show is the real deal. You’ll feel like you’re back at the Sands Hotel with a smooth martini in one hand and a top-notch show in front of you. Love ya, baby!

For tickets, visit [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.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 of the World Ballet Series. See the iconic Dance of the Little Swans, count the 32 fouettés performed by Odile, and immerse yourself in magical Tchaikovsky’s music. The production will feature richly detailed, hand-painted sets and over 150 radiant costumes that bring fresh representation to this timeless classic.

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# COOK-OFF

## CCSO's McLaughlin arrests the competition with her pot of chili



By Don Coble  
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FLEMING ISLAND – Some samplings at this year's First Responder Chili Cookoff were spicy. Some were sweet. Some were savory. Each bowl had a distinct flavor profile, comprised with or without beans, chicken, beef or pork. One participant offered a green concoction, Chili "Verde," made without tomatoes or chili powder.

Each bowl brought something different to the table, but each shared one thing in common: a delicious first bite.

Members of the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Fire Rescue, Emergency Management, District Schools Police Department and the Green Cove Springs and Orange Park police departments competed for the best pot of chili Sunday at Whitey's Fish Camp. While the agencies were competing for a trophy, the real prize was bragging rights until next year's event.

"The voting was real close this year," said event coordinator Susan Lightsey. "First place won by between five and 10 votes. The difference between second and third was just one vote."

Taste testers voted to bestow the trophy – and the accompanying bragging rights – to CCSO Deputy Traci McLaughlin's chili, which stood out among 20 entries.

Green Cove Spring Police Chief E.J.

Guzman finished second, while firefighter Andrew Fraley was third.

The event benefited Clay County's Signal 35 Fund, which helps first responders and their families during times of need.

"Our goal was to raise \$2,000," Lightsey said. "Although we cut off the entries this year (from 22 last year) to 20, we raised \$2,600. Things went very, very well. Because I had other things to do, I only ate a little bit of the chili, but what I tasted was impressive."

Runner-up Guzman said he ran out of chili first.

"I tasted most of the entries, and I thought the first-place winner had a really good taste," he said. "I knew mine tasted good, but I wasn't sure how it would be received. I thought I had a winning chance when people started coming back for seconds and thirds. Also, people started asking about my recipe."

"I noticed my pot was the first to be empty, so I figured that was a good sign."

Lightsey said organizers are already working on the 2024 competition.

"We learned a lot from last year to this year, especially with how things were arranged," she said. "We moved things around so there was a better flow. Things definitely ran smoother."

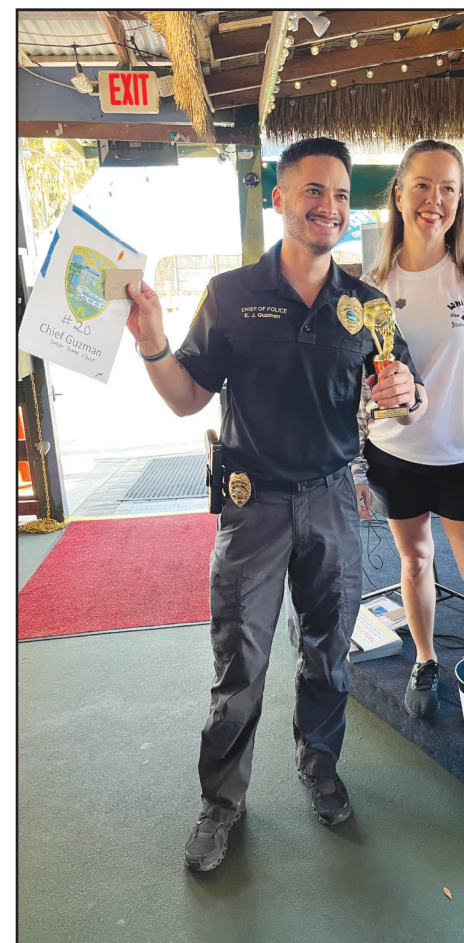
Another change was the prizes. Instead of a silent auction, guests bought tickets and won items in a raffle.

"We're thinking about expanding things next year, maybe to the outside porch area," Lightsey said. "Or at least, we'll move the raffle items to another part of the restaurant. That way, we'll open up even more room."

Whitey's will turn up the spice again during the first weekend of February with its annual Chili Cookoff Open. Unlike the First Responders event, where participants vote for winners, a panel of judges will determine the winner.



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# Rockin' into the Night: The Curt Towne Band celebrates release of new album, 'At It Again'

Legendary Southern rockers join jam at final Food Truck Friday of year

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Spring Park hosted its final Food Truck Friday of the season on Nov. 3, but not without a star-studded party.

In addition to 20 trucks around the park, the main event was a celebration of Lynyrd Skynyrd writing and playing music for their first three albums 50 years ago at Hell House.

"Today was an awesome day," said Curt Towne, whose band highlighted the festivities. "Skynyrd started in Green Cove Springs. That's where Hell House was. Their first album came out 50 years ago. We wanted to pay respect and honor for our Skynyrd fam-

ily that we love so much.

"It was one heck of a celebration."

The Curt Towne Band was joined by former American Idol finalist Bo Bice, Jimmy Hall of Wet Willie, Derek Hess and Barry Lee Harwood of the Rossington Collins Band, Phil Swindel of the Atlanta Rhythm Section and Jimmy Sexton from the Artimus Pyle Band.

The Curt Towne Band often opens for Lynyrd Skynyrd, including two shows last month in St. Augustine.

The night coincided with the release of The Curt Towne Band's new album, "At It Again." The album has eight songs and is available at The Guitar Station in Green Cove Springs or on all streaming platforms.



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# Community News

## Holiday Arts and Craft Fair at fairgrounds on Saturday

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Magnolia Point Women’s Club will host its Holiday Arts and Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

More than 50 vendors have reserved booths to display their wares, and food trucks will be available. There will also be plenty of raffle and silent auction items. Veterans from the Green Cove Springs VFW Post 1988 will commemorate Veterans Day at fair until noon.

The Women’s Club is a nonprofit charitable organization and all proceeds are used to assist the underserved in Clay County. The fair is open to the public – the Women’s Club hopes to see everyone there.



## Loomis Bros. Circus sets up big top for two performances

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Get ready for a spectacular showcase of jaw-dropping acrobatics, dazzling performances, and amazing animals as Impresario Justin Loomis brings his award-winning circus once again to the Clay County Fairgrounds.

This highly anticipated event will be in Cattlemen’s Arena on Thursday, Nov. 16, and promises to be an unforgettable experience for families and circus enthusiasts of all ages.

Advance tickets for the circus are now available online at loomiscircus.com and will be available on show day at the circus box office starting one hour before each performance. Show times are 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

## Wake Up Santa! returns to Orange Park Mall

ORANGE PARK – The mall is gearing up to welcome Santa on Saturday, Nov. 18, starting at 11 a.m.

Families are encouraged to don their holiday pajamas and assist Santa’s Elves in locating Santa to awaken him for the festive season. The day’s activities feature

Reindeer Pony Rides from Pinto Farms, a delightful hot cocoa station, meet-and-greet with Elsa, Anna and Kristoff, face painting and more.

For children with hidden disabilities like autism and sensory sensitivities, a visit with Santa can often be overwhelming. Sensitive Santa provides a magical experience hosted before the town center opens. Santa has received specialized training and adapts to each child’s unique needs with guidance from parents and caregivers. Sensitive Santa will be on Sunday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon, featuring crafts with Mrs. Claus, a cereal bar and a special gift from Santa. Advance registration at whereissanta.com/mall/ is required.

## Parents need to register for ChristmasShopFL discount sales

CLAY COUNTY – Parents can register for Christmas Shop to pick out and wrap toys.

Sites in Clay County include Jennings Elementary at 215 Corona Dr. in Orange Park, Keystone Heights Elementary at 335 S.W. Pecan St. and Wilkinson Junior High at 5025 County Road 218 in Middleburg.

The shopping event is by invitation only and hosted by schools, local churches and community partners. Its purpose is to help parents who need help with the cost of

Christmas gifts for children through middle school ages. Discounts up to 70% will be available and there will be a separate area with special activities for children while their parents shop. Churches that wish to donate toys can call (812) 598-9014.

To register, visit [christmasshopfl.com](http://christmasshopfl.com).

## 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 employment opportunities and residential assistance.

A limited number of tickets are available. To buy a ticket, visit [tinyurl.com/givengo2023](http://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](http://TheVineyardTransitional-Center.org), or call Pastor John Sanders at (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](mailto:s_kelly@yahoo.com), Helen Brummer at (904) 673-8450 or [im2da-boss@hotmail.com](mailto:im2da-boss@hotmail.com) or Lucy Conrad at (904) 635-0170 or [lucelc9@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Capacity 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](http://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](mailto:aparker@reinhold.net).

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Clay High in 2013 after a standout baseball career. Last week, he helped the Texas Rangers win the organization's first World Series.

And in the process, he joined brother Jake Dunning – another Clay High graduate – as one of only 10 sets of brothers in Major League Baseball history to each win a World Series. According to Baseball Almanac, there have been 20,533 players in MLB history dating back to the first game in 1876.

Jake won in 2014 with the San Francisco Giants.

Both brothers have the same tattoo of their parents, John and Misu Dunning, and their Korean heritage.

"Every time I see my tattoo, it just



Vice Principal Matt Lewis stands with one of the many trophy cases that honors the many accomplishments of Clay High graduates



Not only have Rick Beseler, Jennings Murrhee, Michelle Cook, Wayne Levy and Scott Lancaster served their counties as sheriffs, all are Clay High alums.



Nolan Carroll



Reece Harrell



Caleb Dressel



Cliff Avril



Frank Canova



Rob Bradley

makes me think of my family and brings a little bit of home with me."

Frank Canova grew up in Green Cove Springs and graduated from Clay High in 1974. He earned his college electrical engineering degree at the Florida Institute of Technology.

In 1992, he invented the IBM Simon, a cordless portable phone. IBM put it on the market two years later. We've come to know it as the Smartphone. Now, just about everyone has a cellphone.

"I enjoy rolling up my sleeves since I'm still a software and hardware engineer at heart," he said. "I love building technology. I also feel fortunate in my career to have created several industry 'firsts.'"

Dressel graduated in 2014. Two years

later, he represented the United States at Rio de Janeiro. He won gold medals in 4x100 freestyle and medley relays.

At the 2020 Games in Tokyo, Dressel won five more golds, which put him in a tie with swimmers Matt Biondi, Mark Spitz and Michael Phelps and speed skater Eric Heiden as the only American to win five golds at a single Olympic Games since 1970.

Dressel said he wasn't driven by winning.

"It's about achieving what I feel like my potential is," he said.

Cy Wainwright won two state wrestling championships while at Clay, and he followed that up by winning the Division II NCAA heavyweight national championship

in 2009 for Newberry College after winning all 36 of his matches.

He also was selected as an All-American before being hired as the head



## Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register  
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### The Thanksgiving Season is Here!

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and this special season starts now! It is designed to be a time for family and friends to gather together in a spirit of gratitude. This time is also intended to give thanks for the blessings given to us by a loving and generous God. It's a moment of reflection, thanksgiving, and togetherness, anchored in the teachings of God's Word.

At the heart of this season lies the practice of gratitude—a concept deeply rooted in our faith. As Christ-Followers, we are called to “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Thanksgiving is an opportunity to do just that, to express our gratitude.

Thanksgiving gatherings are an opportunity for families to come together. In Hebrews 10:25 we are encouraged to “not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another”. Sharing a special meal, offering prayers of thanks, and sharing the company of loved ones is a treasured tradition that mirrors the sense of unity and fellowship taught in the Scriptures.

The centerpiece of Thanksgiving gatherings is food. Just as God provides for our physical needs through food, He also satisfies our spiritual hunger. The act of breaking bread together can also serve as a reminder of the sacrifice of Jesus and the spiritual sustenance He provides.

The Thanksgiving season also offers a perfect opportunity to engage in acts of service and generosity. We are called to “bear one another's burdens” (Galatians 6:2), and the act of volunteering, donating to charities, or helping those in need reflects this principle beautifully.

While Thanksgiving is celebrated on a specific day, gratitude should be a continuous practice. The Bible encourages us to “continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name” (Hebrews 13:15). Allow gratitude and a heart filled with thanksgiving be our daily response to God's goodness.

May this Thanksgiving season be a joyous and blessed occasion for you and your family. A season centered on faith, unity, and a heart full of praise to our Creator.

# Impact Clay Train to bring mobile care teams to underserved areas

Project will focus on healthcare, essential services

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – Impact Clay will roll out an innovative program that will serve the needs of the underserved residents in the remote portions of Clay County. The new “Impact Clay Train” program is not your typical locomotive.

Instead, the program will be deploying mobile neighborhood care teams of healthcare professionals and volunteers dedicated to addressing the unique physical and mental health needs of the community.

The mission is to make healthcare and social services more accessible to residents who otherwise couldn't afford them. The goal is to improve the lives of thousands.

The Impact Clay Train will launch in January, with the pilot program set to “take flight” at the elementary or high school in Keystone Heights.

Impact Clay CEO and former Orange Park Mayor Connie Thomas is excited about the program.

“This really just thrills my soul,” she said. There is one word to describe the program's ambitions: vast. Impact Clay is planning initiatives to offer early intervention and prevention, chronic disease management, improved health literacy, emergency response, mental health and addiction support, food, hygiene, technical support, cost savings and community building.

The mobile “Train” was the creative solution to meet and satisfy residents' needs in a large county with limited public transportation options. Currently, Impact Clay has three RVs, and they plan to add additional “locomotive cars” over time.

The origins of the Impact Clay Train originally stemmed from addressing food insecurity, Thomas said. But she said “food deserts” were just one of many ailments



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Impact Clay CEO Connie Thomas and Citizen Engagement Coach Gregg Coffman have each witnessed the effects of food insecurity in Clay County. They also know there are other problems facing residents in remote areas, which sparked the idea to create the Impact Clay Train.

throughout the community. That's why she and Gregg Coffman, Impact Clay Citizen Engagement Coach, started an initiative to create a forum among food banks last spring. Thomas's experience with Clay Behavioral Health allowed her to include food outreach and other services. As part of the process, surveys were conducted to pinpoint which areas needed the most help.

The Train will seek to stop in three locations quarterly, stopping at one area every Saturday. Each area will receive four annual visits. Residents in rural portions of the county can walk to elementary schools that will serve as the “stations” for services. Thomas's idea required the buy-in of Superintendent David Broskie and the school board.

“Other counties are hearing about this and they are thinking, ‘Wow.’” Thomas said. “I'm just thankful that Clay County has stepped up to the plate.”

A unit dedicated to hygiene will offer showers, haircuts and laundry, courtesy of Seeds of Love Ministry. Parents can shop for clothes as children take showers and brush their teeth. With awareness for mental health and addiction at the national forefront, another mobile team will provide counseling, support and referrals for appropriate services.

In remote areas, one problem is limited internet access. That's why Clay Behav-

ioral Health Center and the Clay County Chamber of Commerce's Health Council will join Impact Clay to help residents apply for federal benefits. Impact Clay is eager to partner with other organizations to lend a helping hand.

Clay Behavioral Health CEO Irene Toto said her organization is ready to help.

“We fully support Connie's vision for the Impact Clay Train. She has a social worker's heart, and (Thomas) continues to make a difference in the lives of others. Clay Behavioral Health is proud to be part of this endeavor,” Toto said.

Toto said the idea of a one-stop-shop for hygiene, physical and mental healthcare, and several other services is a significant step in the right direction.

“People coming into the office is not as appealing today as it used to be. For years, (Clay Behavioral Health) has been working toward taking their services to people. This is the next step in the process, which I love,” she said.

Patrick Hayle is the Executive Director of Mercy Support Services, which provides resources and referrals for life coaching, self-sufficiency and accountability programs.

“I totally support this,” he said. “Any social services we can offer to fill those gaps would be very helpful. In most cases, it is very welcoming to those families.”

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# Wanted: Girls for high school rugby team

No experience necessary to play for Duval Tides team

For Clay Today

JACKSONVILLE – Rugby is one of the fastest-growing sports in the world, and Melissa Butler wants high school girls to be



involved. The Rugby World Cup is the third largest sporting event in the world, second only to the FIFA World Cup and the Summer Olympics. It is also one of the fastest-growing sports on college campuses.

For women, rugby is an NCAA Division I and II emerging sport, but it is not currently an NCAA sport for men. Rugby teams are currently in place at 58 colleges in America, primarily on the East Coast.

The Duval Tides is open to any girl from Clay County. The team will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Fort Family Park, 8000 Baymeadows Road E., in Jacksonville, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

No tryouts will be conducted, and no



experience is necessary. Players at all skill levels are welcome. For more information on how to register, email [Jaxgirlsrugby@gmail.com](mailto:Jaxgirlsrugby@gmail.com) or visit [@jaxgirlsrugby](https://www.facebook.com/jaxgirlsrugby) on Facebook and Instagram.

Coaches and fans praise women's rugby as a sport that teaches girls how powerful their own bodies can be.

Rugby positions are suited for various sizes and skills, from height and strength to speed and agility. It is a continuous game with few stops that teaches quick decision-making skills and builds physical



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# Police Briefs

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## Former firefighter charged with approaching jail wearing bulletproof vest

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Zack Thomas Coon Jr., 36, of Green Cove Springs, was apprehended following a series of concerning incidents on Nov. 2 that transpired at Fire Station 24 and the Clay County Jail.



At approximately 5:09 a.m., Coon, a former Clay County firefighter, arrived at the public entrance of the Clay County Jail. Coon, who was shirtless but wearing blue jeans and a "tactical" bulletproof vest, banged on the locked glass door of the jail lobby.

Coon then left the jail parking lot in a white GMC truck headed south on U.S. Highway 17 in a reckless manner. A BOLO was issued, and deputies and detectives responded due to Coon's erratic behavior. A short time later, the Clay County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from the Clay County Fire Rescue Station 24 on Sweat Road advising that Coon was in their parking lot. The caller was concerned for the safety of all CCFR personnel on the scene based on previous encounters involving Coon.

The caller advised Coon had just fled the parking lot in his truck. Deputies quickly responded and encountered Coon's vehicle

a short distance away from the fire station. Coon was traveling at approximately 100 mph along U.S. 17 and attempted to ram a deputy's vehicle, causing the deputy to run off the road. Coon then arrived back at the fire station, still driving recklessly, where he was immediately met by deputies and was tased. According to the arrest report, he kicked and headbutted the rear driver's side cage once he was detained and placed inside a deputy's car.

Following his arrest, CCSO discovered several weapons, including a bow and arrows, knives, and ammunition, inside the vehicle.

Coon's bond was set at \$140,010. His next court appearance will be on Nov. 28.

## Green Cove Springs man arrested in drug raid ... again

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A man already on bond for a previous drug bust was arrested in a raid on Friday, Nov. 3, near AMKids of Clay County and Green Cove Springs Junior High.

The Green Cove Springs Police Depart-



ment, Clay County Sheriff's Office and Drug Enforcement Agency served a search warrant and arrested Marcus Lamont Frazier, 32, of Green Cove Springs, for distributing crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of the schools.

According to GCSPD, a narcotics investigation between the three agencies led to obtaining a warrant and issuing a temporary lockdown of the junior high.

"Due to the proximity of the Green Cove Springs Junior High School, it was a precautionary measure to initiate lockdown procedures until the scene was determined to be safe. This kind of response is com-

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# Arrests & Bookings

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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, Nov. 7

Cassian J. Simon, 24, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
 Damion X. Peterson, 18, Orange Park, grand theft auto  
 Antwaun L. Roberts, 36, Middleburg, possession-cocaine, trespassing  
 John D. Guarino, 38, Middleburg, domestic battery  
 Oscar Mestres, 72, Orange Park, DUI, leaving scene of accident with property damage  
 Joseph Settembrino, 50, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence  
 Jeffrey K. Vandegrift, 46, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence  
 Mark A. Self, 24, Green Cove Springs, grand theft auto  
 Robert L. Ahrent, 41, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence  
 Jerry L. Mack, 42, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
 Raheim R. Harrion, 29, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, domestic battery

Monday, Nov. 6

Andres M. Ortiz, 26, Orange Park, driving without valid license  
 James A. Johnson, 28, Jacksonville, burglary  
 Florinda M. Castillo, 37, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control  
 Dianne B. Strickland, 66, Fleming Island,

possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Sara E. Hall, 41, Keystone Heights, battery, criminal mischief, FTA  
 Jessie R. Gregerson, 40, Orange Park, VOP-community control

## Sunday, Nov. 5

Gary A. Stiles, 59, Orange Park, domestic battery, disorderly intoxication  
 Robert L. Ahrent, 41, Fleming Island, domestic battery  
 Eric P. Sluss, 19, Fleming Island, shoplifting, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement  
 Glenn D. Manning, 45, Keystone Heights, domestic battery  
 Dion C. Milton, 23, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR, FTA  
 Nicholas P. Wheeler, 38, Middleburg, FTA  
 Ronald L. Moody, 21, Orange Park, driving without valid license  
 Robert C. Apple, 33, Orange Park, VOP-battery of person 65 or older  
 Jessica D. Taylor, 40, Fleming Island, DUI, violation of nonresident requirements for driver's license  
 Jesse Smith, 58, Keystone Heights, giving false name/ID  
 Gladylou T. Grabb, 41, Oakleaf, DUI

## Saturday, Nov. 4

Paul M. Dorpema, 46, Fleming Island, DUI with BAL .15 or higher  
 Casey Scott Clark, 41, Middleburg, three counts aggravated assault with deadly weapon, possession-marijuana  
 Marcus L. Frazier, 32, Green Cove Springs, distribution of cocaine within 1,000 feet of school  
 Amous R. Dyal, 3, Middleburg, DWLSR  
 Blaze D. Edwards, 21, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-marijuana  
 Christopher M. Perry, 18, Fleming Island, shoplifting, resist/obstruct/oppose

law enforcement

Harry D. Mock, 56, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Jermani K. Bryant, 30, Orange Park, shoplifting, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Kenneth B. Luellen, 32, Orange Park, simple battery, affray

Robert T. Owen, 25, Orange Park, DUI with BAL .15 or higher, DWLSR

Evan M. McAllister, 42, Fleming Island, DUI

Joseph A. Coles, 26, Orange Park, affray, giving false name/ID

Brandon K. Morris, 45, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

## Friday, Nov. 3

Ross Grimes, 59, Orange Park, DUI-third violation within 10 years, DWLSR

Randy G. Pate, 19, Orange Park, possession-unlicensed firearm

Jason L. Williams, 44, Middleburg, driving without valid license

Angel F. Fogarty, 27, Middleburg, arson with people present, burglary, FTA

Samantha R. Donohue, 27, Keystone Heights, 27, VOP-child neglect, trafficking-methamphetamine, possession-crack cocaine, possession-heroin, possession-drug paraphernalia, two counts VOP-community control

William I. Newbill, 19, Orange Park, grand theft auto, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement with lights/siren active, leaving scene of accident with property damage, driving without valid license

## Thursday, Nov. 2

Auraceli A. Maldonado, 24, Orange Park, out of state fugitive

Brian C. Biddle, 68, Keystone Heights, DUI with property damage/injury

Natalie E. Brown, 43, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft

Ja'Daryen D. Boston, 20, Orange Park, possession-marijuana

Amanda R. Anglemeyer, 36, Orange Park, VOP-battery of person 65 or older

Shaun A. Thornton, 43, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

Jadaryl F. Stills, 37, Middleburg, driving without valid license, no vehicle registration

Joseph M.L. Cornuet, 34, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-controlled substance

David W. Aylesbury, 53, Middleburg, felony battery by strangulation

Morgan E. Bryan, 25, Keystone Heights, DUI

Zach T. Coon Jr., 36, Green Cove Springs, aggravated assault on law enforcement, wearing bulletproof vest while committing certain offenses, reckless driving

## Wednesday, Nov. 1

Yasmin T. Kelsey, 22, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Justin N. Hogg, 42, Green Cove Springs, writ of attachment

River L. Burgess, 28, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions for protection against domestic violence

Daniel A. Horner, 60, Green Cove Springs, battery

Christopher N. Cornelius, 38, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-methamphetamine, VOP-possession-fentanyl, VOP-possession-buprenorphine

Charlotte A. Adams, 39, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-possession-controlled substance

Dreama A. Gaskin, 32, Green Cove Springs, VOP-aggravated battery

Elizabeth J. Wilcox, 43, Green Cove Springs, using illegal license tag/mobile home sticker, DWLSR

Garrett J. Longmire, 34, Green Cove Springs, possession-cocaine, introduce/remove contraband into jail, alter/destroy/conceal/remove physical evidence

## Police

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mon with law enforcement operations take place near schools to ensure the safety of students and staff," was included in a GC-SPD release.

"Unfortunately, the suspect arrested this morning is someone I have dealt with for the same type of activity when I was a young police officer," Green Cove Springs Police Chief E.J. Guzman said. "I hope this latest arrest is the one that convinces this man to turn his life around. To our community, rest assured that we will not rest until anyone selling poison in the City is taken off the streets."

According to court records, Frazier also was arrested on May 28 for selling crack cocaine and marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of resisting law enforcement with violence.

He was released after posting a \$50,006 bond. His new bond is \$150,003, and his next pretrial court date is Nov. 21.

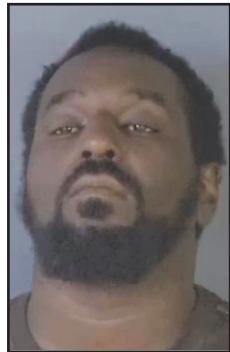
### Man tracked down following nine-mile high-speed chase

ORANGE PARK – A man the Clay County Sheriff's Office said was driving recklessly was charged with stealing the car following a 90 mph chase on Blanding Boulevard on Nov. 3.

William Isaiah Newbill, 19, of Jacksonville, was charged with grand theft auto, driving without a valid license, attempting to elude law enforcement with lights and siren active and leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage after he crashed into a fence at the intersection of Swimming Pen Drive and County Road 220 – more than nine miles from where the chase started.

According to the arrest report, a CCSO deputy saw Newbill cutting through the parking lot of Old Time Pottery on Blanding and running the red light at the intersection of Blanding and Loch Rane boulevards. When the deputy attempted to make a traffic stop, the car sped away. The chase became so dangerous, CCSO said it disengaged the pursuit since Newbill sped through traffic lights.

The car was then spotted on Knight Boxx Road, where the chase resumed. Newbill turned onto C.R. 220 and he attempted to turn south on Swimming Pen when he lost control and struck a power



Marcus Lamont Frazier

pole guide wire and fence.

Newbill ran from the scene, but he eventually was caught after the deputies established a perimeter.

Damage at the intersection created lengthy delays along C.R. 220 on Nov. 3 while crews made repairs.

Newbill said a "friend" loaned him the car, but deputies noticed the ignition column was broken.

Newbill's bond was set at \$104,010.

### Woman trying to hide from law arrested for setting fire

MIDDLEBURG – The Clay County Sheriff's Office said a woman admitted to starting a fire at a friend's house after she wouldn't let her and another man spend the night because they were running from law enforcement.

Angel Faith Fogarty, 27, of Middleburg, was charged with arson and burglary on Nov. 3 after a woman from the 2400 block of Lakespur Drive said Fogarty and a man said they needed a place to stay on Oct. 2 to avoid being caught by the police. She refused and called the sheriff's office. Moments later, she noticed her garage was on fire. The home eventually became fully engulfed by flames.

According to CCSO, Fogarty said she went into the garage "to light something on fire."

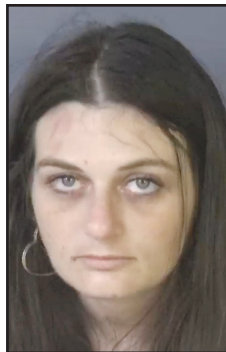
Her bond was set at \$577,008.

### Woman wanted for violating probation faces new drug charges

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A woman wanted for violating terms of her probation in Clay and Bradford counties now faces a litany of drug-related charges.

Samantha Ray Donohue, 27, of Melrose, was caught shopping in a Keystone Heights store on State Road 100 on Nov. 2 after somebody noticed her and called the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

She was wanted in Bradford County for violating her probation for felony drug possession and in Clay for child abuse. After she was detained, deputies found 7.51 grams of crack cocaine, 2.5 grams of heroin, 31.53 grams of methamphetamine, 4.92 grams of marijuana and "numerous" pieces of drug paraphernalia, including two used syringes, in her purse. In addition to violating her probation, she was charged with trafficking methamphetamine and posses-



Angel Faith Fogarty



Samantha Donohue

sion of other illegal substances. Her bond was set at \$112,014.

### Man accused of pointing gun at women in parking lot

MIDDLEBURG – A man was accused of pointing a gun at three other people in the parking lot of a convenience store on Nov. 4. Casey Scott Clark, 41, of Middleburg, was charged with three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and possession of marijuana after someone called 911 after they said Clark got angry and

pointed a gun at two women. When deputies arrived, they found a loaded handgun and three additional magazines under the center console, as well as marijuana on the floorboard.

His bond was set at \$150,261.



Casey Scott Clark

## Excellence

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wrestling coach at Coker University. He returned to Newberry to lead the team to a second-place team finish in 2021. He's now a professor in the Department of Sports Professions and an assistant athletics director.

"Green Cove is such a unique area," Wainwright said. "People in Green Cove were born here. They grew up here. We're used to things being a little tougher, a little harder, and we work a little harder. The community gets behind everything. There's so much support. Clay is a very special place."

A 2004 graduate, Cliff Avril was a four-sport star in football, track and field, weightlifting and basketball, but he decided to commit to football. That was a move that landed him a spot on the Seattle Seahawks defense. He set a Super Bowl record in 2014 by sacking Denver quarterback Peyton Manning for a safety.

Defensive back Nolan Carroll Jr. and of-

fensive lineman Will Holden also played in the NFL, while Kyle Bird was a pitcher who had a brief stint with the Rangers.

Clay High also was home to five people who eventually became sheriffs in their counties. Rick Beseler, Jennings Murrhee, Scott Lancaster and Michelle Cook all have served Clay County, while Wayne Ivey ran the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

Former Florida Sen. Rob Bradley and attorney Renee Harrell are also Clay High alumni.

Lewis has been at the school for 24 years. He doesn't know how other schools operate and doesn't want to know.

"It's the only place I've been," he said. "I don't want to go anywhere else."

He said he still talks to many of the people on the school's Wall of Fame. He said they all shared a common trait – they excelled in the classroom.

"Every one of them, you could see them stand out as ninth graders," he said. "We hold kids to a higher standard here. I can't say we're unique because I haven't been anywhere else." Once a Blue Devil, always a Blue Devil.

## Green Cove

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trust in me and my staff," said Kennedy. "Here's to another three years. Hopefully, even more."

The City Council has approved \$9.6 million in its ongoing objective to establish a modern stormwater utility. The benefits of a modern stormwater facility will support the city's growing population. To assist the financing, the city has approved a 3% price increase for water and wastewater usage, which will be effective by January at the latest. There will be a 60-cent increase a gallon of water and a \$1.60 increase a gallon of wastewater usage.

"When we're talking about utility fees, the metrics we look to are the fees in other municipalities," said Assistant City Manager Mike Null. "Green Cove Springs continues to offer competitive utility rates in the region."

In the city, 77% of patrons use between 4,000 and 6,000 gallons of water a month. After the motion passes, the average usage would be \$20.69 for water and \$54.96 for wastewater.

Regarding zoning, the council discussed correctly interpreting and implementing the "Live Local Act," which took effect on July 1. The legislation aims to streamline multi-family and mixed-use affordable housing by waiving height and density regulations that would normally restrict building developments. As long as a housing development has dedicated enough of its capacity to affordable housing, it can build up to the maximum ceiling in the city, which can be 70 feet.

"Whenever possible, we want to encourage affordable housing," said Kelley.

The council plans to revisit the statute as it is expected to be clarified in the state legislature.



Lake Asbury Fire Station



Fleming Island Fire Station



STAFF PHOTO BY LEE WARDLAW

Clay County Fire Rescue Chief Lorin Mock said his agency is on pace to receive more than 53,000 calls for service by the year 2045.

# County to add four fire stations in next two years

Additional services needed to keep pace with growth

By Lee Wardlaw  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – As Clay County continues to grow, so do the calls for Clay County Fire Rescue. That’s why the county decided to build four new stations in the next two years.

Fire Rescue got 27,812 calls in 2022. According to Fire Chief Lorin Mock, they are anticipating more than 30,000 calls by year’s end – an 8% increase in incidents.

The four stations are part of the county’s five-year Capital Improvement Program and should be operational by the fall of 2025.

Station 15 in Lake Asbury was originally built as a volunteer fire station at 290 Branscomb Road. The area needs a new station since much of the county’s growth is centered in Lake Asbury and Green Cove Springs. The county is looking to secure property.

“When you start to look at all of the new homes in Lake Asbury, that whole area is going to (be built out). We (seek) to take (that station) off the lake and move it closer to the First Coast Expressway so we can provide broader coverage for residents,” Mock said.

The chief said while the station has not found a home, the county would like to build it on a site that will provide “optimum” emergency services for residents. Plans will become clearer once the First Coast Expressway is completed.

“Those internal roadways will provide us with more access points,” Mock said.

Station 20 in Green Cove Springs is currently at 303 South Oakridge Ave. The county has plans to build a new station at the former site of the County Health Depart-

ment directly across the street from Green Cove Springs Junior High. He said some fire equipment is currently stored in sheds.

“We will get to build a real station,” Mock said.

Station 22 on Fleming Island will be relocated from 5995 Pine Ave. to Arena Road off of County Road 220. A shed and mobile home will be traded for a 10,000-square-foot facility with eight service bays.

Positioning firefighters in centralized locations so they can provide comprehensive, broad coverage will be a priority at the new station on Fleming Island.

“I can only cover 180 degrees out from the (St. Johns River) at Pine Avenue. Moving to Arena Road gets us closer to 360 degrees of coverage. We want to (centralize) the location,” Mock said.

The station is in the early stages of design.

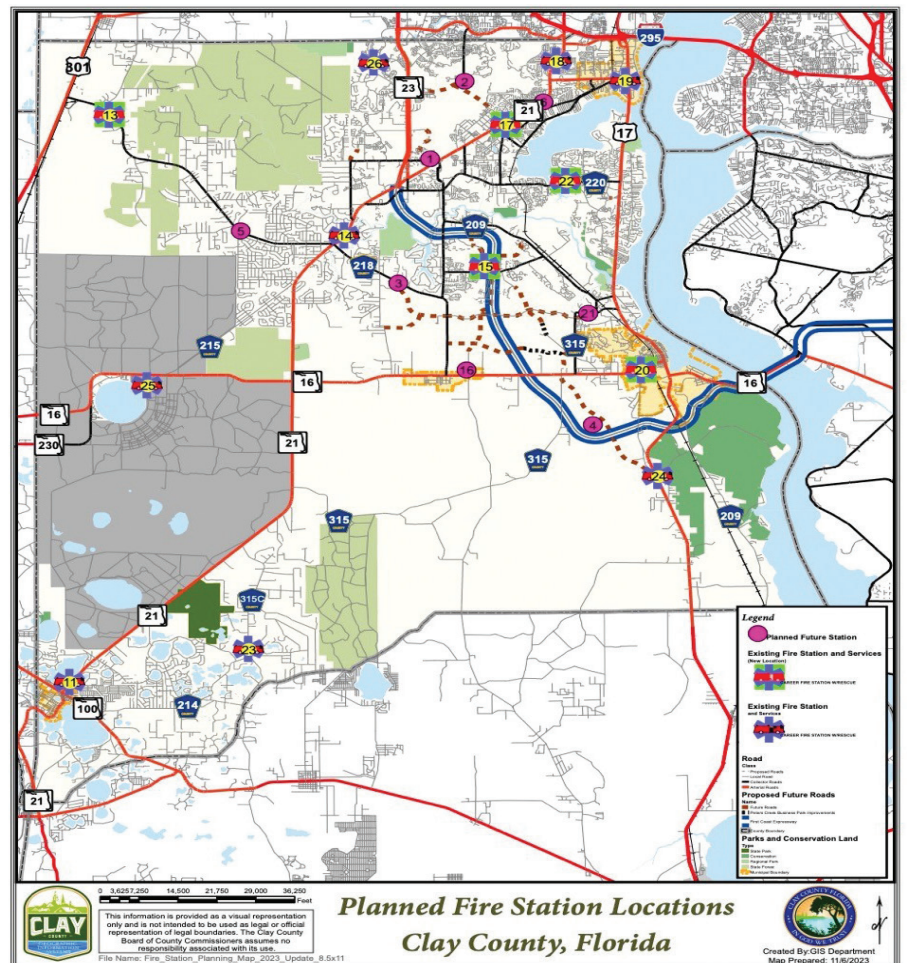
The new facility for Station 24 at Virginia Village at 5105 Sweat Road will be built on county property in a Green Cove Springs neighborhood. The project is nearing completion for the design phase.

Virginia Village will not be the same sleepy Virginia Village you see right now. The corridor down U.S. 17 continues to develop. It will (likely) become a combination of residential and industrial, (similar to) Fleming Island,” Mock said.

Eight additional stations are planned for the future. These include No. 1 Branran Field Road and Blanding Boulevard, No. 2 Cheswick Oaks, No. 3 Shadowlawn, No. 4 Governor’s Park, No. 5 Middleburg West, No. 6 Constitution Drive and Blanding, No. 16 Penney Farms and No. 21, Green Cove Springs North

Some of the future stations are on vacant lots or less-populated areas.

“We are planning for what is happening



with (growth and development),” Mock said.

“If we don’t build more stations, the current stations will exceed their capacities. We will have service times when people will be waiting for calls, and people will die if so. I mentioned that during the Impact Fee discussion. It’s a terrible thing to say, but we have to start this very soon, or else it will be very difficult to catch up,” Mock said.

A document provided to Clay Today lists the estimated incidents for 2045 to be as

many as 53,378.

To meet the demands of the 2045 model, Public Safety will need to recruit 330 new members, Mock said. “Development is coming faster than we can build stations and purchase fire apparatus right now,” he said.

“These facilities are going to service the community for the next 40-60 years. We are planting seeds that are growing the new department.”



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## Forkum gets first Final Four

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG – Middleburg High's girls' volleyball team expected a good season, maybe a district title repeat and at least a deeper region playoff run under rookie head coach Meredith Forkum.

"Coach Prewitt (long-time Bronco coach Carrie Prewitt) left me with a good team and a solid foundation to start with," said Forkum, after her No. 1 seeded Lady Broncos (25-5) took the final step of a Cinderella-type season as they head to Winter Haven for a Wednesday Class 5A state semifinal against No. 4 Merritt Island (23-6) with a possible third matchup in the state championship with defending 5A champion Jensen Beach. No. 2 Jensen Beach (25-5) will face No. 3 Barron Collier

**SEE VOLLEYBALL, 30**



Middleburg High hitter Camden Rahn, center, exalts with teammate Olivia Callipo after final point in region championship win over Ridgeview. Middleburg advanced to the Class 5A Final Four tournament to face Merritt Island on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. with a finals date of Thursday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. at Polk State College in Winter Haven.

### FINAL FOUR HISTORIES

- Jensen Beach:** Consecutive region appearances for last 20 years; 10 Final Four, Five state titles
- Merritt Island:** Region appearances dating back to 1985 with consecutive appearances since 2005. Six Final Fours; two state titles (2018, 2011), two state runner-ups.
- Barron Collier:** Region appearances dating back to 1979; consecutive since 2000 with state runnerup 2017 (7A). Head coach Yamil Del Valle (hired 2018 season) has records of 21-10, 25-6, 17-1, 22-9 and 19-6. Lost to Jensen Beach in 5A final last year; lost to Merritt Island in 5A Final Four 2021.
- Middleburg:** Region appearances dating back to 1988 under Carrie Prewitt; six Final Four, two state runner-ups (4A, 2003, 2004).

## Dust settled: Broncos, Indians still standing

Region 1-3S: Middleburg at St. Augustine  
Region 2-2S: Keystone Heights at Yule

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - Both head football coaches from Middleburg and Keystone Heights high schools had two different reasons to wanting to be in the playoffs at the end of the 2023 season.

For Middleburg coach Ryan Wolfe, the specter of "being lucky" in his second season to squeeze into the playoffs off a rugged schedule made 2023 a proving point that

**SEE PLAYOFFS, 31**



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO  
Middleburg High senior defensive end Tucker Cody is high-energy defender on Bronco defense that got a shutout, 32-0, win over Fernandina Beach on Friday to secure region playoff berth.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA  
Keystone Heights High football player Jackson Parmeter leads the Indians on to field in season finale against P.K. Yonge.



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**NEW ARRIVALS**





# Myers throws hat in Gold Medal chase

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

PONTE VEDRA BEACH - Fleming Island High senior cross country standout Graham Myers had a bit of a hiccup the past two or three weeks and took some "time" away from his season to get straight before his district, region, and state-run to chase Tallahassee Leon's double state champion Patrick Koon for another shot at a Class 3A gold medal. Myers was third last year to Koon and Belen Jesuit's Joshua Ruiz.

"I don't know if it was mental, but it's all good now," said Myers, after he thumped the district 2-3A field chock full of Ponte Vedra challengers en route to a 15-minute, 51-second cruising winning time to repeat as district champion. "I put on a big push after the first lap (of three on the fairly flat Ponte Vedra High School course) and no one came with me. I feel like I still had another gear to go to if needed."

With Myers and senior teammate John Keester IV, third in 16:20, going toe to toe with Ponte Vedra's 1-2 duo of Tanner Andrade-Brinsko; second in 16:08, and Luke Ross, fourth in 16:27, plus Ponte Vedra's third man Miles Wick, fifth in 16:30, all just 22 seconds apart, the team title was up for grabs for Fleming Island coaches David Allen and Jason Poole.

"We have a pretty solid eight runners that are all pretty close, but today we didn't run at what we need to medal at the state meet again," said Allen, noting Fleming Island's third in Class 3A last year behind Belen Jesuit and Fort Myers. "Naples (11th last year) is stronger this year and looks to be the target, but we have to be a lot closer as a team."

With track ace Roman Mollicone making the trip to Ponte Vedra this week (missed one last week), Allen got a solid third finisher; Mollicone sixth in 16:32, to shore up the Golden Eagles stake at a district title.

"Everyone here knows it's the guys at 4-5-6-7 that win team medals," said Jason Poole, the architect of Fleming Island's first state team back in 2010 led by 800-meter track state champion Cameron Davis (18th team place); Davis (FSU), Ben Bayles (Washington and Lee soccer), Cody Helms, David Steinberg, Daniel Cooksey and Erik Hartley (Flagler). "Our depth is pretty good with eight solid runners."

Allen and Poole proved prophetic in their analysis as junior Jacob Campbell emerged as the first of three Fleming Island finishers; Cole Atzert and Joshua White were just behind him before Ponte Vedra's fourth runner; Colby Green, finished just ahead of White to secure the 31-51 team title for Fleming Island.

Also in the team scores, Ridgeview; Braidyn Matz and Brandon Anderson tied at 18:15 for 39th and 40th, edged Orange Park; Ty Obermeyer 21st in 17:34,



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO  
Fleming Island senior Reese Scott has moved strongly into position to be a top 10 finisher for the girl's team.

## Regions

**Region 1-3A** (FIHS, RHS, OPHS, CHS) at Matanzas HS on Sat., Nov. 11 (9 a.m. girls, 9:30 a.m. boys)

**Region 1-1A** (SJCDS) at New World Sports Complex, Cecil Field, Jax, Fri., Nov. 10 (8:30 a.m. girls, 9 a.m. boys)

**Region 2-2A** (KHHS) at Sand Hill Scout Reservation in Brooksville (11210 Cortez Blvd), Thurs., Nov. 9 (8 a.m. girls, 8:30 a.m. boys)

for ninth; 243-264, with Middleburg 12th; Brandon Millis 57th in 19:03, and Clay 13th; Noah Looney, 27th in 17:48.

Obermeyer and Looney advanced to regions as two of four individual runners.

In the girl's race, Ponte Vedra's girl's team looked like the boys losing was enough motivation to swing the pendulum back to the home team as the Lady Sharks trumped the Fleming Island trio of Brooke Reynolds, Allie Knotts and Reese Scott; all in the top 10, but behind the 1-2-3 finish of the Ponte Vedra trio of Lindy White, repeat winner in 18:24, Daisy Ross and Hilaree Vega.

Reynolds sprinted past St. Augustine's Lauren Voutour for fourth in 19:20 with Knotts a step behind in 19:36 in sixth before Ponte Vedra answered with three more finishers ahead of Scott; 10th in 20:15. Ponte Vedra secured the team title with 21 with Fleming Island runner-up at 68 and Matanzas and St. Augustine tied for third with 103. Fleming Island was third last year to Ponte Vedra and St. Augustine.

"Brooke and Allie have been running together for most of the season and flipping who is first depending on the day," said Allen. "Reese had her best race of the season compared to her races through the season."

Ridgeview, Clay and Middleburg fin-



Fleming Island's duo of Graham Myers, right, and John Keester IV are key to the success of Fleming Island's cross country who look to repeat as a top three cross country program at the Class 3A championship meet in two weeks in Tallahassee.



Clay High soccer duo Erika Martinez and Kaygen Williamson, left, will represent the Blue Devils at a strong region 1-3A meet at Matanzas High on Saturday.

ished at ninth, 10th and 11th with Clay sending their two soccer seniors; Erika Martinez and Kaygen Williamson; 22nd and 25th, to regions while Ridgeview's Emily Turner nabbed a qualifying spot to regions with her 28th place finish.

Orange Park's Charlotte Wilson, 37th in 22:15, was the Lady Raider's top finisher and also a region qualifier with Middleburg's Paloma Romero the Broncos' best at 49th in 22:43.

Ridgeview's ninth place was just outside the qualifying eight top teams to regions.

In district 1-4A, Oakleaf's boys finished 14th in that very tough district featuring the likes of Creekside, Nease and Buchholz with freshman Jack Strombeck doing double duty with his swimming to finish as best for the Knights with a 42nd place in 16:49.80 with sophomore Grant Keppel 76th in 17:54.20. Strombeck was fifth individual finisher not on one of the top eight teams (top four go to regions) to narrowly miss a region berth.

In the girls, 1-4A, Creekside sophomore Alyson Johnson, who has strafed

the fields all season, again won decisively with a fast 18:33.60 with teammate Sara Rose just six seconds behind her, but defending 4A champion Buchholz proved too much firepower with the district title ahead of Niceville with Creekside third. Oakleaf finished 10th in the strong field led by junior Morgan Wade's 47th place finish in 20:57.50 with senior Tiffany Cox just 20 seconds away in 54th place. Wade advanced to the region as the number four individual qualifier.

In District 2-1A, St. Johns Country Day School's boys and girls teams both finished as top eight teams and advanced to regions.

Senior Richard Nichols led the fifth-place Spartans with a 10th-place finish in 17:44.70 while Rebecca Stratton was 13th in 21:00.70 to lead the girl's team to a third-place finish.

Maclay scored just 20 points in the girl's race with the top four finishers while the boy's race went to Providence who placed six runners in the top nine finishers behind Maclay winner David Barton.

# Four 'picks' settle Indians season finale

Reynolds back in playoffs

By Ray Dimonda  
Correspondent

GAINESVILLE - The Keystone Heights Indians football team closed out regular season play in a big way with four interceptions and two fumble recoveries on the P.K. Yonge Blue Wave earning Indians coach Steve Reynolds a 6-4 winning maiden season.

Quarterback Baylor Ford battled back against a stiff 15-mile-per-hour wind all night, throwing for 136 yards, and connecting for two touchdown passes to Garrison Teague and Bryson Wester while running back Cartez Daniels earned two rushing touchdowns for the 27-22 win.

"I think Baylor (Ford) is progressing and doing a great job. He had some great plays tonight," said Reynolds of his sophomore quarterback and his development.

"Tonight some of his best plays were not throwing it, but knowing when to tuck and run it. We were thinking we were going to deal with some wind tonight, but I was thinking 10 miles per hour. We were dealing with a sustained 15 all night. We felt like win and you're in the playoffs and tonight that is how this team approached it."

Local high school deep ball passing legend, now Assistant/Quarterback Coach Ken Mudge worked with Ford back in the pre-



Keystone Heights senior running back Cartez Daniels has been a workhorse ball carrier for the Indians and will need a big game to get past the rugged Yulee defense in the region playoff opener on Friday.

season when Reynolds knew he was taking the helm. Keystone, known for the in-your-face run game, unleashed an air assault on opponents that proved effective.

"He really developed a great vision of



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Keystone Heights safety Wyatt Van Zant soars to make one of four interceptions for Indians' defense in season finale win over P.K. Yonge that sealed playoff spot for Indians.

the field," said Mudge of his protégé Ford. "What was impressive was his (Ford's) seeing the play develop, and when it wasn't, knowing when to take off and gain positive yards." Ford would rack up 34 yards on the ground, several for first downs. In the air, he went eight completions for 136 yards.

"Tonight, not practicing in the cold, the conditions were a factor. It just wouldn't come off my hand the way I wanted it to," said Ford. When deciding when to take off or stay home, Ford's decision came down to what he was taught by Mudge. "Just watching. If they were looking for the pass or looking for the run. I know they struggled with the coverage over the middle so

when they keyed in on our routes, I'd run it and take what I could."

As the game went into the second half, it was obvious with hands on hips and crouching down, the Blue Wave were less conditioned for the long haul than the Indians. As the Indians picked up on the visual cues, they poured on the coals and put more pressure on the front line. Cartez Daniels went from brushing the backs of the line looking for a seam, to direct north-south head-on rushing and it paid off.

"I knew when it came late into the game, they weren't going to compete with

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# Oakleaf downs Clay 43-7

No playoffs for Knights or Devils

By Don Long  
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - A first-handoff 30-yard scoring run by Oakleaf tailback Dajon Brown set the tone for the season finale for both Oakleaf and Clay as the Knight jetted to a 29-7 halftime lead en route to their 43-7 finish. Oakleaf continued their quick start with a Michael Connor III 20-yard run and a Jessie Cooper interception

touchdown to start the game at 22-0.

Gino Addison scored Clay's lone touchdown from 15 yards out with Oakleaf defender Brhon Keitt taking another interception 60 yards to the 20 to set up Brown's second score to 29-7. The second half ended with a Chris Foy II touchdown run for Oakleaf and another Sheppard pass play; a 35-yarder. Clay finishes at 4-6. Oakleaf finishes at 3-6.



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Clay offensive lineman Joshua Hetz chases after Oakleaf defensive back Bryson Keitt after the second-half interception that led to a score.



Oakleaf quarterback Brandon Wallace, Jr., looks through traffic to find an opening.



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# Battle of PATS goes to Eagles

By Mike Zima  
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - Fleming Island High field goal kicker Parker Sirdevan's extra point in overtime lifted visiting Fleming Island to a scintillating 28-27 victory over Orange Park in the season finale for both teams on November 3.

The game-winning boot, which sailed high over the crossbar and was centered between the uprights, was sweet vindication for Sirdevan, who had a 27-yard field goal attempt blocked in the third quarter and missed a 40-yard field goal attempt with five minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Fleming Island head coach Chad Parker was very happy for his sophomore kicker, who had missed an extra point and a field goal in the fourth quarter of the Golden Eagles' 49-48 loss to Creekside on October 20.

"The kid has had some struggles this season," Parker said. "He has made some key ones and he's missed a bunch and had a bunch blocked. Before we went down [to kick], I patted him on the helmet and said, 'Tomorrow when you read the paper, you're going to be a hero.' He knows he can do it now."

Sirdevan's PAT followed an improbable touchdown pass from Fleming Island's Cibaastian Broughton to Trace Burney. Gabe

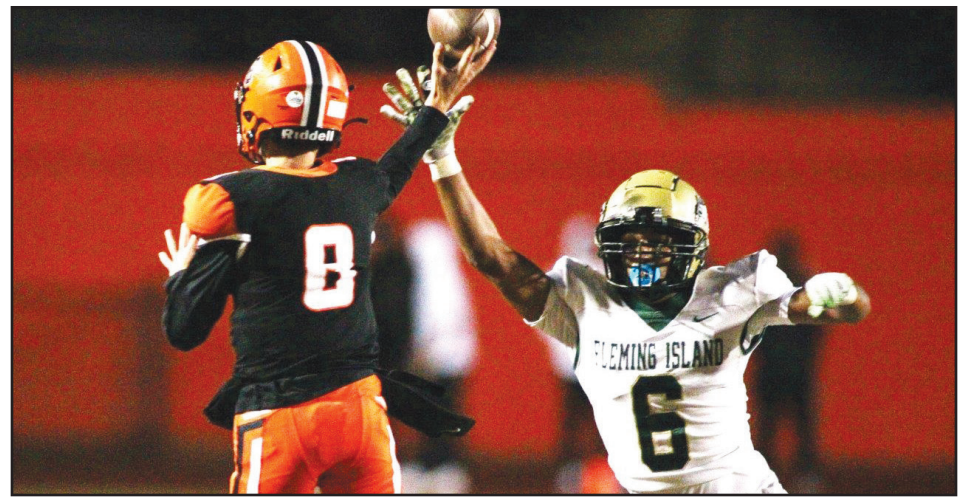
Taylor's quarterback sneak from two yards out on the overtime's first possession had given the Raiders a 27-21 lead, forcing the Golden Eagles to match the score. The door was left open for a Fleming victory when Orange Park kicker Ty Obermeyer, who had been perfect on these first three extra points of the evening, hooked the extra point following Taylor's touchdown wide right.

On second and goal to go from the eight-yard line, Broughton was looking to his left when the shotgun snap hit his right hand and fell to the ground off his right side. The three-year starter picked up the ball with the Raiders' Tyler Jackson and Louiceus Ashnel closing in. Just before he was hit, Broughton shot-putted the ball toward Burney, who was all alone near the right pylon. Burney took two steps toward the interior and lunged toward the fluttering ball, cradling it in his arms before hitting the turf.

The play was supposed to have been a pass to the left side, but the botched snap forced the Eagles to improvise.

"I didn't see the snap come in, so it was just, 'Make a play,'" said Broughton. "I was going to scramble out to the left, but I saw Trace, and I just had to dump it off to him. He made a crazy play, jumping to the ball."

"I was supposed to run a flat [route],



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Fleming Island defender Arion Whitt is a hair late in hitting the passing hand of Orange Park quarterback Gabe Taylor in a thrilling season finale won 28-27 by the Eagles.

but the ball got bobbled at the snap, so I just did the scramble drill and he found me," explained Burney, who led all receivers with five receptions.

It looked like the 21-14 lead that Fleming Island took on Tyler Beverly's one-yard plunge on the second play of the fourth quarter would stand as the final score, but two Golden Eagles turnovers later in the quarter helped send the game to the extra session. An Orange Park punt rolled dead at the Fleming Island 36-yard line with 3:50 remaining. After two Demhir Jackson runs lost yardage, Raiders safety Jermel Brown stepped in front of the Eagles' Daevean Boykin and intercepted a sidearm throw from Broughton, giving the Raiders a chance at the Fleming Island 41-yard line with 2:25 remaining.

It took the hosts just one play to take advantage. An arching spiral from Taylor found Jaden Paulk in stride on a post pattern, and the senior raced to the end zone for the tying score.

Taking possession at their own 31 with 2:14 remaining after the ensuing kickoff, the Golden Eagles quickly moved 45 yards on six straight runs by Jackson. Already at the fringe of Sirdevan's field goal range, Jackson, who was forced into full-time duty due to an ankle injury suffered by Beverly earlier in the fourth quarter, carried again and gained four yards before being upended by Orange Park's Rory Childs, causing a fumble that was recovered by Raiders linebacker Triston Johnson at the 19-yard line with 35 seconds left.

From there, the Raiders ran the ball

until the clock expired, content to decide the outcome in overtime.

The Golden Eagles had seized the early momentum, moving 75 yards on their opening possession to take a 7-0 lead. Jackson capped the drive from the seven-yard line, following Beverly over left tackle on a third and two. Beverly converted two third downs on the march, one on a 21-yard run and one on a 26-yard catch-and-run.

Orange Park dominated the second quarter, getting two stops on defense and scoring twice. Dylan Ruiz converted a fourth and one from the Fleming Island 29-yard line with a six-yard run around the right end as part of an 80-yard drive that culminated in a two-yard pass from Taylor to Quinton Moore, which also came on fourth down. Brown set up the next scoring drive with a 19-yard punt return to the Golden Eagles' 41-yard line. On a third down from the 22-yard line, Moore took a jet sweep just past the outstretched arms of Golden Eagles defensive end Cohen Cioffi and cut off a downfield block from receiver Ryder Fulmer to speed across the goal line.

Despite their domination, the Raiders found themselves in a 14-14 tie at the intermission due to a risky fourth-down decision and a masterful one-minute drill conducted by Broughton. Facing a fourth down needing 20 yards for a first down at their 49-yard line, the Raiders eschewed a punt and elected to go for it with 32 seconds remaining in the half. Taylor could

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Orange Park running back Dylan Ruiz gets taken down in front of Raider coach Marcus Wimberly.

## Keystone

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us," said Daniels. "I knew we could wear them out. Our will was stronger than theirs tonight."

In the first half, Daniels was limited on running and held for single digits per carry. "They were getting in the gaps good, filling holes. They had our number in the first half. We came out on fire in the second half and we just got them."

After a scoreless first quarter highlighted by a Bryce Hollingsworth interception to

kill a Blue Wave drive, the second quarter started with a bang as Trey Jeffries shot a gap off his nose guard position and leveled Blue Wave quarterback Lawrence Wright Jr. Just passed halfway through the quarter, Ford connected with Wester for the first points of the game. A fake kick extra point almost worked but for an overthrown pass, 6-0. With :31 left in the half, the Blue Wave equaled the score, attempted a two-point run which was stuffed by the Indians, and went into the half tied 6-6.

The third quarter was back and forth with possessions until Ford hit Teague

deep, setting up one of Daniel's rushing touchdowns, 13-6.

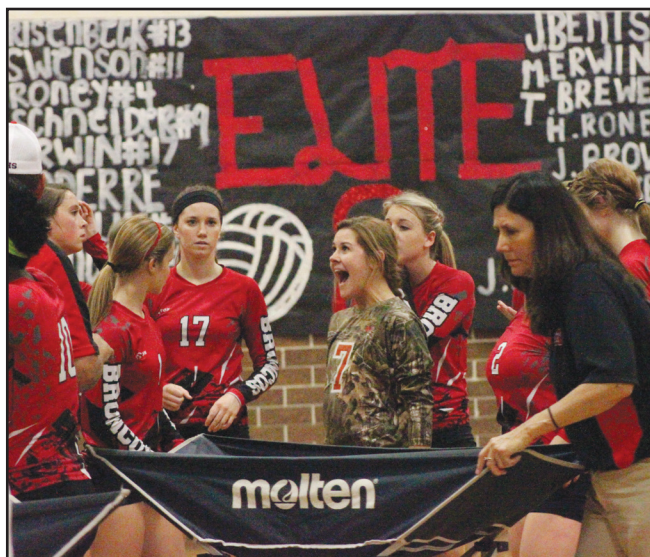
In the fourth quarter, after a Teague touchdown pass reception to bring the score to 20-6, it was the defensive line's Joseph Paul with a fumble recovery to get the ball back and begin some clock killing to get to the end. While that drive resulted in a punt, crucially needed Blue Wave time was robbed. With 7:27 to play, the Blue Wave brought the score closer, 20-14. On the return drive, Keystone saw the wear in the Yonge players and pressed harder. With 3:40 remaining, the Indians elevated

the score once again with Daniels, 27-14. The Blue Wave would close the score to 27-22 with 1:53 remaining and attempt an on-side kick which was recovered by the Indians. Keystone Heights would burn all the clock they could, but Yonge's timeouts forced a late Keystone punt. The Blue Wave had the ball back with :04 seconds remaining. With a four-spread receiver look and empty backfield, the ball launched and as the horn sounded to end the game the final Keystone Heights interception was notched ending the game, 27-22.



# Soccer season now open





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**Valentins still part of Bronco nation**

Left: Long-time Middleburg High volleyball coach Tony Valentin celebrates their 2023 Final Four berth with daughter Kasey Valentin who was part of the 2013 and 2014 Final Four Broncos teams under coach Carrie Prewitt. Center: Kasey Valentin, in 2014, celebrates with Bronco teammates after a win in now Carrie Prewitt Gymnasium. Right: Tony Valentin reacts off the bench with Bronco's thrilling region final win over Nease that put Carrie Prewitt-led Broncos into Final Four in 2013.



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Ridgeview hitter Nevaeh Baugh and her Panthers had brief success with game three win, but Middleburg prevailed 3-1 with fourth game win to advance to Class 5A Final Four on Wednesday in Winter Haven.



Middleburg blocker Olivia Callipo is face-full of net and ball in stopping Panther scoring attempt.

**Volleyball**  
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(25-6) in the opposite state semifinal.

Ironically, Jensen Beach and Barron Collier are very familiar with each other with Jensen Beach beating Barron Collier 3-0 for the Class 5A title last year.

Middleburg, fresh off a final district title under Prewitt last year, with Forkum as her assistant coach, got bounced from the region playoffs in the quarterfinals by Ocala Vanguard with Vanguard also ousting Ridgeview in the region final to extinguish the Clay County entries in the state tournament.

Last week, Middleburg battled for a second time in less than two weeks; a district title to Middleburg and a region final to follow with the Lady Broncos regrouping after a quick 2-0 start (25-22, 25-20) and a Panthers third game win (25-22) to take the step to the Final Four with the fourth game win (25-23).

In the region final, Forkum followed the same strategy as the first match between the two with daughter Brooke Forkum



Middleburg hitter Brooke Forkum is enveloped in sea of Bronco red fans with hit between Panther blockers Nevaeh Baugh and Harper Herring.

**“Coach Prewitt (long-time Bronco coach Carrie Prewitt) left me with a good team and a solid foundation to start with.”**

**– Middleburg first-year coach Meredith Forkum**

dominating the net action (finished with 22 kills) while senior Connor Rahn sat back and waited to twist the dagger in game four with her 15 kills.

“That’s our 1-2 punch, let Brooke soften them up with her big left-handed shots, then hit them with Connor when they think they’ve figured our strategy,” said Meredith Forkum.

“We kind of know that the Final Four teams will all be able to respond with their firepower so we have to establish our game quickly and then play mistake-free.”

For the season, Rahn leads the Bronco scoring with 383 kills with Forkum adding in her point total of 343 making the duo a dominating offensive front. Both hitters have hit for double-digit scores in the last seven games with Forkum finishing with

22 in the region final against Ridgeview.

“I kind of told Connor that, as the senior, it’s up to her to put her leadership to work on the court,” said Forkum. “She is very unselfish out there and has even been outstanding on the back defensive line getting digs off the floor.”

For Merritt Island, after three tournament losses in early October; one to Jensen Beach 2-1, the Falcons have rattled off even straight wins with a tense 3-2 region final win over a 21-6 Wesley Chapel squad.

Stats-wise, Merritt Island has its own 1-2 punch in junior Bella Schwantz with 282 kills and senior Camryn Childers with 233 kills. Where the Falcons have a slight edge is two more hitters; Senior Maddie Johnson and junior Elena Martin both with just under 200 kills.

# Playoffs

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said rugged scheduling had its benefit.

"As long as the kids understand that our schedule is designed to have us ready in November," Wolfe has said repeatedly. "These kids don't think much on the fact that we were 0-4 last year and 0-3 this year to start because they know that playing those caliber of teams we play only makes us better."

Wolfe's schedule slate included 1A two time state champion Hawthorne, currently 9-0; also unbeaten 2A Bradford (10-0) and 4S region playoff contender Ponte Vedra (7-3).

A string of wins; Ribault, Ridgeview, a thriller at Clay, then a grinder loss to Columbia put Wolfe in contention with a win over Bishop Kenny, the fourth loss last year, a confidence boost.

What Wolfe did not anticipate, for sure, was a near disastrous 41-22 thumping by an equally playoff hopeful Orange Park.

"That game was a punch in the stomach," said Wolfe. "All week, we told the kids that their legacy would be how they responded to the Fernandina Beach game."

Obviously, the Broncos responded with a resounding 32-0 win and a locked playoff spot.

Middleburg leaned on their stellar defense led by linebacker Austin Cruce with a pick six interception from defensive back Trenton Robinson late in the game, a strip sack blitz from defensive back Erick Fryer that turned into a Fryer fumble recovery for a touchdown and an drive-stalling interception from Wayne Sulph in the first half.

Offensively, quarterback Jaydan Jenkins' highlight included a nicely disguised deep tight end drag pass to Travis McStephenson who galloped 65 yards to paydirt with the Fernandina Beach defense in his wake. Wide receiver Braydan Street had another spectacular end zone snag for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

For Keystone Heights coach Steven Reynolds, who was defensive coordinator under long-time Indians coach Chuck Dickinson, taking over the following year from Dickinson's curtain call 10-2 region semi-



Middleburg tight end Travis McStephens rumbles for 60-yard scoring pass play in first half of Broncos 32-0 win against Fernandina Beach.

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final season would be tough considering nearly the entire varsity roster graduated.

"We knew we were going to have a rough season come fall of 2022 and we did (2-8)," Reynolds noted prior to the 2023 campaign start. "But, these kids, a lot of them freshman and sophomores who got to fill holes and play some varsity, learned quick and the result was a pretty good year."

Middleburg, which transitioned away from senior quarterback Jaydan Jenkins for the beginning of the season, transitioned back to Jenkins at quarterback with a sprinkling of Carson Stewart in as a pocket presence designed to get Jenkins the ball outside the hashmarks.

"We went back to old school where we put the ball in our best players hands," said Wolfe. One guy that had been the Rock of Gibraltar for Wolfe was senior linebacker Austin Cruce.

After Cruce led his defensive compadres to a goose egg finish on Fernandina Beach, Wolfe presented the wily tackling machine with the game ball with some legacy-level words about his senior leader.

"This guy was the one that we knew was the example of what Middleburg football is becoming," said Wolfe. "He set the standard this season."

For Reynolds, a scrappy defense, led by ball hawks in the secondary; Wyatt Van

Zant, Jackson Parmeter, Colton Hollingsworth and Jackson Herman; six interceptions total, and a defensive unit as a whole with nine of the 11 starters with double figure tackling totals, the 11 hats to the ball is a way of life for Keystone Heights football. Ironically, the two leading tacklers are also two of the smallest guys on the field, Hollingsworth; all of 135 pounds at about 5'-3", and Van Zant, all of 140 pounds.

"These kids love to play the game the way it used to be played," said Reynolds. "They just fly around, hit people and get back up."

For Wolfe, the hit-man (though with a few flags) has become safety Landon Nalepa with Cruce nearing 80 stops on his resume.

The guy that has been a driving force has been Luke Wheeler, 51 tackles, another smaller than usual defensive lineman that always seems to be at the bottom of the pile or chasing someone from behind as they scat away. The two funnest (?) guys to watch are defensive ends B.J. Carter and Tucker Cody who have become bookend disasters for enemy offensives with big engines unrelenting their pursuits. Cody, a senior, is amped for a great final campaign and big finish while Carter, a junior, is rising to state level wrecking machine and should be a blue chipper next year.

Offensively, Middleburg goes as Jenkins

## STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

St. Augustine: 9-0, strength of schedule 20.9, 24th in FL, No. 2 in 3S, No. 2 in Jacksonville to Camden County, No. 3 is Hawthorne  
Middleburg: 5-5, strength of schedule 21.4, 23rd in 3S

## ST. AUGUSTINE SCHEDULE

Bolles 43-36  
Brunswick (GA) 45-35  
Menendez 44-6  
Bartram Trail 34-31  
Matanzas 49-9  
Nease 49-30  
Gainesville 56-0  
Clay 49-9  
Palatka 41-6

Vs. Middleburg 8-0, last game 2021 54-37 (Mike Mitchell 255 yds rushing, 4TDs)

**QB:** Wake Forest commit Locklan Hewlett, junior, 1344 yards passing, 14TDs, 1INT, Three games 300-Plus passing

**RB:** Devonte Lyons, Senior, 767 Yds, 12TDs, 5-100-Plus games

**WR:** Three guys, No. 1 Trenton Jones, 38 passes 4TDs, No. 2 Carl Jenkins, Jr, 34 passes 10TDs, No. 5 Myles Simmons, Sr., 31 passes 10TDs.

**Yulee:** 8-2, 17th in 2S, strength of schedule 4.8  
Keystone Heights 5-4, 41st in 2S, strength of schedule -5.6

## YULEE SCHEDULE

Charlton Cty (GA)(2-8) 31-20 W  
Titusville (9-1) 27-14 L  
Zaraphath Academy (5-5) 48-12 W  
Tradition Prep (4-5) 43-6 W  
Fernandina Beach (3-7) 26-14 W  
Baldwin (5-5) 12-7 W  
Baker County (6-3) 32-14 L  
Episcopal (5-5) 33-0 W  
West Nassau (3-7) 33-6 W  
Menendez (4-6) 18-0 W

goes. And, in a pinch, as Cruce goes behind the Big Boy offense. St. Augustine already knows that. Middleburg keeps pounding the between the tackles offensive then "pop" Jenkins throws a 40 yard strike to Braydan Street downfield or, in Fernandina Beach, a 60 yard to a burly tight end named Travis McStephenson who shook the turf en route to paydirt, then got oxygen.

Keystone Heights goes with their big offensive line, rugged running from Cartez Daniels and a smooth growth curve from sophomore quarterback Bailey Ford.



Middleburg defensive back Erick Fryer is up and on his way to end zone after devastating sack, fumble and recovery pickup for score against Fernandina Beach.



Middleburg football head coach Ryan Wolfe had a rare smile after playoff-sealing win and shutout of Fernandina Beach, 32-0.

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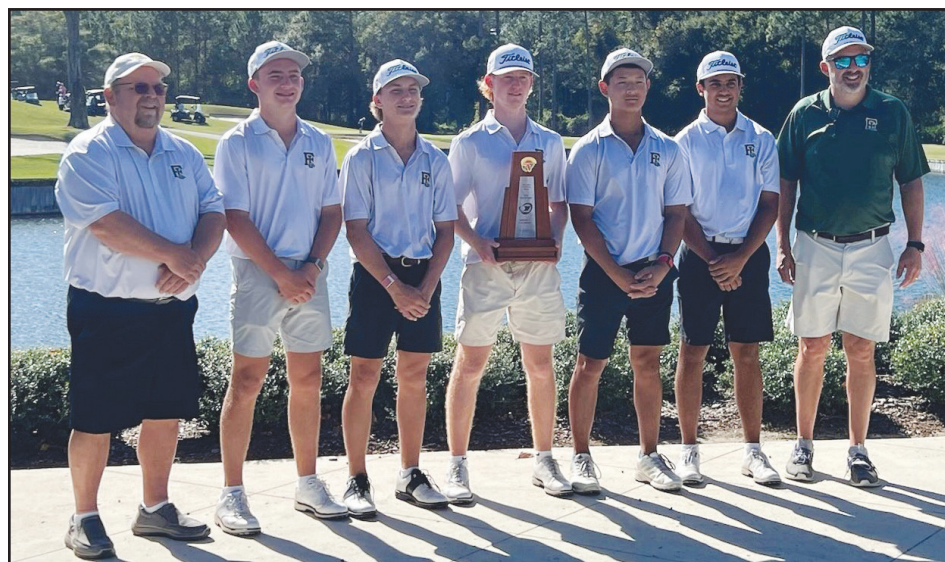
Fleming Island junior diver Ava Brinkman will be defending her Class 3A title with a region leading total as swimmers head to Ocala Saturday for the FHSAA swimming state championships.



Fleming Island senior two-time 50 free state champion Maryn McDade, a recent commit to Florida State University, will be challenging for an unprecedented third straight state title. McDade is also after the 100 free state title; second last year and second ranked in Class 3A.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO  
Orange Park sprint swimmer Sebastian Lopez will be one of favorites to get a Class 3A medal in freestyle sprints at the state championships on Saturday in Ocala.



**Golf to state**

The Fleming Island boys golf team, district champions, third at regions led by Tyler Mawhinney, got an at-large bid to return as the second seed to the Class 3A golf championships on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11 at the Mission Inn Resort and Club in Howey-in-the-Hills. Also competing will be the district champion, region runner-up Fleming Island girls golf team as the fourth seed, led by seniors Cambree Hodge and Kalia Polete. Orange Park's senior Brock Buhnerkemper and Middleburg's Neva Winslow for the girls in 2A will play on Tues.-Wed., Nov. 7-8.







## Huff-led Furman eyeing conference title

*Courtesy of Furman Athletics*

GREENVILLE, S.C. -- After clinching at least a share of the 2023 Southern Conference championship and the league's automatic bid to the FCS playoffs with a 17-14 road triumph over Chattanooga, FCS No. 2 Furman (8-1, 6-0 SoCon) returns home to face VMI (4-5, 3-3 SoCon) this Saturday in a 1:30 p.m. contest at Paladin Stadium.

Leading the Furman offense the past two years has been Ridgeview High grad Tyler Huff, a second year graduate student at Furman.

Furman has gone 18-3 in Huff's 21 starts at quarterback, 17-1 versus FCS foes (counting FBS transition Kennesaw State as FCS), and 13-0 against SoCon opposition. He didn't play (injured) versus Samford in 2022 (34-27 loss) and was forced to exit games against Charleston Southern (24-19 win in 2022) and Chattanooga (17-14 win in 2022) due to injuries.



Furman's 17-14 win over Chattanooga earned the program at least a share of the 2023 Southern Conference championship — its 15th title and the most in league history. It also marked the second crown for Clay Hendrix (2018), now in his seventh season as head coach at his alma mater. As a player (1982-85), assistant coach (1988-06), and head coach (2017-pres-

ent), Hendrix has been part of 11 of Furman's 15 SoCon championships.

Furman's 2023 SoCon championship can become an outright title with a win over either VMI (Nov. 11) or Wofford (Nov. 18). The Paladins' claimed their last outright league championship in 1990 (6-1 league record).



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## RHS's Nesi top Flagler runner at cross country regionals

*From Flagler Athletics*

OAKWOOD, Ga. - The Flagler men's cross country team earned fourth place at the NCAA Southeast Regional Championship Friday morning in Oakwood, Ga.

The first to cross the finish line was Joel Nesi (Ridgeview High) in 16th place with a 10K time of 30:24.5, earning all-region status. Behind him and also earning all-region was Will Stone in 23rd with

a time of 30:42.2.

The other four Saints running all finished in the top 50 out of the 182-man field. Jon Eide (31:03.0), Francisco Ramirez (31:27.8), Christian Fernandez (31:39.9) and Ethan Tank (31:50.4) took home 28th, 38th, 41st and 45th respectively.

The Flagler men earned 146 team points for their fourth place finish out of 28 teams. The top three teams advance to the NCAA National Championship in Joplin, Mo. on Nov. 18. The top three individuals from teams not advancing will qualify to compete in the national meet.

## Embry Riddle earns conference title SJCDs Mateo: Scoring forward for Eagles

*From Embry Riddle Athletics*

WEST PALM BEACH – The 16th-ranked Embry-Riddle women's soccer team wrapped up its regular season slate with a 2-0 road win over Palm Beach Atlantic (1-9-4, 0-8-2), Tuesday at the Rinker Athletics Complex. With the win, the Eagles (12-1-3, 8-1-1), secured a share of the 2023 Sunshine State Conference regular season title and will host a semifinal game in the conference tournament on Nov. 9.

On the team for Embry Riddle is former St. Johns Country Day School forward Lauryn Mateo who has become a prolific scorer for the Eagles. For the second straight game, the Eagles dominated on both sides of the pitch. The Eagles bested the Sailfish

28-6 in shots, 10-3 in shots on goal and 10-7 in corner kicks on the way to their sixth shutout of the season.

Embry-Riddle tied with Florida Tech for the regular season title, which is the second regular season title for the Eagles in three seasons. Florida Tech won the tiebreaker and will be the No. 1 seed in the six-team tournament. As the No. 2 seed, the Eagles will receive a first-round bye and will host the winner of Monday's quarterfinal game between No. 3 Nova Southeastern and No. 6 Florida Southern.



## 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 18, 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 19, 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](mailto:purchasing@claycountygov.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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

A 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.

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

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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 91486 Published 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

meeting Dates of the Clay County Utility Authority

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

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

For further information, call (904) 213-2464.  
**Legal 91485 Published 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

LEGAL NOTICE

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 0-35-2023  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY PLANNING ACT (CHAPTER 163, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES), REVISING POLICIES 1.2.11, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.7, 1.3.9, 1.3.10, 1.6.2, 1.6.3, 1.6.7, 1.6.8, 1.7.1 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT TO ENSURE MULTIMODAL FACILITIES AND ACCESS; REVISING POLICIES 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.5, 2.1.6 AND 2.1.10 AND ELIMINATE POLICY 2.1.8 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT TO ENSURE AND ENHANCE MULTIMODAL ACCESS; REVISING POLICIES 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.6, 2.2.7, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.4.5 AND 2.4.6 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT TO ENSURE SAFETY OF MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION; REVISING POLICIES 2.5.3, 2.5.4, 2.5.5 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT TO ENSURE MOBILITY FEES ARE ASSESSED TO NET ADDITION NEW DEVELOPMENT TRIPS, REVISING POLICY 8.3.1 TO ADD A NOTE TO REMOVE THE LOS STANDARDS FOR ROADWAYS AND REPLACE WITH THE MOBILITY FEE SYSTEM OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The following public hearings have been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance:

City Council: Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;

City Council: Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;

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

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

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

All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

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

**Legal 91483 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding a proposed Special Exception to allow a home occupation to be located at 301 Green Street, and identified as parcel number 017206-000-00:

Planning and Zoning Board: Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing 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).

November 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter

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

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

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

All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

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

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PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on

November 23, 2023, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068.

pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

2005 Ferrari ID# ZFFYT53A050139789  
2001 Ford ID# 1FTNE24251HB48453  
2007 Volkswagen  
ID# 3VWRF31Y17M418051

2006 Dodge ID# 2D4GP44L36R737314  
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PUBLIC AUCTION

On November 22, 2023, at 9:00 AM, an auction will take place at 1046 Airlark Rd, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

The vehicles which will be auctioned include:  
5XXGV4L22GG019730 2016 KIA  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NUMBER: 2023-CP-000567  
DIVISION: B

IN RE: ESTATE OF MINNIE LEA HARWELL, a/k/a LEA JONES HARWELL Deceased.

The administration of the estate of MINNIE LEA HARWELL, deceased, whose date of death was September 6, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Circuit Court, Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 9, 2023.  
Attorney for Personal Representative: GERALDINE C. HARTIN, Esquire  
Florida Bar 15201  
3168 Highway 17, Suite A  
Fleming Island, FL 32003  
904-278-3888  
geraldine.hartin@gmail.com  
Personal Representative: COLEMAN LEA HARWELL  
401 South Highland Avenue  
Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043  
**Legal 91220 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

Clay County Community  
Development Block  
Grant Consolidated  
Annual Performance  
and Evaluation Report  
(CAPER) PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDES NOTICE OF THE CLAY COUNTY CDBG CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FY 2022-2023, ALONG WITH THE 15-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETING. THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023.

Clay County has prepared the Draft FY 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, which is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order for the County to stay compliant with Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report provides details of the County's performance in administering the funds provided under the CDBG program during the previous grant year. The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report will be available for public review and comment as set forth below.

**THE REPORT DOCUMENT:** The Draft FY 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report is available for review at the County's Website at [www.claycountygov.com/community-services/cdbg](http://www.claycountygov.com/community-services/cdbg) and at the following locations:

Clay County Administration Building, Department of Economic & Development Services between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at 477 Houston St., 3rd Floor, Planning & Zoning Division, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Clay County Library Locations listed below between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday.

- Fleming Island Library- 1895 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island, FL 32003
- Green Cove Springs Library- 403 Ferris Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
- Keystone Heights Library- 175 Oriole Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
- Middleburg-Clay Hill Library- 2245 Aster Avenue, Middleburg, FL 32068
- Orange Park Library- 2054 Plainfield Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073

**Report Summary:** The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report summarizes the progress made towards the five-year goals established in the Consolidated Plan. It describes how funds were allocated and the extent to which funds benefitted low- and moderate-income persons. Funded activities must serve one of the three CDBG National Objectives: 1) to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, 2) to aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight, and 3) to meet a community development need of urgency.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The 15-day public review and comment period is **Thursday, November 16, 2023, through Thursday, November 30, 2023**, at close of business. Comments from the public are encouraged and will be accepted during this period at the Department of Economic & Development Services, 477 Houston St., 3rd Floor, Planning & Zoning Division, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Comments can also be given by calling 904-541-3814 or be sent by email to [cdbg@claycountygov.com](mailto:cdbg@claycountygov.com).

**PUBLIC MEETING:** Purpose: To obtain public input on the proposed Consolidated Annual Report and Evaluation Report.  
Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Orange Park Public Library  
2054 Plainfield Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073

**Non-English-Speaking Persons:** Special arrangements for a translator will be made by the County. A citizen requiring a translator should send a request at least two (2) business days before the event.

**Special Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities:** Special arrangements for a sign language interpreter will be made by the County. A request should be sent to the County at least two (2) business days prior to the event. Recorded events will be posted with closed captioning for those hard of hearing.

**Access to records/recordings:** A recording of the public meetings and hearings will be made public for those who are not able to attend. Minutes of the public meetings and hearings will also be taken. Citizen input will be summarized and documented in the minutes. The recordings and minutes will be posted on the County's website at <https://www.claycountygov.com/community-services/cdbg>.

**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).**

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meeting or hearing. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners (Board) with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, hearing, or at any subsequent meeting or 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.  
**Legal 91218 Published 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the purpose of considering entry into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase by the County of a certain parcel of real property being particularly described as follows:

**A portion of Tax Parcel No. 23-05-25-010098-001-04, consisting of approximately 1,135 square feet.**

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

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

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Board of County Commissioners  
Clay County, Florida  
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SCHOOL BOARD  
OF CLAY COUNTY,  
FLORIDA APPROVAL TO  
ADVERTISE/NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING TO  
APPROVE REVISIONS TO  
SCHOOL BOARD POLICY  
4.15 TOBACCO USE

**Approval to Advertise:** The School Board of Clay County, Florida ("the Board") approves the advertisement of revisions to School Board Policy 4.15 Tobacco Use.

**Purpose & Effect:** The proposed amendments are intended to simplify, update, and ensure alignment of School Board Policies with state law, federal law, State Board of Education Rules, and other applicable rules and regulations.

**Access to Text of Proposed Amendments:** The full text of the proposed revisions to SB Policy 4.15 is available for inspection and copying by the public in the Office of the Superintendent for Clay County District Schools, located at 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The full text is also available via the School District's website at [www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net) under the School Board Meeting Links, School Board Agendas - November 2, 2023. The Superintendent is authorized to correct technical errors in grammar, numbering, section designations, and cross-references as may be necessary to reflect the intention of such Policy amendments.

**Rule Making Authority:** The Board is authorized to adopt revisions to School Board Policy 4.15 Tobacco Use under sections 120.54, 1001.31, and 1001.32 of the Florida Statutes.

**Laws Implemented:** The laws implemented by the above-referenced policy revisions are noted under each section of the Policy.

**Person(s) Originating Policy Changes:** The proposed policy was originated by the Superintendent and his designee(s) in collaboration with the School Board Attorney.

**Public Hearing:** The Board intends to formally adopt proposed revisions to School Board Policy 4.15 following a public hearing. The public hearing shall be held on **Thursday, December 7, 2023**, during the course of the Board's regular meet-

REQUEST FOR BID  
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 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 21, 2023 for the following:

**RFB NO. 23/24-19, Public Safety Uniforms**  
Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, December 22, 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.

## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

ing, which begins at 6:00 p.m. and takes place in the Boardroom at the Teacher In-service Training Center at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Orange Park, Florida. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to [bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net](mailto:bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net) or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. **Legal 91216 Published 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF ACTION

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2023CA001366 JURY TRIAL DEMANDED TOMMY LANGDO AND TONYA LANGDO,** Plaintiff, **v. BENJAMIN O. MEEKS, JR.,** Defendants. **To: Benjamin O. Meeks, Jr.** YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action was commenced on September 9, 2023 and is now pending in Clay County, Florida. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Clifford C. Baker, the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Douglas Law Firm, 117 North 2nd Street, Palatka, Florida 32177-3726, on or before 30 days from the first day of publication and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. **DATED** on November 3, 2023. **Tara S. Green** Clerk of the Court By Rebecca Crews Deputy Clerk **Legal 91215 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on November 1, 2023: Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc., 14785 Old St. Augustine, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32258 Permit# 204892-1. The project is located in Clay County, Section(s) 31, 6, Township 4, 5 South, Range 25 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 6.15 acres, for Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc. known as Baxley Villages. The receiving water body is Grog Branch. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at [Clerk@sjrwm.com](mailto:Clerk@sjrwm.com), within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4, and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing. A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at [www.sjrwm.com](http://www.sjrwm.com). These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing. The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of

a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. **Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).** If you wish to do so, please visit [http://www.sjrwm.com/nor\\_dec/](http://www.sjrwm.com/nor_dec/) to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Business and Administrative Services, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4570. **Legal 91214 Published 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-2023-CP-000482 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHANTEL LEANN CASTRO, DECEASED.** The formal administration of the estate of CHANTEL LEANN CASTRO, who died on December 23, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and 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 TO CREDITORS is November 9, 2023.

*/s/ Cynthia Crawford CYNTHIA CRAWFORD PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE* 7848 Lake Geneva Lane Keystone Heights, FL 32656 *Ve*Ronica R. Owens Attorney at Law, P.A. *By: /s/ Ve*Ronica R. Owens, Esq. Fla. Bar No.: 73568 *Ve*Ronica@veronicarowens.org 189 South Lawrence Boulevard Keystone Heights, FL 32656 2000 Henley Road, Suite B Middleburg, FL 32068 Telephone: (352) 473-5000 Attorneys for PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE **Legal 91122 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 2023-CA-001020-LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC., Plaintiff,** vs. GERALD CORA: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERALD CORA: UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause now pending in said court and as required by Florida Statute 45.031(2), TARA S. GREEN as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at <https://clay.realforeclose.com/> at **10:00 AM on the 13 day of December 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 17, BLOCK 7, BELLAIR, UNIT 2, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 48 AND 49, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** PROPERTY ADDRESS: 397 SONORA DR, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 **IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the

**provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crtrntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtrntrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.** Dated this 2nd day of November 2023. TARA S. GREEN, Clerk Of The Circuit Court By: GRACIE MOORE Deputy Clerk **Legal 91121 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 2022-CP-000650 Division A IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY JO WILLIAMSON Deceased.** The administration of the estate of Mary Jo Williamson, deceased, whose date of death was July 9, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave., 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 November 9, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: Gary L. Luke Florida Bar Number: 0047350 LUKE LAW LLC 1405 Kingsley Ave Orange Park, FL 32073 Telephone: (904) 637-2700 E-Mail: [serviceofpapers@lukelaw.com](mailto:serviceofpapers@lukelaw.com) Secondary E-Mail: [gary.l.luke@lukelaw.com](mailto:gary.l.luke@lukelaw.com) Personal Representative: Christy Knight 10225 Garden St. Jacksonville, Florida 32219 **Legal 91120 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 2023CC001369 CRANES LANDING OF FLORIDA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.,** a Florida not-for-profit corporation. Plaintiff, vs. MICHELLE S. MOSELY a/k/a MICHELLE SHEERON GREENE and UNKNOWN TENANT, Defendants. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Case No. 2023CC001369, of the County Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein CRANES LANDING OF FLORIDA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. is Plaintiff, MICHELLE S. MOSELY a/k/a MICHELLE SHEERON GREENE and UNKNOWN TENANT are Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on December 21, 2023, in an online sale at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com) beginning at 10:00 AM, the following property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: Lot 22, HAMMOCK GROVE, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 35, pages 39 through 42 of the public records of Clay County, Florida. Property Address: 2896 Plum Orchard Drive, Orange Park, FL 32073-1600 DATED: November 1, 2023. Tara S. Green Clerk of County Court Clay County, Florida Nicole Barrie Clerk of Courts ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE IF ANY OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER, AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. **Legal 91103 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the purpose of considering entry into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase by the County of a certain parcel of real property being particularly described as follows: **A portion of Tax Parcel No. 24-05-25-010105-001-00, consisting of approximately 1,694 square feet.** This notice is given pursuant to Section 125.355, Florida Statutes, and Clay County Ordinance 99-65. A copy of the Agreement is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal holidays, in the Office of the County Attorney located on the 2nd Floor of the Clay County Administration Building at the foregoing address. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, any person who desires to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations will need a record of the proceedings, and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to participate in this matter should contact Clay County Risk Management by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 278-4718, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Deal 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). County Commissioners Clay County, Florida **Legal 91102 Published 11/9/2023 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, Tuesday, 11/28/23, @ 12:00 pm Stacey Newman – household goods Julie Ann McCarroll – household goods James Kitchens – household goods Glen McClinton Jr – household goods The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storageandtreasures.com](http://www.storageandtreasures.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 until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. **Legal 90919 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF ACTION

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2023-CA-001363 NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff, -vs- KARL LEE SPENCER A/K/A KARL L. SPENCER A/K/A KARL SPENCER, KAREN LEITH SAPITAN A/K/A KAREN L. SAPITAN A/K/A KAREN SAPITAN F/K/A KAREN LEITH SPENCER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEITH A. SPENCER, STATE OF FLORIDA, CLAY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, UNKNOWN TENANT 1, UNKNOWN TENANT 2, Defendant(s) TO: Unknown Spouse of Keith A. Spencer 420 Brighton Ave Orange Park, FL 32073 You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County: **LOT 4, BLOCK 4, BELLAIR, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 26 AND 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** The action was instituted in the Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay, Florida; Case No. 2023-CA-001363; and is styled NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING vs. KARL LEE SPENCER A/K/A KARL L. SPENCER A/K/A KARL SPENCER, KAREN LEITH SAPITAN A/K/A KAREN L. SAPITAN A/K/A KAREN SAPITAN F/K/A KAREN LEITH SPENCER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEITH A. SPENCER, STATE OF FLORIDA, CLAY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, UNKNOWN TENANT 1, UNKNOWN TENANT 2. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Brandi Wilson, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 255 S. Orange Ave., Ste. 900 Orlando, FL 32801-3454, on or before (30 days from the first date

of publication) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on December 16, 2023 or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiffs interest which will be binding upon you. DATED: November 1, 2023. As Clerk of the Court By: Gracie Moore As Deputy Clerk **Legal 90918 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF ACTION

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2023 CA 001362 PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,** vs. RUTH ASH; et al., Defendant(s) TO: Ruth Ash Last Known Residence: 1642 Westwood Ct Maxville, FL 32234 TO: Unknown Spouse of Ruth Ash Last Known Residence: 1642 Westwood Ct Maxville, FL 32234 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida: **PARCEL "A"** **A PART OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 34, THENCE RUN NORTH 89°36'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 1,500 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 89°36'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 00°15'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY AND CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT TO BE RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00°15'00" EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID EASEMENT A DISTANCE OF 20 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°36'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET TO A POINT LYING NORTH 00°15'00" EAST OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°15'00" WEST TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL "B"** **A PART OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 34; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°36'00" EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 34 A DISTANCE OF 1,500 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 00°15'00" EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 00°15'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 160 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°36'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A SIXTY FEET WIDE ROAD EASEMENT DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER IN THIS SCHEDULE; FROM SAID POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF SAID EASEMENT RUN SOUTH 00°15'00" WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID EASEMENT TO A POINT LYING NORTH 89°36'00" EAST OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°36'00" W 300 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES OVER AND UPON THE GRADED ROADWAYS AS SAME PRESENTLY EXIST AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS WESTWOOD ROAD SOUTH AND WESTWOOD COURT, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 532, PAGE 499 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1106, PAGE 385.** Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, Plaintiff's attorney, at 5300 West Atlantic Avenue Suite 303 Delray Beach, FL 33484, on or before December 16, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. Dated on November 1, 2023. As Clerk of the Court By: Chelsey Mason As Deputy Clerk **Legal 90917 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-545 Division: B IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANNE PLATT, Deceased.** The administration of the estate of ELIZABETH ANNE PLATT, deceased, whose date of death was June 7, 2019, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698 or 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is November 9, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: */s/ Dale S. Wilson* Dale S. Wilson, Esquire E-Mail Addresses: [wilsdale@bellsouth.net](mailto:wilsdale@bellsouth.net) Florida Bar No. 176945 Dale S. Wilson PA PO Box 1808 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Telephone: (904)284-5618 Personal Representative: */s/ Travis Ralph Platt* 132 Lake Road Rogersville, TN 37857 **Legal 90806 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 2017CA000670 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE1,** Plaintiff, vs.

RUBY L. BERGERON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUBY L. BERGERON; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule the Foreclosure Sale Date entered in **Civil Case No. 2017CA000670** of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE1 is Plaintiff and RUBY L. BERGERON, et al, are Defendants. The Clerk, TARA S. GREEN, shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at **Clay County's On-Line Public Auction website:** **<https://www.clay.realforeclose.com>, at 10:00 AM on February 28, 2024**, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property located in Clay County, Florida, as set forth in said Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure, to wit: **LOT 13, LONG BAY ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGES(S) 20 AND 21, 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. The court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale.

Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein. **If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or [crtrntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtrntrp@coj.net) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.** Dated this 31st day of October, 2023. TARA S. GREEN Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Chelsey Mason Deputy Clerk **Legal 90916 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein. **If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or [crtrntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtrntrp@coj.net) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.** Dated this 31st day of October, 2023. TARA S. GREEN Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Chelsey Mason Deputy Clerk **Legal 90916 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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## NOTICE OF ACTION FOR ADOPTION

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 23-DR-1955**

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

In the interest of GABRIELA OLIVIA DEVERY and AYAAN ANTHONY DEVERY, Minor Children TO: **SAGAR KRISHNA PAWAR** YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the law offices of **Jacobs Scholz & Wyler, LLC** whose address is **961687 Gateway Blvd., Suite 201-I, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034**, or via electronic mail to **filings@jswflorida.com** within **sixty (60)** days of the date of first publication of this Notice, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at **825 N Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043**. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.** The action is asking the court to terminate parental rights of Natural Father, **SAGAR KRISHNA PAWAR**, pending the stepparent adoption of the Minor Children. **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: October 30, 2023. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Rebecca Crews Deputy Clerk **Legal 90800 Published 11/9/2023, 11/16/2023, 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
File No. 2023-CP-000557  
Division D  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT GREENE LEE Deceased.**  
The administration of the estate of Robert Greene Lee, deceased, whose date of death was May 31, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 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 November 2, 2023.  
Attorney for Personal Representative: L. J. Arnold III  
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: Chandra Hoffman  
2702 Hands Drive  
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043  
**Legal 90688 Published 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** DEL REY PACHECO, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
**Certificate No.:** 900/2021  
**Legal Description:** LOT 6 BLK 83 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES S/D O R 3144

**PG 557**  
**Parcel ID No.:** 220823-003941-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,819.59  
**Physical Address:** 6121 KENT AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** CRYSTAL I LLC  
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **10th day of January, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 30th day of October, 2023**  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 90687 Published 11/2/2023, 11/9/2023, 11/16/2023 and 11/23/2023 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.:** 1365/2021  
**Legal Description:** LOT 6 BLK 17 JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT 1 AS REC O R 1459 PG 33  
**Parcel ID No.:** 090524-005953-302-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$3,037.82  
**Physical Address:** 45 CORIAN DER TER, MIDDLEBURG  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** BETTY JO MCCARTHY (HEIRS)  
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**  
**Dated this 30th day of October, 2023**  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 90685 Published 11/2/2023, 11/9/2023, 11/16/2023 and 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** RAJENDRA & SHILA GUPTA, 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.:** 868/2017  
**Legal Description:** LOT 16 BLK 85 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 1593 PG 1698  
**Parcel ID No.:** 210823-003990-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$2,634.67  
**Physical Address:** 6147 FURMAN AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**W/SPECIAL FEATURES OR YARD ITEM Name in which assessed:** PHYLLIS LATSCU  
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 30th day of October, 2023**  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida  
By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 90684 Published 11/2/2023, 11/9/2023, 11/16/2023 and 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** RACHELLE MARIĆO, 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.:** 695/2017  
**Legal Description:** LOT 9 BLK 33 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 1588 PG 1645  
**Parcel ID No.:** 200823-002940-000-00  
**Opening Bid Amount:** \$1,856.63  
**Physical Address:** 6347 BOWDOIN AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** PHILIP D & MYLAH SPERLING, MYLAH SPERLING  
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 30th day of October, 2023**  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** RACHELLE MARIĆO, 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:  
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**Legal Description:** LOT 9 BLK 33 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 1588 PG 1645  
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**Physical Address:** 6347 BOWDOIN AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS  
**Classification:** VACANT RESIDENTIAL  
**Name in which assessed:** PHILIP D & MYLAH SPERLING, MYLAH SPERLING  
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 30th day of October, 2023**  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 90683 Published 11/2/2023, 11/9/2023, 11/16/2023 and 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Tuesday the 21st day of November, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL, 32003 Clay County Sarellana, Candace F095 Couch, boxes, night stand, totes, misc . Dampier, Michael E323 bags, books, clothing, suitcases, misc . All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.  
**Legal 90679 Published 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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**Legal 90067 Published 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Full Administration)**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
FILE NO.: 2023 CP 000271  
DIVISION:  
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES ANTHONY GARRARD III Deceased.  
The administration of the estate of CHARLES ANTHONY GARRARD III, deceased, whose date of death was March 5, 2023, 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 3204. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their 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 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 first publication of this Notice is November 2, 2023.  
ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER  
**THE DAVIE LAW FIRM, P.A.**  
**WILLIAM H. DAVIE, II**  
Fla. Bar No.: 634387  
733 N. Palmetto Avenue  
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043  
(904) 276-5344-Phone  
(904) 284-8725-Fax  
BDavie@DavieLawFirm.com-Primary Service@DavieLawFirm.com-Secondary Attorney for Julie Garrard  
PETITIONER  
**JULIE GARRARD**  
Petitioner  
**Legal 90066 Published 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION**

CASE NO. 2023CA001209  
SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
VICKY LYNN MARK A/K/A VICKY L. SHOULTS A/K/A VICKY LYNN SCRAPE, et al., Defendant.  
To: **ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NELL SHOULTS A/K/A NELLE SHOULTS A/K/A NELL W. SHOULTS A/K/A NELL WREN SHOULTS A/K/A NELLIE ELIZABETH SHOULTS A/K/A NELL ELIZABETH WREN, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS**  
**ADDRESS: UNKNOWN**  
**VICKY LYNN MARK A/K/A VICKY L. SHOULTS A/K/A VICKY LYNN SCRAPE 689 SAN ROBAR DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073**  
**UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICKY LYNN MARK A/K/A VICKY L. SHOULTS A/K/A VICKY LYNN SCRAPE 689 SAN ROBAR DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073**  
**UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1 689 SAN ROBAR DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073**  
**UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2 689 SAN ROBAR DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073**  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:  
LOT 3, BLOCK 1, CROSS CREEK, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGES 10 AND 11 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
has been filed against you and you are required to a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Sara Collins, McCalla Rayment Leibert Pierce, LLC, 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 25th day of October, 2023.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Gracie Moore  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 90041 Published 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION**  
CASE NO.: 2023-CA-000027  
VYSTAR CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ESTATE OF SHARON ECHOLS; ET AL, Defendant(s)  
TO: ESTATE OF SHARON ECHOLS and UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST  
BY, THROUGH, UNDER FOR SHARON ECHOLS  
Last known address: Unknown  
Current address: Unknown  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose the Mortgage covering the following property described as follows, to-wit:  
LOT 12, BLOCK 38 OF BIG TREE LAKES SECTION A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 54 THROUGH 61, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1992 FLEETCRAFT DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VIN # GAFLN34A15756SH AND GAFLN34B15756SH  
Property Address: 5557 Acadia Street, Keystone Heights, FL 32656  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Michelle L. Glass, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 7545 Centurion Parkway, Ste. 103, Jacksonville, FL 32256 within 30 days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 24th day of October, 2023.  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Jennifer Brosky  
As Deputy Clerk  
A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint, and Lis Pendens were sent to the Defendant(s) and address named above, if address is available.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TDD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail – crntinrp@coj.net.  
**Legal 90040 Published 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**IN THE 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Case No. 2023 CA 1315  
21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER AGAINST WALLACE JOHN HENSEL; WAYNE A. ROACH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WAYNE A. ROACH; JAMES HENSEL; AS KNOWN HEIR OF WALLACE JOHN HENSEL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES HENSEL; ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER AGAINST MICHAEL HENSEL; and UNKNOWN TENANT Defendant.  
TO: ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MICHAEL HENSEL  
last known address, 4598 Calendula Avenue, Middleburg, FL 32068  
Notice is hereby given to ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MICHAEL HENSEL that an action of foreclosure on the following property in Clay County, Florida:  
**Legal: LOT 25, BLOCK 78, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE(S) 1 THROUGH 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
**TOGETHER WITH A 2016 JACOBSEN MODEL 52X28 MANUFACTURED HOME BEARING SERIAL NO. S: JAC-FL33540A AND JACFL33540B.**  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Leslie S. White, Esquire, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is, 420 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 700, P.O. Box 2346, Orlando, Florida 32802-2346 30 days from the first date of publication and file the original with the clerk of the court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.  
DATED ON October 24, 2023.  
County Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: Rebecca Crews  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 89923 Published 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA REAL TIME RESOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff,**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**IN THE 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Case No. 2023 CA 1315  
21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER AGAINST WALLACE JOHN HENSEL; WAYNE A. ROACH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WAYNE A. ROACH; JAMES HENSEL; AS KNOWN HEIR OF WALLACE JOHN HENSEL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES HENSEL; ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER AGAINST MICHAEL HENSEL; and UNKNOWN TENANT Defendant.  
TO: ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MICHAEL HENSEL  
last known address, 4598 Calendula Avenue, Middleburg, FL 32068  
Notice is hereby given to ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MICHAEL HENSEL that an action of foreclosure on the following property in Clay County, Florida:  
**Legal: LOT 25, BLOCK 78, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE(S) 1 THROUGH 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
**TOGETHER WITH A 2016 JACOBSEN MODEL 52X28 MANUFACTURED HOME BEARING SERIAL NO. S: JAC-FL33540A AND JACFL33540B.**  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Leslie S. White, Esquire, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is, 420 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 700, P.O. Box 2346, Orlando, Florida 32802-2346 30 days from the first date of publication and file the original with the clerk of the court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.  
DATED ON October 24, 2023.  
County Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: Rebecca Crews  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 89923 Published 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO.: 2023-CA-000959  
**REAL TIME RESOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff,**  
v.  
**SERGIO ORTEGA, et al., Defendants.**  
To: Unknown Party in Possession 1 3016 Nautilus Road Middleburg FL 32068  
Unknown Party in Possession 2 3016 Nautilus Road Middleburg FL 32068  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Clay County, Florida:  
Lot 17, DOCTORS LANDING, according to Plat thereof as Recorded in Plat Book 20, Pages 16 through 19, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Anthony R. Smith, Esquire, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 1201 S. Orlando Ave, Suite 430, Winter Park, FL 32789, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; or a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
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 crntinrp@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.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said Court at Clay County, Florida, this 23rd day of October, 2023.  
Tara S. Green  
As Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida  
By: Jennifer Brosky  
DEPUTY CLERK  
**Legal 89921 Published 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION**  
CASE NO. 2023CA001296  
NAVY FEDERAL CU, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
KODY R. PUCKETT, et al., Defendant.  
To: **KODY R. PUCKETT 3029 CENTRAL CT, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068**  
**BRITTANY M. PUCKETT 3029 CENTRAL CT, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068**  
**UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1 3029 CENTRAL CT, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068**  
**UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2 3029 CENTRAL CT, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068**  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:  
PARCEL E-2  
A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 1/2 OF NORTH- 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, 210.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 123.20 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID WEST 1/2 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, 116.55 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, 101.84 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, 213.64 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE WEST LINE OF GREENWOOD ESTATES UNIT TWO, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 32 AND 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 102.40 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE LEAVE SAID WEST LINE AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, 213.64 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST, 101.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
TOGETHER WITH:  
AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES ACROSS A STRIP OF LAND SITUATED IN EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 (EAST 1/2 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4) AND IN THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 (WEST 1/2 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4) OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID EASEMENT LYING 30 FEET RIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE:  
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 1/2 OF NORTH- EAST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, 210.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. OF SAID EASEMENT; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 123.20 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID WEST 1/2 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, 116.55 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, 131.84 FEET TO THE END OF SAID 30 FOOT EASEMENT.  
PARCEL NUMBER: 34-04-25-008161-005-00  
has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Sara Collins, Esq, McCalla Rayment Leibert Pierce, LLC, 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 23rd day of October, 2023.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Jennifer Brosky  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 89920 Published 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 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:  
 600 Blanding Blvd Orange Park Fl 32073, November 28, 2023 and 10:00 AM of Sale  
 Charles Finley Household goods  
 Nadina Ellis Household goods  
 Mary Johnson Household goods  
 Annie Green Household goods  
 LaShawn Stubbs Household goods  
 Kimberly Moser 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 89794 Published 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerox.com on Tuesday the 21st day of November, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL 32073 Clay County Eberhardt , Brandon 174 Suitcases, Drum set, Misc Furniture, Tool Cabinet, Dressers, Boxes, Totes, Couches, Tool Box, Mattress, Lamps. Lumsden, Rakeem 716 Household Goods. , Pouliot, Joshua 181 TV, Furniture, Lawn Mower , bicycles , tool box , grill. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash or credit/debit card per facility policy. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.  
**Legal 89793 Published 11/2/2023 and 11/9/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 12/05/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at FIRST COAST TOWING- 2905 BLANDING BLVD, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.  
 2G1WWW12E939177351 2003 CHEV 3GNAXFEVXMS146371 2021 CHEV  
**Legal 89792 Published 11/9/2023 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.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).  
**Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023**  
 TARA S . GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 89785 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: 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.: 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.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).  
**Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023**  
 TARA S . GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 89781 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: 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.: 2/2021**  
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**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.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).  
**Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023**  
 TARA S . GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 89781 Published 10/26/2023, 11/2/2023, 11/9/2023 and 11/16/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).  
**Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023**  
 TARA S . GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 89784 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: 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.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).  
**Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023**  
 TARA S . GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 89783 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: 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.: 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 MONONGAHELE 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.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.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.clay.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.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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**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-000064**  
**DIVISION: JV-E**  
**IN THE INTEREST OF:**  
 L.V.  
 P.I.  
 MINOR CHILDREN  
 THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO:  
 Kayla Williams, Mother  
 1657 Lisa Dawn Dr, Middleburg, FL 32068  
 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 children, L.V. who was born on July 19, 2020, and P.I. who was born on January 26, 2022. You are hereby commanded to appear before the **Honorable Angela M. Cox**, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on **November 28, 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 [crtrintp@coj.net](mailto: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 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**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFY 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 PRCL 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](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

**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](http://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: 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](http://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 88815 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: TLGFY 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](http://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: TLGFY 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 PRCL 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](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

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**Dated this 16th day of October, 2023**  
 TARA S . GREEN  
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller  
 Clay County, Florida  
 By: Christina Spadea  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 88813 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: TLGFY 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 HIGHLIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2303 PG1757 & 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](http://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: TLGFY 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**  
 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](http://www.clay.realtaxdeed.com).

TO THE PATIENTS OF:  
**HCA Florida First Coast Neurology – Fleming Island**  
 4689 Highway 17 South Suite 13  
 Fleming Island, FL 32003 (904) 269-7007

Dr. Timothy Do will depart our practice on November 28 and our Fleming Island location will close.  
 Please know your healthcare needs continue to be our top priority and Dr. Christine Pierre will continue to provide trusted neurological care at our Orange Park location:

**HCA Florida First Coast Neurology**  
 1825 Kingsley Ave Suite 190  
 Orange Park, FL 32073  
 (904) 272-9981

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Cost includes online at:  
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