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Clay County Sheriff's Office Lt. Mike Lane and Sheriff Michelle Cook map out strategies to staff five parades, four special events and a circus at the Orange Park Mall – all on Dec. 9.

Clay readies for 'busiest' day of events in county history

Five parades, four special events, circus are all planned for Dec. 9

By Don Coble
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FLEMING ISLAND – What happens when five parades, four special events and a circus are all scheduled on the same day? Answer: challenges never seen before in Clay County.

As Dec. 9 inches closer, officials are preparing for what promises to be the busiest day in county history. Even if everything runs smoothly, several county departments, including the sheriff's office,

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Thankful for family

Fourteen adoptions finalized at courthouse

By Jack Randall
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Kids First of Florida kicked off the holiday season last Monday by hosting an adoption ceremony at the courthouse for 14 children and 10 families. The children were thrilled to celebrate their first Thanksgiving with their new parents, although

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Judge Angela Cox invited Reyna (from left) and Tristan to hammer the gavel to finalize their adoptions. Afterward, they were invited to pick out a book and a stuffed animal to take to their new home.



Focus on growing tomorrow's agriculture leaders highlighted at Farm-City Luncheon

STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – With so many farmers approaching retirement, Florida 4-H State President and senior at St. Johns Country Day, School Taylor Thigpen, told guests it's vital to support 4-A, Future Farmers of America and Youth Agriculture Programs. Thigpen told nearly 200 people at the 51st Farm-City Luncheon that growing the next generation of farmers is a matter of national security. "According to the 2017 United States Census, 98% of the more than two million farms in the U.S. are family owned and operated," he said. "It also found that the average number of producers are 58 years old. They're going to be looking for that next generation of leaders to take over those farms and to continue agriculture – both production and education."

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Keystone Heights City Manager tenders her resignation

Lynn Rutkowski informs counsel Jan. 10 will be her final day

By Don Coble
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – City Manager Lynn Rutkowski submitted her letter of resignation during last Monday night's City Council meeting. She was hired as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. She was promoted to the Planning and Zoning Clerk and hired by the council as the City Manager in 2016.

When former Mayor Karen Lake questioned her education, the council voted 4-1 not to accept her resignation in 2022. The city is currently embroiled in controversy over its Keystone Heights Airport Authority.

Rutkowski told the council during its September meeting she planned to leave

city government. Her current contract expires on Dec. 25, but she offered to stay longer so the city can find a replacement and avoid hiring an interim manager.

Councilman Stephen Hart said he wanted her to stay.

"Before we can agree to an extension, we first have to accept your resignation," he said. "I hope you will reconsider. I, for one, will not accept your resignation."

"Keystone is small, but there's a lot going on – and it's all in her head."

Her resignation letter was brief. It read:

"This letter is to notify Council of my last day. At the Council meeting on September 25, 2023, I publically informed Council of my resignation. My last day will be Wednesday, January 10, 2024. It has

been my honor and a privilege to serve this community since June 28th, 2012."

She will leave after the city gained international acclaim as a "smart city." Engineers with Manzan Consulting have mapped every inch of the city, compiling locations of every tree, building and garbage can so it can be monitored electronically.

"That way, we can work smarter, not harder," she said.

Publications from as far away as Venice, Italy, and Seattle, and as close as Washington, D.C., Tampa and Miami have studied the benefits of using sensors, not human resources, to monitor the city.

At October's Northeast Florida League of Cities meeting, Keystone Heights was also recognized for its innovative city initiatives.



Game plan for Tallahassee

Local lawmakers' hopes for next year

By Jack Randall
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Jennifer Bradley



Bobby Payne



Sam Garrison

FLEMING ISLAND – Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley had big shoes to fill left from her term-limited predecessor and husband, Rob Bradley. The Bradleys have been a dynamic duo at the state level since Rob Bradley was first elected in 2022.

Now in her second term, Jennifer Bradley is optimistic. She finds it fulfilling to foster safety in the state she is proud to call home. However, she seemingly faces a paradox as chairwoman of the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice. Despite strides in reducing the crime rate to its lowest in 50 years, there are more inmates in prisons than ever before.

"The issue is that while the crime rate is at a historic low, Florida's growing population means that the total amount of crime is going to increase," she said.

There are about 80,000 people incarcerated in Florida state prisons.

"The Department of Corrections is in crisis. I've visited prisons that are substantially understaffed. One prison was a security concern, where the glass could be easily broken and used as weapons."

Lack of resources, such as faulty or absent air conditioning systems, has made

prisons incredibly stressful for deputies and inmates. In Tallahassee, Bradley is committed to appropriating the funds for deputies to do their jobs and the resources for inmates to successfully transition back to civilian life.

"It is in the interest of public safety to make the necessary investments for our inmates since 85-to-95% of them will eventually be getting out and coming back to our communities."

Bradley said she is committed to fighting recidivism by expanding educational and vocational opportunities for inmates. As they serve their sentences, inmates can finish their GED and receive vocational training for trades in crucial demand in their communities, she said.

"Sometimes they'll have a job lined up right when they get out," she said.

Bradley also has sponsored legislation that would expand legal protections for animals, allowing the court to have the discretion to appoint an advocate in cases of animal abuse.

"Animal cruelty is a sign of deeper issues," she said. "It's the greatest telltale sign of abuse toward other people. This actually advances public safety as well."

When he's not at home in Palatka, Rep. Bobby Payne lives in a house he rents in Tallahassee with "housemates" in more ways than one. Payne shares the home with Reps. Tom Leek and Chuck Clemons, current Speaker pro tempore.

"Yes, the joke is that they're my 'housemates,' so I usually just say 'the house we lease together,'" Payne said while driving to Tampa for a Clean Water Conference.

It's a house that current Speaker Rep. Paul Renner also used to crash at, although he just moved out.

"We're as tight as you can get. We want to improve Florida to the nth degree. We're teammates. Sam Garrison used to say to me, 'You're the quarterback, and I'll block for you,'" said Payne.

There's a sense of college dorm camaraderie at the Tallahassee house, but it's not a vacation home. Payne, the Infrastructure Strategies Committee chairman, is there for business. His efforts in the House focus on improving Florida's three facets: natural resources, natural waterways and transportation.

"They're all connected," said Payne. "We're working to find commonality for the growth of Florida."

One example of legislation that ticks all three boxes simultaneously was the 2020 Clean Waterways Act, which Payne co-sponsored and spearheaded in the House. The bill was authored to address algae

blooms, often toxic, that plagued the coastlines of Florida's waterways. It passed unanimously in the Florida legislature.

Payne is preparing for the Regular Session to start again on Jan. 9. The state transportation budget is increasing from \$12 billion to \$16 billion, and he is brainstorming ways to decrease congestion. A bus fleet and high-speed rail are some methods that are not off the table.

"A thousand Americans move to Florida every day. One person using public transportation means one less person off the roads," he said.

Payne is scheduled to be term-limited in 2024, concluding an era of eight years representing his hometown and sponsoring bills increasing environmental protections in the state legislature.

Just across from Bradley's district office is the district office of Rep. Sam Garrison. The self-described "legislative line-man" is slated to become the next Speaker of the Florida House, contingent upon Republicans retaining a majority in 2024.

"It would be such an honor. First, I need to be reelected and continue caring for things at home. But I'm proud of what this means for our community," he said. "When doors open, I walk through and never allow myself to be outworked."

Garrison currently serves as Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman, where he oversees allocating health-care's budget of \$49 billion – nearly half of Florida's total budget of \$115 billion.

"The only constitutional requirement of a state representative is implementing a balanced budget. That's the bare minimum," he said.

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Florida retailers expect boost in Christmas spending

By Peter Schorsch
For FloridaPolitics.com

There is bad news for anyone annoyed when Christmas decorations start gracing the halls of retail establishments before kids have even said “trick or treat”: Nearly half of the consumers said they have started their holiday shopping before Nov. 1.

The survey by the National Retail Federation found that was the case among 43% of respondents.

“It’s clear that shoppers are already in the holiday spirit and in search of the perfect gift,” Florida Retail Federation President and CEO Scott Shalley said.

“Florida retailers are here to help. Your local retail stores are the best place to shop this holiday season with great products, excellent customer service, and holiday deals. When you choose to ‘Find It In Florida,’ you’re supporting local jobs and businesses this merry season.”

Most consumers who planned to start shopping early (60%) said they wanted to spread out their budget for the season. Another 46% of those early shoppers said they hoped to avoid the stress of last-minute shopping, while 45% said they wanted to avoid crowds.

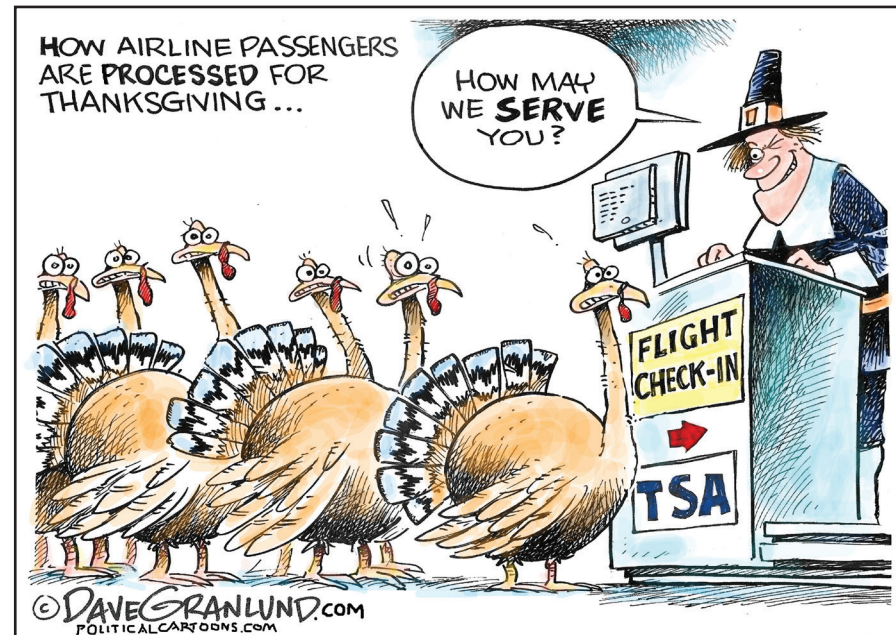
Despite the high number of consumers planning to get a jump on holiday shopping, most consumers (62%) said they don’t expect to finish shopping until December.

Spending habits are expected to be up this holiday season, with survey respondents indicating plans to spend \$875 on average on gifts, decorations, food and other seasonal items this year. That’s up \$42 from last year. Respondents indicated that most planned spending (\$620) will be spent on gifts, while consumers have \$255 budgeted for other seasonal items such as decorations, candy or food.

And as consumers are building out

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OPINIONS



It’s easy to find reasons to be thankful

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

If you grew up in the South, you looked forward to Thanksgiving Day. Not only was there football and food, but it was the day you got to read Furman Bisher’s annual “I’m thankful ...” column.

His first one appeared in 1955, and he continued the tradition for 57 years. His words were so simple and heartfelt that the Atlanta Journal-Constitution still reprints his classic columns every year.

I’m no Furman Bisher. Nobody is or ever will be. But in the spirit of the holiday – and to pay tribute to one of the great sportswriters and columnists of all time – I want to share some of my blessings.

I’m thankful when the cellphone rings on Sunday and it’s my grandson. He’s 10 and lives in Albuquerque. I am always inspired to hear the joy and energy in his voice.

I’m thankful for the sound and smell of rain, especially when I’m inside.

I’m thankful I’ve never been paired in a golf cart with a cigar smoker.

I’m thankful when someone buys me a beer.

I’m thankful to watch holiday parades, marching bands and fireworks.

I’m thankful when the pharmacist tells me it will take 20 minutes to fill a prescription, and it only takes five.



Don Coble

I’m thankful when someone uses their turn signal.

I’m thankful I had friends who wanted to talk face-to-face, not send text messages.

I’m thankful I’m still able and willing to cut, weed-wack and edge my grass.

I’m thankful every time “oldies” classics – “Free Bird,” “Fire and Rain,” “Gator Country” and “That’s the Way of the World” – are on the radio.

I’m thankful for my father, brother, son and two nephews for serving in the military. We were a better country for it.

I’m thankful for paper plates.

I’m thankful for a perfect medium-rare steak and baked potato with crispy skin, butter, sour cream and chives.

I’m thankful for my former editors like Tom Squires and Chet Fussman, who gave me a lot of latitude, encouragement and guidance in what’s become a 51-year career ... and counting.

I’m thankful when someone gives you a little wave when you let them change lanes ahead of you.

I’m thankful for the book, “To Kill a Mockingbird.”

I’m thankful every time UCF wins its football game. I’m especially thankful I was there in 1979 for their first, a 21-0 victory at St. Leo.

I’m thankful I got to see Phil Niekro, Michael Jordan, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Larry Bird, Shaquille O’Neal, Pete Rose, Dale Murphy, Payne Stewart, Tiger Woods, Chipper Jones, Walter Payton, Johnny Bench, Greg Maddux, Tim Tebow

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Word OF THE WEEK

Word of the Week is a feature that aims to help readers boost their vocabulary in a meaningful way that has practical application. Each week, our editorial staff presents a word, its definition and its use in a sentence.

Immutable: (im-MYOO-dè-bél) an adjective that means unchanging over time or unable to be changed.

“The mission of the nonprofit has remained immutable since its founding.”

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2018

- More than 50 Orange Park Police and Clay County Sheriff’s officers surrounded an Orange Park house after receiving a falsely reported incident of a suicidal man who had killed two people in his home with an AK-47. Orange Park Police Chief Gary Goble said the false call was a “swatting” prank.

- Myron William Ernst, who robbed two Clay County banks with a stolen vehicle, was deemed a flight risk and a danger to the community. In one robbery, a passed note read: “I have a gun I will blow your brains out & everyone else in the bank \$2,500 in 100’s no dye packs no alarms no tracking devices you have 30 seconds.” Ernst would eventually plead guilty and be sentenced to 10 years in prison.

10 years ago, 2013

- State Sen. Rob Bradley and Representatives Travis Cummings and Charles Van Zant, Sr. were encouraged by Green Cove Springs Mayor Mitch Timberlake and their other constituents to expedite the construction of the First Coast Outer Beltway. Orange Park Mayor Jim Renninger told the three legislators that cities need a better definition of allowable phosphates in their wastewater system discharges.

- In Green Cove Springs, a committee of private citizens planned a city archives center on the ground floor of City Hall. The citizens encouraged historic preservation for Spring Park, the St. Johns River waterfront and the eight blocks of Walnut Street stretching westward from the river.

20 years ago, 2003

- The Clay Board of Commissioners voted to spend \$130,000 to buy two tracts of land in downtown Green Cove Springs to

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Send us a letter ...

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Opinions ...

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Thankful

from page 4

Johnny Bench, Greg Maddux, Tim Lincecum and Nancy Lopez play in person – and in their primes. I'm thankful for good Dad Jokes. (I washed the car with my son last weekend. Afterward, he asked, "Next time, Dad, can you just use a sponge?")

I'm thankful every time I hear the replay of Skip Caray's call of Game 7 of the 1992 National League Championship. With the Pittsburgh Pirates leading 2-0, Atlanta's Terry Pendleton led off with a double; David Justice reached on an error; Sid Bream walked; and Ron Gant hit a run-scoring sacrifice fly to deep left. We'll

let Skip take it from here: "A lot of room in right-center. If he (Miguel Cabrera) hits one there, we can dance in the streets. The 2-1. Swung, line drive left field! One run is in! Here comes Bream! The throw to the plate! He is ... safe! Braves win! Braves win! Braves win! Braves win! Braves win! Braves win!"

I'm thankful for Taco Tuesdays.

I'm thankful I got to attend nine Jimmy Buffett concerts. "Fins to the left ..."

I'm thankful for the salty sea breeze, the sun on my face and the sand between my toes on my favorite island, St. Maarten.

I'm thankful for the bonus fry at the bottom of a McDonald's bag.

And I will always be thankful to read Furman Bisher's "I'm thankful ..." columns every year.

History

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allow expansion of the Clay County Council on Aging's headquarters at 604 Walnut St.

- The Oscar-winning film "Master & Commander" starring Russell Crowe and the Dr. Seuss film "The Cat in the Hat" debuted at the Clay Theatre in Green Cove Springs.

30 years ago, 1993

- Clay County Schools officials announced that a planned new elementary school north of Middleburg off Old Jennings Road would be named after the former School Superintendent Jesse Tynes, who served from 1965 to 1985 when the district grew from 5,000 to 20,000 students.

Florida

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their shopping lists for the season, it might be helpful to know this year's gift trends. Gift cards are the top-requested item of the season, with 55% of respondents indicating that it was at the top of their wish list. Clothing and accessories followed at 49%. Books, video games or other media are also a top wish list item this year, at 28%. Among the top five are personal care or beauty items at 25% and experiential gifts at 23%.

Not surprisingly, home improvement items are toward the bottom of the list — husbands beware.

Consumers favor online shopping, with 58% of survey respondents saying they will turn to e-commerce this holiday season.

Other popular shopping destinations include department stores (49%), discount stores (48%), grocery stores (44%), clothing stores (32%), small businesses (24%), and electronics stores (20%). Craft, outlet and thrift stores all came in at less than 20% among survey respondents.

The Florida Retail Federation is promoting its "Find it in Florida" program, a grassroots campaign encouraging consumers to shop locally.

- Lil' Champ Food Stores were boycotted and picketed by a Christian group claiming the convenience store chain was the largest retailer of pornography in Florida.

40 years ago, 1983

- The Clay County School Board voted to allow county voters to determine whether a \$25 million bond issue should go forward. School Superintendent Jesse Tynes said the money was needed to repair current schools and build future schools that would be needed with growth.

- Officials with Humana Hospital in Orange Park teamed up with Ray Boylan, meteorologist for Channel 12 in Jacksonville, to kick off "The Great American Smokeout," a national anti-smoking campaign.

The Florida Retail Federation notes that when consumers shop locally, they support local businesses and jobs. Florida retailers account for 1 out of every five jobs in the state, generating \$104 billion in annual economic impact, including more than \$69 billion in wages each year. Additionally, Florida retailers collect and remit more than \$20 billion in sales taxes to support public schools, roads and infrastructure.

More information about the campaign and ways to share on social media can be found online.

The Florida Retail Federation is the statewide trade association representing retailers, who support 3.6 million jobs in the state. Likewise, the National Retail Federation represents retailers nationally, educating consumers on the powerful impact of retail on local and global communities.

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Fleming Island's Kamradt:

Donating 100 gallons of blood 'was my duty as a Marine'

By Russ Kamradt
For Clay Today

I started donating whole blood in Marine Corps boot camp when I was 17 years old. One day, my [drill instructor] asked, "All those that want to donate blood, take one step forward." Fearing needles since my childhood, I remained still for a few moments until the DI was yelling in my face. He was so loud that I thought my ear drums were going to burst. That is when I opened my eyes to see that I was the only one standing there. He repeated that message, "I said ALL those that want to donate blood take one step forward."

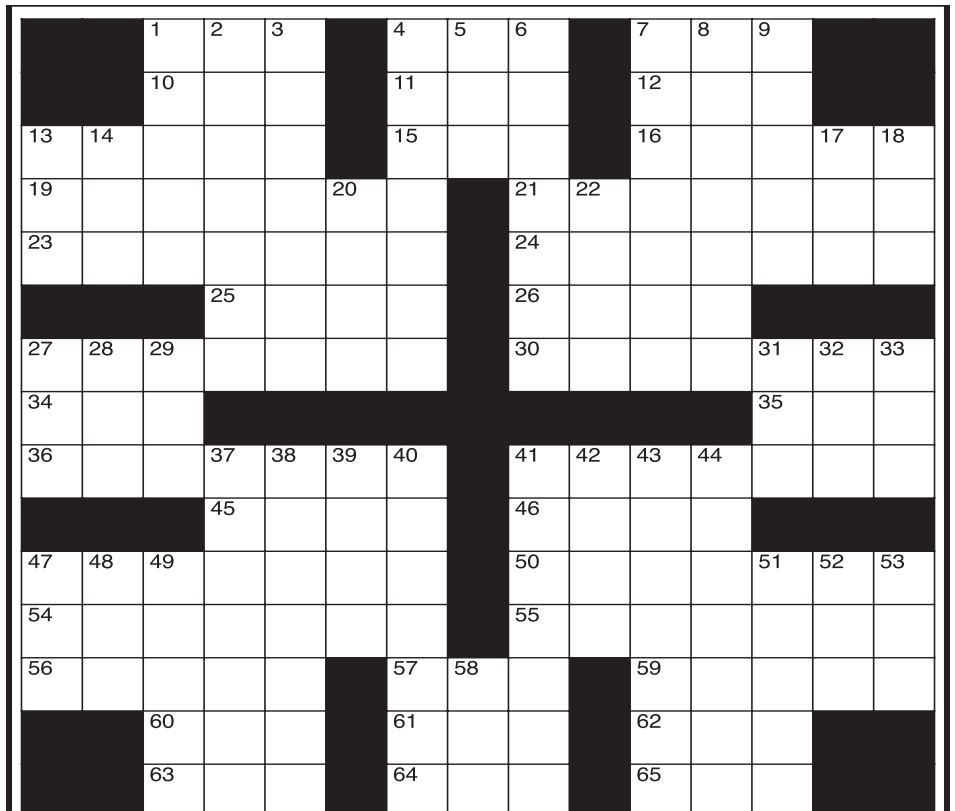
I leaped forward.

After that, I continued donating, not thinking how my donation could possi-

bly save a life. I just felt it was my duty as a Marine. After my four years of active duty, I did not have blood donation on my radar until I met my wife. We were at church when I was asked to stand if I was willing to donate blood after services. I looked at my wife and did not want her to think that her Marine was afraid to donate, so I stood up and found myself donating often again. After several years, I was asked if I would sign up to be a bone marrow donor. I was told that the odds that I would be a match were exceedingly rare.

To my surprise, a few years later, I was notified that I was a match. I was assigned a special ID number for my platelet donation to go directly to that person. At that

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CLUES ACROSS

- Mimic
- Payroll firm
- Perform in a play
- Opine: ___ philosophical
- Crony
- Political action committee
- 1991 Wimbledon winner
- Affirmative
- Exclamation of disgust
- Action of connecting
- A way to calm
- Especially fine or decorative clothing
- Walked proudly
- Group of people related through male heir
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Soft touch
- Erases
- Spanish river
- A princess can detect it
- Clouds of gas
- A way to get through
- Part of a book
- Southwestern US state
- Fields where rice is grown
- Area in Ghana

CLUES DOWN

- Inspiring
- Put into a box
- Breathes out
- Pacify
- Patriotic society for women
- Fell down
- Clothing
- Dishwasher detergent brand
- Former French republic
- Single lens reflex
- Men's fashion accessory
- Consumed
- Marry
- ___ up: intensifies

- Body of water
- People of southern Benin
- Decorate a cake with frosting
- Snag
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Records brain activity (abbr.)
- Car mechanics group
- Brought up to snuff
- ___ faire: Economic approach
- Phil ___ former CIA
- Affixed
- Period of adolescence
- Substance
- Danced
- Baked without its shell
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Satisfaction
- Balkans river
- Christmas carols
- Partner to tonic
- The Godfather character Johnny
- Swiss river

Altruism as an investment

By Jack Randall
News Editor

Mom and I were walking around Seattle on a rare sunny morning. We just hopped off the ferry and pursued through Pike Place Fish Market. I had \$10 in my pocket from chores around the house and absolutely no intention of spending it on any stinky fish. I was 7 or 8, so the bill was earmarked for candy, Pokémon cards or a toy I'd get bored with after a day.

Instead, I crumbled it up, dropped it in a homeless man's open guitar case and ran off.



Jack Randall

On the ferry ride home, Mom asked why I got nothing. I lied and said I lost it, and I never told a soul (all until now, obviously).

I was in for a lecture definitely, but I was committed to the bit. It was the first time I donated my money, not merely handing off a bill handed to me like some middleman when the offering bin was passed around during mass. I was modest, sure, but there is an intrinsic joy in donating and knowing that your actions have brightened the day for another person.

It feels good to give. It's what makes the

holiday season so special.

If people want to give anonymously, great. If people want to give and bring attention toward a good cause, even better. But I find it icky when people only donate to prop up their own self-image.

This is why I was captivated by the trial of Sam Bankman-Fried, a cryptocurrency mogul charged with money laundering, wire fraud, securities fraud and conspiracy to commit fraud. He also had an impressive philanthropic record.

"I'm in on crypto because I want to make the biggest global impact for good," Bankman-Fried said in an FTX ad in The New Yorker.

Indeed, Bankman-Fried has been painted as an "effective altruist," characterized as a dogmatic "utilitarian." The radical Robin Hood only earned to donate and donated by whatever means necessary.

Michael Lewis – acclaimed author of "The Big Short" and "Moneyball" – agreed in his latest book, "Going Infinite," which he wrote as a "letter to the jury" that he allegedly signed in an empty room of the courthouse where Bankman-Fried's trial took place. Bankman-Fried was painted as a misunderstood genius whose heart was too big for his chest.

Earlier this month, Bankman-Fried was convicted on all seven counts.

What I found so icky was how, in nearly every interview, Bankman-Fried guided



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the conversation to his philanthropic philosophy. He did the same when he took the stand during the trial. It was revealed in the trial that millions of dollars of donations were siphoned off from unsuspecting customers and investors. The prosecution proved his moral stance, if noble on paper, was egregiously disingenuous. The jury must have felt icky, too.

He allegedly remarked that political donations have the largest return out of all investments in the United States.

Bankman-Fried is only the most prevalent, recent example of weaponizing altruism. Pablo Escobar was once a beloved benefactor in Colombia. Bernie Madoff, the architect of the largest known Ponzi scheme, was a prominent philanthropist, serving as a board member of multiple nonprofit charities.

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Blood

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time, the procedure took more than two hours with needles in both arms. I could not move during that time. Even if my face itched, someone else had to scratch it for me. Once, I asked at the donors office what was next. They checked the patient's condition and told me that she still needed my platelets. Later I would have to go through additional testing. The clerk slipped by, saying she, as I am not supposed to know any facts about who that person is. Knowing it was a female, I often thought it could be someone's wife or young daughter like ours. That helped me continue as frequently as possible. I went so often that I had memorized that ID number.

Over the years, I had my downtime donating, mostly because of four major surgeries, including the removal of one of my kidneys and later the time for recovery from cancer. In addition, my deployments with the Red Cross on over 20 disasters and two international deployments for three months each interfered with my donating schedules. To God be the Glory, as He kept me healthy and able to donate platelets nearly twice a month for years.

Once, I had a special experience while donating platelets. A woman came into our center with her young son. He was handing out something to the platelet donors. I did not hear the little boy's words as he handed me a burnt cookie. His mother told me that



PHOTO BY ONEBLOOD

Russ Kamradt is joined by two Jacksonville Jaguars cheerleaders and his wife, Kathy, as he donates his 100th gallon of blood. Kamradt was honored during last week's ceremony at the TEALgate Blood Drive at EverBank Stadium.

her son wanted to thank all the platelet donors for saving his life. He was in remission from Leukemia and made the cookies himself. She added she was sorry that some came out burnt. I thanked him and told him I loved burnt cookies and that it was the best cookie I ever ate. He then hugged me, and "sweat" came from my eyes.

Reaching 100 gallons is an honor, and I am grateful to Jesus for giving me the pas-

sion to help others most of my life. Ask any donor, and most will tell you it is not about the amount of donations but about trying to help someone live longer.

Donating many times or just the first time could be the time you saved a life. I am grateful to the Lord for helping me stay healthy enough to serve others, and I hope the attention I have shared will encourage others to donate.

If you are unable to donate blood, you can still make a difference in someone's life. There are many organizations where you could donate your time. If this is your first time looking to volunteer, I suggest starting with your church, and to your surprise, the difference could be with you. If you need help, you can always find me on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Community Church, 6865 Pine Ave. on Fleming Island.



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Family

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nervous to speak in front of the court.

“Do you want to talk to the judge?” asked Anastasia Hunt.

Reyna Mosley nodded her head yes.

“Make sure you say, ‘Yes, ma’am.’ You’re not going to freeze up (testifying) again, are you?”

Reyna shook her head no.

Anastasia Hunt and Arnold Mosley, with their soon-to-be daughter and son, Reyna and Tristan, took the stand before Judge Angela Cox. After a successful final home evaluation and recommendation, the married couple from Keystone Heights was overjoyed to have reached the finish line in an adoption process that lasted four years.

When asked, “Have you fostered a parent-child relationship? Do you care for their emotional needs?” Hunt responded to both, “Absolutely.”

When asked, “Do you want to adopt these children?” Hunt responded, “More than anything in the world.”

When Reyna and Tristan were asked how they felt about the adoption, “excited” and “good” were what they stated to the judge.

The pound of the gavel officially christened the Mosley family. Cox welcomed the new family to take pictures. Reyna and Tristan were invited to take home a book and a stuffed animal. The two children smiled, not just because Christmas came early but because they’d be going home with their new mom and dad.

For Thanksgiving, the Mosley family plans to prepare smoked turkey and ham. Every year, they make extras for their friends and family and donations for their community. For the Mosleys, giving back is what makes Thanksgiving so special.

Next came the Sweeting family. With his soon-to-be son, Donovan, Clint Sweeting took the stand in the courthouse.

“(With Donovan), I am 10 times the man I was. I have learned to be more loving and caring. With family, anything is possible. Love conquers all. Family is such a staple in my life. I will be thanking them for adding so much love to my life,” said Sweeting.

Sweeting received an exemplary home evaluation. The evaluation commended how much Donovan flourished under Sweeting’s care.

Cox addressed Sweeting before pounding the gavel.

“You made it clear from the beginning how much you wanted Donovan and (I remember) telling you we’d give you a fair opportunity. It is so nice that everything has come full circle. You are his father. He is your son,” she said.

Cox herself handpicked Donovan’s book because she knew he liked cars.

Sweeting is overjoyed at what this first official Thanksgiving means for his family. He’s waited a year to bring his family home officially for the first time. There will be Turkey, cranberry sauce and other dishes on the table. For Sweeting, family is what makes Thanksgiving so special. He is excited to share his Thanksgiving traditions with his newest member.

“Donovan is full of love. (I’ll always remember) when he called me ‘Daddy Rasta’ for the first time,” Sweeting said.

Since the Florida Department of Children and Families was privatized, Kids First of Florida has been the contracted community-based care agency tasked to provide child welfare and foster care services to the residents of Clay County. Since 2003, KFF has worked with families whose children are either at risk for abuse or neglect or who have already been victims of abuse or neglect. The nonprofit organization is responsible for finding and funding placements for every child in foster care, including specialized treatment programs.

Adoption Sponsor Joan Underwood has been involved with KFF for years. She had



Cox and the Sweeting family – Clint (behind), Donovan (front), Kalina (right) – pose with a ceremonial gavel in the courtroom. Both will be spending Thanksgiving at their new home.

her start working through a Duval County agency with an outreach program in Clay County, where she fell in love with the county and the kids. Her passion is finding happy families for children.

“The adoption process often leads to a lot of conflicting emotions. Even after instances of abuse and neglect, many kids still feel loyalty to their past families. For

many, it’s hard to let go, even after (protection services) have terminated the rights of their original, abusive (households),” Underwood said.

The only tears shed were those of joy. Children walked away from the courthouse, holding a stuffed animal in one hand and a new parent in the other.

Plan

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Garrison is committed to getting the most “bang” for the billions of “bucks.” He sponsored legislation that expanded resources for biomedical centers researching cancer treatments. He is opposed to expanding Medicaid across the state and the resulting costs that would occur. However, he supports the Florida KidCare Programs – Medicaid, MediKids, Florida Healthy Kids and the Children’s Medical Services Health Plan – which provide health and dental insurance for children up to 18.

“My No. 1 priority is mental health,” he said. “Since I first ran for office in 2020, everyone has been touched by an acute crisis: anxiety, depression and suicide. We need to figure out why. Then, we need to appropriate resources to fix these issues

in a post-COVID world. This is the biggest challenge of our generation.”

Garrison believes the mental health crisis is at the root of many issues that plague the state.

“Substance abuse, addiction and mental health are linked,” he said, referring to the opioid epidemic.

Garrison admires current Speaker Paul Renner as his mentor. He is grateful for his relationships with Payne, Bradley and Sheriff Michelle Cook. Cooperation is what makes the county special, he said.

“Clay County has developed a reputation in Tallahassee where the leadership can be trusted and depended on,” he said, mentioning the speakership of John Thrasher as an influence. “We’ll have a big voice. It’ll be an important role that touches on all aspects of Florida.

“Everyone is going to know Clay County. I won’t let them forget it.”

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Deadline for property tax exemptions is March 1

ORANGE PARK – Clay County Property Appraiser, Tracy Scott Drake, announces to the citizens of Clay County that the statutory deadline to apply for property tax exemptions is Friday, March 1, 2024.



Tracy Drake

Homestead exemption applicants must have legal or equitable title to the property as of January 1, 2024. Applicants must also provide at least two documents to establish proof of permanent residency (i.e., updated driver's license or identification card, voter registration card, vehicle registration, utility bill, etc.); and the social security number of all applicants (including spouses) is required. Applicants who are not U.S. citizens must provide a copy of their permanent resident (green) card. Applicants without permanent residence status should contact our office for eligibility details. Manufactured (mobile) home owners should also bring the title(s) or registration(s) to the home.

Applications may be filed at our main office in Green Cove Springs (located on the

2nd floor of the Administration Building), at our Orange Park branch office located at 1518 Park Avenue (Park Central Plaza), or at the Tax Collector's branch office located at 7380 State Road 100, Keystone Heights (visit our website for a detailed schedule), or by email to exemptiononline@ccpao.com. Before emailing an application, contact the office for the list of supporting documentation required to complete the application, as incomplete applications will be subject to denial. Appointments are not required or necessary. Once the initial application has been filed, granted exemptions will display on the office's website (property search function). Additionally, granted homestead exemptions will be automatically renewed each January and a renewal notice will be mailed. It is the property owners' responsibility to notify the Property Appraiser if eligibility for exemptions has changed.

Florida law provides for a number of ad valorem property tax exemptions, agricultural classifications and assessment reductions which will reduce the taxable value of property. The property owner must qualify as of January 1 of the current assessment year. For more information, please visit www.ccpao.com, or contact our office at (904) 269-6305, ext. 1 to speak with an Exemptions Specialist.



SJR State College earns Best for Vets distinction

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – St. Johns River State College earned a 2023 Best for Vets: Colleges ranking by Military Times, the largest and most comprehensive annual ranking of schools for military service members and veterans. SJR State was among the 325 colleges nationwide on the list.

According to SJR State President Joe Pickens, SJR State is committed to connecting military service members,

veterans and their families with the necessary services and resources to reach their personal and academic goals.

“At SJR State, we understand the unique challenges veterans face when returning to civilian life and the importance of investing in their future,” Pickens said. “We recognize their service and strive daily to match that level of commitment as they transition into higher education and develop their strengths and skills into a new career path.”

Every year, Military Times publishes a ranking of the best schools for veterans. The rankings are created by surveying schools about their veteran programs. Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges are the largest and most comprehensive rankings of schools for military service members and veterans.

The survey results are then analyzed, along with public data about colleges and universities obtained from the Department of Education and Department of Veterans Affairs, and turned into an official ranking. Schools were asked to complete the survey earlier this year, and the responses were then analyzed by the Military Times data team, producing the highly anticipated, respected and unbiased annual ranking.



Office of the Clay County Property Appraiser Tracy Scott Drake, CFA, CAE, ASA, RES, AAS

2024 TAX YEAR

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Florida law provides for a number of ad valorem property tax exemptions, classifications and assessment reductions. Property owners must qualify as of **January 1, 2024** and file a 2024 tax year application by the statutory deadline of **March 1, 2024**. For more information, contact the Property Appraiser's Office at (904) 269-6305 ext. 1 or visit www.ccpao.com. Applications may be filed at the following locations:

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Clay County Administration Building, 2nd Floor
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Satellite Office: Orange Park
Park Central Plaza (Inside the Clay County Tax Collector's Office)
1518 Park Avenue

Year-Round
Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. 8 AM - 5 PM
Wed. 9 AM - 5 PM

Temporary Satellite Location: Keystone Heights
Keystone Village Square (Inside the Clay County Tax Collector's Office)
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(If a holiday falls on a scheduled Tuesday, we will be available the following Tuesday.)

Tuesdays: December 5, 12, 19,
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6
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First Tuesday of the Month:
March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4,
July 2, Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (closed 1 PM - 2 PM)

Operation Barnabas making a difference by providing hope, homes

Community of tiny houses to get veterans off the street, back on track

By Don Coble
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MIDDLEBURG – There is a lot on Old Jennings Road that looks rough on its surface. Under construction, the land is susceptible to flooding and adorned with mounds of debris. But for veteran Keith Mitchell, the land is one of opportunity. For him, it's an oasis.

Appreciating the land's true beauty requires vision, faith and hope. These virtues got the veteran off the street and ultimately saved his life.

The recent ribbon-cutting for Fort Barnabas is the beginning of an ambitious project to provide housing for former soldiers who've fallen into financial hardship.

The plan includes clearing and leveling the property, followed by installing eight

tiny houses and as many as 10 small single-family homes for at-risk veterans.

The first tiny house was donated by "a beautiful family," according to Operation Barnabas. It still needs county approval and some plumbing and electric work before it can be called a home.

"We're going to take the first veteran off the street and put him in that house," Mitchell said. "It's ready to go. We're going to start getting people in here around the first of the year."

According to its website, Operation Barnabas is a Clay County nonprofit that is committed to providing hope, encouragement and mentorship to at-risk veterans and first responders through outreach and resources in a swift and timely manner.



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE, OPERATION BARNABAS

Keith Mitchell lives on the lot where Operation Barnabas will build Fort Barnabas, a conclave of tiny, single-family houses to help homeless veterans rebuild their lives. Mitchell said Operation Barnabas saved his life and will forever be committed to the organization's cause.

By providing sanctuary, meeting physical needs and linking resources, the nonprofit aims to ignite a positive transformation in those striving to find purpose and meaning.

Fort Barnabas will put a roof over their heads while they find the training and life skills to succeed independently.

"We have a place where they can be at peace," said Operation Barnabas Lead Officer Tyler Summers. "That's our vision – having a sanctuary place in Clay County to serve veterans and first responders that's never been done before. We are going to

SEE HOMES, 11



Operation Barnabas Lead Officer Tyler Summers and Impact Clay CEO Connie Thomas joined a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Old Jennings Road where Fort Barnabas will become a "sanctuary for veterans and first responders," Summers said.



The first of eight tiny houses at Fort Barnabas needs plumbing and electrical work before the first homeless veterans can move in.

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Grace Episcopal edges St. Johns Country Day in food drive challenge

Real winners were Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs, hungry residents

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – Collecting canned goods and donating them to the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs is a beloved tradition of Grace Episcopal Day School during the Thanksgiving holiday season.

The 35-year-old tradition added a fun, new twist this year with a friendly competition against St. Johns Country Day School to see who could donate the most food.

The event culminated on Friday, Nov. 17, with a church ceremony celebrating the donation of food. Grace won the challenge after collecting 1,872 pounds, while St. Johns finished with 1,690. While it was an 182-pound difference, everyone was a winner because the food would help eliminate hunger.

Grace gave out 517 more pounds than they did a year ago. Coupled with the reinforcements from St. Johns, the two schools combined for a whopping total of 3,562 pounds of food donations. The contributions of Grace, St. Johns and other local organizations will help feed the hungry.

"The donations were amazing, and Grace Episcopal really exceeded our expectations. Their donations (and the help



Grace Episcopal Head of School Angela Bast, left, and Jim Brewer, a volunteer with the Food Pantry, were proud of the 1,872 pounds of the school collected to help feed the hungry.

of St. Johns and others) really provide the food we need to be able to serve Clay County," said Jim Brewer, a volunteer with the Food Pantry.

The organization has fed 3,900 children, 2,000 families and 400 homeless this year. "This gives us the ability to feed (even more) people," he said.

During the ceremony, the food was displayed at the altar. Children sang classic Thanksgiving tunes and played instruments, and students, parents and guests heard from Head of School Angela Bast and Rev. Canon Aaron Smith.

"It's awesome to have that dedication,



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A celebration service ceremony was a spectacle for the community, with the school's students singing Thanksgiving tunes and playing instruments.

especially during this time of year. There's nothing harder than not having food on the shelves for people when they come to (the Food Pantry). This (ensures) that doesn't happen," Brewer said. "We're just excited to support and (give) service. We're excited to help the community in any way possible," Bast said.

"St. Johns Country Day School has a longstanding tradition of community service and has been participating in (the season food drive) since 1989," said Lower School Student Council Advisor Jennifer Keller. "We are honored to be able to help the Food Pantry and our community in this way, and the competition with Grace Episcopal is a fun new twist."



Homes

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on the map with this."

The organization used to get 10 hotel rooms a night in Orange Park, but a change in management forced Summers to find a different solution. Fort Barnabas will soon be a temporary home to some of society's most vulnerable and deserving members.

"Since we started this in 2017, we've taken 160 people off the street," Summers said. "We're getting permitting done. We're getting things rolling.

"People who've served this country should never live on the streets, or under a bridge or in the woods. We address homelessness, suicide and hopelessness. We don't want to put a bandaid over a gash. None of this is possible without God. We're here to navigate through his purpose."

Fort Barnabas will allow veterans to rebuild their credit scores, replenish their bank accounts and rebuild skills and purpose without worrying about a place to sleep. It's designed to be a stepping stone toward a positive outcome.

"We want our veterans to give back," Summers said.

Mitchell said he was homeless near Tampa when he was arrested for criminal mischief. When he was released, a woman deputy noticed he was despondent. She told him of programs that focused on assisting veterans.

"That night, I was back in Green Cove Springs," he said. "I found people to lean on. I haven't been in trouble since 2006. I've seen a lot of good coming from faith-based programs."

Mitchell lives on the property in a mobile home. He knows he eventually will have to move because the mobile home will be removed for a permanent structure. Until then, he said his employer, Black Pearl Plumbing of Middleburg, has offered to provide plumbing materials, while he said he would do the work for free.

"It's all about lifting your brother up," Mitchell said. "When you do that, you lift yourself up."

Operation Barnabas Lead Officer Tyler Summers envisions a community of tiny houses like this to provide homeless veterans temporary housing while they put their lives back in order. The first tiny house is already on site on Old Jennings Road.



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Orange Park Florist and Gifts rejoice about colorful mural

Project completed after two years of planning

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – Thanks to the creative hands of two dedicated and talented local artists, Sophie Destine and Kathy Plante, the Orange Park Florist and Gifts shop has a colorful new look.

At the shop's back entrance is a towering masterpiece of a mural that stretches over the shop's back door. The work features sunflowers, a monarch butterfly and an array of purple, red, orange and light blue flowers against a dark blue background, similar to the mural on the town water tank in 2021.

Facilitated by the Town Art Guild, the project highlights the exciting future for the arts.

Owner Carol Berg said in the past, the florist shop has tried to create other welcoming "arrangements" at her entrance, where 70% of her customers walk in.

"We've tried using plants and other elements to welcome people, but a mural is a bigger statement, and most people love it," she said.

The project is the culmination of an exhausting two-year journey for Berg, who has faced several hurdles.

"I had one person lined up to do it two years ago, and they dropped out. Then, we had another (individual) lined up, and they



STAFF PHOTO BY LEESA TILLMAN
Volunteers worked on the project at Orange Park Florist and Gifts for four days.

(canceled), too," Berg said.

The reasons were numerous. The first



The mural serves the betterment of public art. Longtime shop owner Carol Berg and her employees have been planning for the mural for more than two years.



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

The beautiful array of nature, featuring sunflowers, a monarch butterfly and a combination of red, orange and light blue flowers against a dark blue background, towers over the back entrance of Orange Park Florist and Gifts.

artists left for college. The timing wasn't right for the second person. Weather also created further delays.

The mural is finally complete, all thanks to the art guild.

"Finally, it was perfect, and (Destine and Plante) from the Art Guild of Orange Park stepped up and did a wonderful job," she said.

Work on the project broke ground on Nov. 6 and was completed four days later. Plante used traditional paintbrushes, abandoning any use of spray paint or commercial paint cans. The dynamic duo even mixed their paint, creating a unique color palette.

Destine and Plante met challenges like working through warm temperatures, putting together and taking down scaffolding and staying careful while working high up in the air. The project was also redesigned to go around the awning for cost purposes.

"It was just a fun and interesting (challenge) considering how hot it was in November. But we worked like a well-oiled team. We play to each other's strengths," Plante said.


There were obstacles along the way,

but Berg gave the artists few restrictions regarding creativity. Both artists are excited about the mural's completion and what it could mean for the future of local art.

"This is one more thing that is beautiful to the town and a nice attraction for people coming through the area. This is something that people are going to be talking about for a long time," Destine said. "It's just exciting for both of us to have this painting on the wall. It's gratifying that (Orange Park Florist) chose to support local artists and public art. It beautifies the town," Plante said.

Destine and Plante are members of the art guild. They have considerable experience and have worked together on multiple projects.

Destine earned her bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Georgia and previously owned an art business in Ponte Vedra Beach, where her work captured exotic gardens, foliage and wildlife aesthetics. She designed the St. Micheal's memorial mural in Green Cove Springs and helped work on the 40-foot natural mural wall with a 52-item scavenger hunt across the street and several other projects.

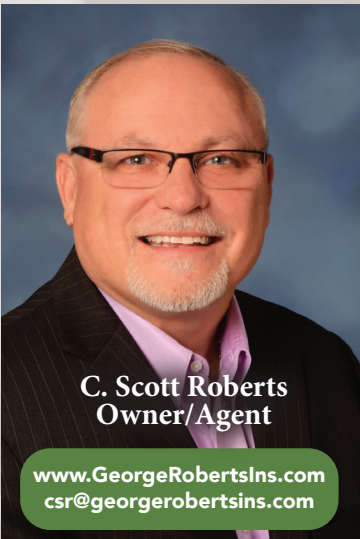


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Phyllis Renninger earns Distinguished Fellow Award

Honor given for more than 25 years of writing grants

By Lee Wardlaw
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ORANGE PARK – Phyllis Renninger, an influential figure in grant writing and education, was recently awarded the 2023 Distinguished Fellow Award at the Grant Professionals Association Summit earlier this month.

Ironically, the organization that honored Renninger was one she and six others founded in 1998.

Only eight people attended the first annual conference during that year. Now, 25 years later, the organization boasts 4,500 members in the United States and 250 members from across the globe, and 850 of those were at the conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

A relentless pursuit of excellence has marked Renninger's illustrious career. She not only has created an indelible mark on Clay County, but she has also transformed the landscape of grant professionals.

She began her career as an elementary school teacher and administrator

with humble beginnings. Her transition to Coordinator of Grant Development at the County Schools District got her and thousands of others into the GPA and other organizations.

But as time has passed, with 25 years of experience writing grants, Renninger has secured more than \$100 million in monies for several organizations, with a focus on public schools of all levels and government agencies.

They were faced with navigating the waters of grant writing, with questions like how a grant writer can be hired and whether they were qualified.

"There were no professional training or standards for grant writers at the time, and people were very confused. It was a challenging landscape. There were a lot of misconceptions about grant writing," she said.

Cleaning the house was the top priority. "One of the first things we did was develop a code of ethics because that was not a (certification) standard," Renninger said.

As part of her doctorate dissertation, she researched the requirements and certification standards for a professional certification called the Grant Professionals



Certification and created the Grant Professional Certifications Institute.

Locally, her influence helped create a network of grant writers, ensuring that nonprofits and organizations receive quality services.

"We have a network of people who know each other. I get calls about a nonprofit looking for a grant writer, and because we have a strong network, I can refer to someone that can truly help them," she said.

Through comprehensive knowledge, Renninger and her husband, County Commissioner Jim Renninger, have created

changes in the county government. Together, they helped prompt the startup of the county's Grant Development Department.

"As money gets together, funding agencies look around and go, 'How can we decide?' So, they'll put out a grant competition. They're going to give the little money that has to those that can prove the most need," she said.

Renninger's journey from kindergarten teacher to Distinguished Fellow and grant pioneer is a testament to passion, hard work and the transformative impact she had on grant writing and education.

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A team meeting between county staff, the sheriff's office, fire rescue, emergency management and the Green Cove Springs and Orange Park police departments addressed the challenges of finding enough first responders to keep the community protected during the busiest day of special events in Clay County history. A planning board mapped out the number of deputies and police officers needed at every event and created a command post and the person in charge for each.

Events

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fire rescue, emergency management and the Green Cove Springs and Orange Park police departments, will be stretched thin.

Last week, Cook organized 35 other first responders to set a strategy for each event. She called the demand for law enforcement and fire rescue that day “a heavy lift.”

“The goal is to go through the manpower lift,” she said. “That’s why we’re going to start messaging it now. I got a sense pretty early on that there were very few people who holistically knew all that was happening very early on. It is going to be a very busy day. This is a lot for this county in one day.”

The biggest focus will be on the parade in Oakleaf. It’s the first year for the event, so the sheriff and fire rescue offices don’t know what to expect.

“This one scares me,” CCSSO Lt. Mike Lane said.

CCSSO is aware of issues with a Halloween party at the Oakleaf Plantation clubhouse. The private event quickly escalated into a traffic nightmare after uninvited guests blocked driveways and roads.

Lane created a strategy for each event, including identifying a commander, a radio channel and a command center. The day is supposed to be so demanding the Emergency Operations Center will be activated in the same manner as a natural disaster or imminent threat.

One of the greatest concerns at Oakleaf is parking. The parade will start at the Oakleaf Baptist Church, proceed north to Plantation Oaks Boulevard, and end at Oakleaf High. The route includes several private developments.

“We are closing two major thoroughfares and the north end of our county for an extended amount of time,” Lane said. “We’re actually cutting off a few neighborhoods while the parade’s going on.”

The sheriff’s office said it hopes Oakleaf Village Elementary, Oakleaf Junior High and Oakleaf Athletic Association will be available for parking. Lane said people shouldn’t park in residential areas since

that will restrict traffic and block driveways.

Oakleaf Plantation Parkway will be shut down to all traffic until the final float turns onto Plantation Oaks Boulevard. Oakleaf Plantation will reopen, and Plantation Oaks will be closed when the parade approaches.

And more than 3,400 people have responded on the Oakleaf Community Events page on Facebook about the parade.

In addition to the 48 deputies on regular patrol, Lane said CCSSO will have 66 deputies and police officers from other jurisdictions working the special event, including 19 at Oakleaf.

Lane said the Oakleaf parade must follow special guidelines. Everybody in the parade must be in a car or on a float.

“We cannot have anybody walking in this parade,” he said. “That way, we don’t have to wait three hours for the marking band to come through.”

Paraders will start organizing at the church at about 5 p.m., and the event will start an hour later. Organizers plan to host food trucks and vendors during and after the parade.

Besides Oakleaf, Dec. 9 will include returning, beloved parades in Keystone Heights, Middleburg and Penney Farms, as well as the Whitey’s Fish Camp Boat Parade.

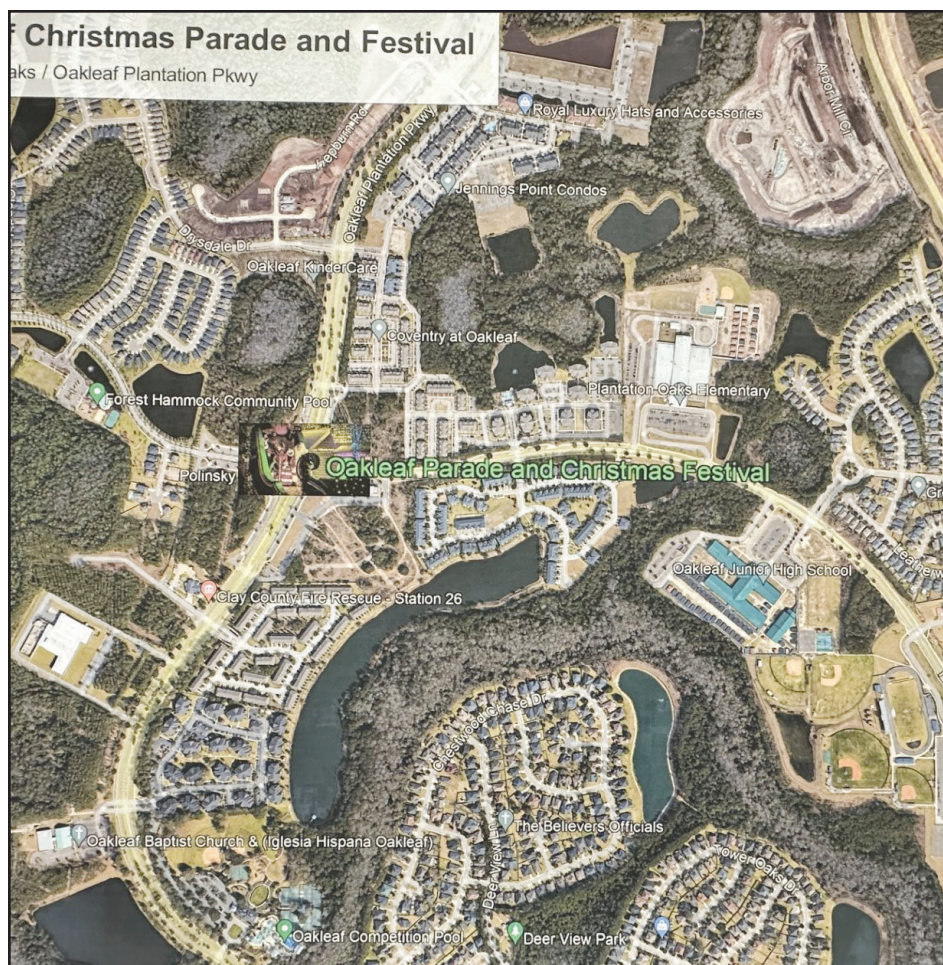
“One of our saving graces is these are annual events, so we have some experience with them,” Lane said.

The Christmas Parade in Keystone Heights will start at 6 p.m. It will stage at Keystone Heights Elementary and start at the corner of SW Pecan Street and Lawrence Boulevard. It will move north on Lawrence and turn left on Flamingo Street behind Dunkin.

The Middleburg Christmas parade will start at 7 p.m. from Omega Park on County Road 218 and proceed east before making a U-turn at Pine Avenue and returning to Omega Park.

“This is a very heavy lift because we have a lot of side streets,” Lane said.

Penney Farms’ Christmas Parade will start at 9 a.m. and be completed by noon. It is a closed event inside the community but will still require six deputies.



The Whitey’s boat parade will start at 6 p.m. The procession will pass through Swimming Pen Creek from underneath the County Road 220 bridge. The restaurant said it had reached capacity for the number of boats. Plus, because of the rising popularity, Whitey’s accepted reservations for tables and arranged for a free shuttle between the restaurant and Swimming Pen Elementary. There will be some lane closures to accommodate pedestrians.

Nine deputies and both agency boats have been assigned to Whitey’s, Lane said.

A Country Christmas will be staged during two weekends from noon to 9 p.m., starting on Dec. 8 and 9 and ending on Dec. 15 and 16. Lane said more than 2,000 tickets have been sold in advance after the event moved from Apopka Drive in Orange Park South to the expansive Elrod Acres at 3679 Thunder Road in Green Cove Springs. The event will include 30-foot tree lighting, food trucks, letters to Santa, more than

750,000 lights, pet adoptions, live music and more than 50 vendors.

The Hometown Holiday in the Park will be at the Clarke House in Orange Park. The historic property will be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tours, pictures with Santa Claus, hay, train and pony rides, holiday-themed music and a shopping village will be available. The Orange Park Police Department said Hometown Holiday in the Park usually attracts between 1,500-to-2,000 people.

River Christian Church on Fleming Island will present its Journey to the Nativity on Dec. 8 and 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., where families can tour nativity exhibits.

Also, the Christmas Light Spectacular will be at the Sniktaw Farm on Russell Road in Green Cove Springs at 6 p.m..

While CCSSO hasn’t been asked to back up private security, Lane said the Delman Circus will be at the Orange Park Mall for two shows – 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



Smokey success

The Vineyard Transitional Center sells nearly 450 pork butts

STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – By the time the smoke cleared the air – literally – The Vineyard Transitional Center's annual pork butt sale led to the sale of nearly 450 whole smoked butts last Saturday. The money will go toward the construction of a new center that will provide housing, counseling and life-skill training for newly released prisoners from the Clay County Jail. One of the organization's ardent supporters, former Green Cove Springs Mayor Van Royal, was such a hungry fan of the project, he bought 10 of the butts.



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Local mover unpacks truth about scrupulous brokers, scams

Rapid growth opens door for fake promises, pricing and performance

By Lee Wardlaw
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FLEMING ISLAND – Amid Clay County's burgeoning growth, MoveBright Moving and Storage, a local, family-owned company serving Clay County, warned the community about fraudulent, third-party moving companies, otherwise known as "moving brokers."

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Florida has seen an unprecedented spike in new residents. In 2021, the U.S. Census reported 674,740 new residents relocated to the Sunshine State, a 12.2% increase from 2020. With up-and-coming communities on the rise, many people are making long-distance moves from northern and western states, and companies catering to those services are in popular demand.

But as the county's allure continues to attract an influx of new residents, a troubling trend has emerged, leading to the rise of fraudulent moving companies, according to MoveBright Moving and Storage Director of Sales and Marketing Travis Bennett.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration defines these companies as entities that arrange for the transportation of your cargo, utilizing for-hire carriers to provide truck transportation.

"Moving brokers are sales teams that book your move and sell it to an actual moving company," their website reads.

The broker is not a mover. It is not authorized to transport your household goods and doesn't own moving trucks or employ professional movers.

Many are duped by a price quote that seems too good to refuse, which may very well be too good to be true.

A move for a three-bedroom house from New York to Florida for \$3,000 may seem like a steal, but buyers beware: you could be in for a scam.

By the time the disaster is complete, you may be due \$13,000 or more for a move originally quoted much lower.

"Although distorted, there is language that traps the customer into paying the full price," Bennett said.



Partnering with Fleming Island's Coldwell Banker and other local agencies, MoveBright Director of Sales and Marketing Travis Bennett spearheads seminars and campaigns to teach residents how to recognize the red flags when hiring a moving company.

Lawsuits are often ineffective, as none of the companies are typically left on the hook for damages.

Company owners hire SEO experts to generate traffic, create a web landing page and contract work out to logistics companies that haul anything from fruit to freight. In the process, your personal belongings, which will likely be handled by day laborers who have no knowledge about professional moving, could be damaged, stolen or destroyed.

In the meantime, the third-party vendors of the moving broker have a litany of other tasks to complete, so expect about three to four business weeks to receive what remains of your belongings.

But even then, that is just the beginning of the painful experience most will endure when hiring moving brokers, Bennett said.

"There is constant theft and damaged property, with no ability to trace it back to the specific individual. The longer the distance, the worse your problems will be," Bennett said.

This is just the beginning. When "Joe" and "Jim" from the brokerage refuse to

answer your phone calls, an even more catastrophic scenario could unfold: your property being held hostage until you pay the total amount owed.

While racketeering charges are mounting against these fraudulent organizations at the federal level, the elusive nature of these small-scale scams has made it challenging to bring them to justice.

But the loopholes continue. After reading about the scams, clients falsely believe that Bennett and MoveBright operate under the same wild-west format.

"(Sometimes), we have to convince (customers) that we are legit," he said.

Or customers unknowingly sign their services with the third-party vendor instead of MoveBright.

"I will (try to say), 'You don't have to go with me, but don't go with them,'" Bennett said.

To bridge the gap, Bennett and MoveBright are taking a proactive approach. Bennett conducts seminars at events for real estate companies, such as Coldwell-Banker Vanguard Realty in Fleming Island.

Completing training sessions at real

estate offices is another core process component.

"Educating agents so they can educate clients because they are the closest voice to their ears," he said.

By establishing relationships with agencies, Bennett builds trust to book more moves, as home buyers often rely on the recommendations of those companies. But more important to him is helping residents moving to and from the area to avoid devious-minded moving brokers.

Bennett is a former detective and deputy with the Clay County Sheriff's Office. He said the county's many attractions and relatively low cost of living means that the Clay has become a hotbed for new residents. He insists residents needing a moving company should do their homework before signing a contract.

"You have to do a journalist's job and dig into these companies. Read Google reviews and listen to what other people are saying. People need to know what to look for. (Moving brokers) will lie straight to your face," Bennett said.



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IQ Fiber celebrates offering service in Orange Park with 'Smarter Choice Cavalcade'

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – IQ Fiber, Northeast Florida's only local residential fiber-optic internet service provider, recently held a neighborhood "Smarter Choice Cavalcade."

The locally based internet service provider team traversed neighborhoods in the Town of Orange Park, including the Plainfield Avenue and the Wells Landing community. Residents along the route were offered cocoa, popcorn and IQ Fiber swag. IQ Fiber is celebrating the activation of its 100% fiber-optic network in the Town of Orange Park. IQ Fiber was ranked Jack-



sonville's fastest internet by Ookla Speedtest. The ranking is based on data from consumer-initiated speed tests. IQ Fiber, the "Smarter Choice" internet provider enables residents to stream on the fastest internet available on the market.

IQ Fiber's \$18 million internet service network deployment in Orange Park began in September of 2022 and is now serving

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Employees from IQ Fiber hit the streets to commemorate providing services to areas near Wells Landing.



By Archives Supervisor Vishi Garig
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The year the U.S. Constitution was ratified, 1787, was a busy time for the Spanish in Florida. It had been four short years since Spain regained control of La Florida from the British. Having lost the Revolutionary War, Britain was in no economic or political state to deal with Florida, often referred to as the 14th Colony.

Spain was eager to bring new colonists to St. Augustine and its surroundings. To make the colony profitable, Spain needed population growth. Citizens of that time were British Loyalists who stayed behind after the British left, i.e., the Minorcans, free Blacks, and enslaved Blacks. There were also those of Spanish descent, just not enough. The Spanish did not count the Native Americans.

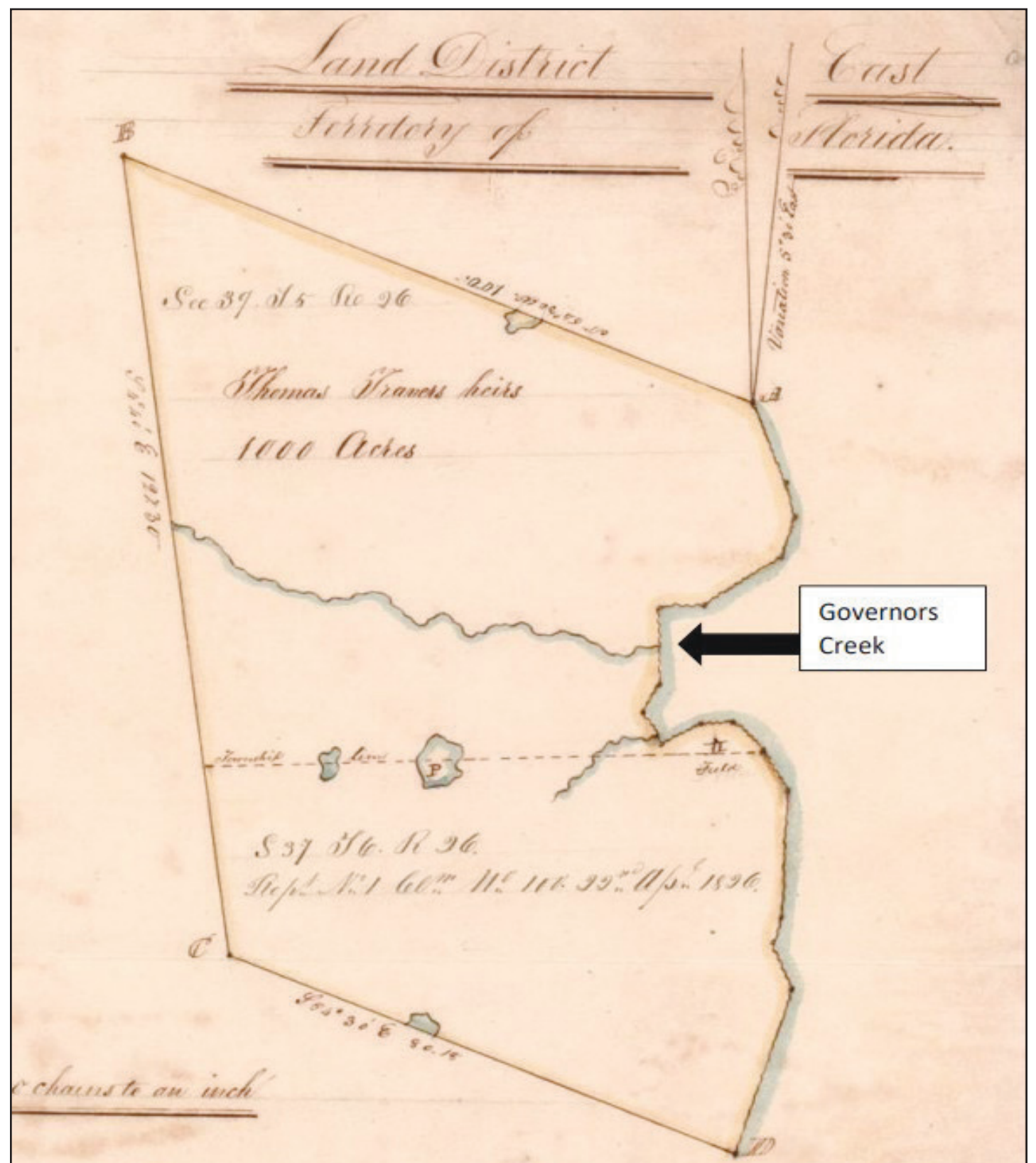
New laws for "East Florida" enabled generous land grants. The terms declared that each head of household would receive 100 acres with an additional 50 acres for each household member, and this included both free and enslaved members. The 1,000 acres were also available if the settler would cultivate the land. They had to build adequate housing, keep livestock, and tend to the land for ten years. Settlers could not sell or dispose of the land during those ten years.

In the past, Spain required recipients to convert to Catholicism. This caused a big headache for Governor Zepedes. Many new colonists were Americans and British Loyalists who were Protestant and unwilling to convert.

After much political maneuvering, a compromise was reached, and a conscious decision was made not to enforce this requirement. While the adult settlers failed to comply with the religious rule, they didn't seem to mind when it came time to baptize their children Catholics. Prospective landowners were required to swear allegiance to Spain and become Spanish subjects.

Spain, who had a poor relationship with the Native Americans, did not extend these generous offers to that population. This poor relationship ended up causing real trouble later, as the Native Americans conducted raids against the settlers and made the rural grant locations dangerous places to be.

When Spain got 'La Florida' back



Here in Clay County, one of the earliest grants was given to Dr. Thomas Travers.

Dr. Travers, a native of County Kildare, Ireland, had been stationed in East Florida as an army surgeon under the British. He stayed behind when the British left. He was a contemporary of George Fleming, Philip Fatio, and Zephaniah Kingsley, all recognizable names in Clay County to this day. His home in St. Augustine was on Hospital (now Aviles) Street. He served as the Spanish government's Royal Doctor, and his service earned him several large land grants.

Travers' Clay County grant was for 1,000 acres, covering the area known as Magnolia. Magnolia was just on the north side of Governors Creek, where the St. Johns Landing Apartments are located to-

day in Green Cove Springs. This grant was in the same place as where Governor Patrick Tonyn's British land grant had been.

Dr. Travers called it "Santo Tomaso" after himself. Dr. Travers' Spanish friend Mathew Solana named his land grant after himself, too, and we now have San Mateo.

Dr. Travers' wife, Maria Fitzgerald, was also from Ireland. They had three children: William, Maria and Margarita Maria Salome. All three were baptized Catholic. Dr. Travers died in 1807, and Ana Saunders, his second wife, was made executrix of his estate. Dr. Travers is buried in Tolomato Cemetery in St. Augustine.

As heir to the Travers grant, William renamed the plantation "Constancia" after his daughter and made many improvements. William ran a sugar plantation and

partnered with Mathew Solana on a sawmill. He built a home there, as well as outlying buildings.

Later, once Florida was a U.S. territory, the Black Creek District (modern-day Clay County) began to take off. Spanish land grants like Hibernia (Fleming's Island) were thriving. Laurel Grove (Orange Park) was doing well, and other Spanish land grant holders, such as the Branning family, were making something of their land.

Unfortunately, the good times were not meant to last. The Seminole Wars were heating up, forcing many to seek shelter at Fort Heileman (Main Street Boat Ramp, Middleburg). Native American predation was rampant. Sadly, the Travers plantation was burned down by the Seminoles in 1840.



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State Farm donated \$491,000 to Convoy of Hope for its disaster response following Hurricane Idalia and the Maui wildfires.

State Farm's Convoy of Hope supports rebuilding

For Clay Today

JACKSONVILLE – State Farm donated nearly \$500,000 to support multiple Convoy of Hope disaster preparedness and response efforts. Included in this total was \$50,000 designated for Convoy's Hurricane Idalia response and \$100,000 for the Maui wildfire.

In addition, much of State Farm's donation was used for the purchase of hygiene kit materials, which are being used to pack 15,400 kits this fall around the country.

"State Farm is committed to helping people recover from the unexpected," said Apsara Sorensen, State Farm Corporate Responsibility Director. "Our support for Convoy of Hope helps meet critical needs in communities impacted by a disaster."

"We at Convoy of Hope are incredibly grateful for State Farm and for the collaboration between our organizations," said Convoy's Jamie Bilton. "We share a similar culture and mission in that both strive to

be among the first to respond when disasters strike. With their forward-thinking and proactive support in 2024, Convoy of Hope will be better equipped to alleviate suffering even before the unexpected strikes."

So far, Convoy of Hope has responded to more than 70 natural disasters this year including both domestic and international responses.

Convoy of Hope is a global, faith-based organization that serves vulnerable communities. By partnering with local churches, businesses, civic organizations, and government agencies, Convoy has strategically offered help and hope in more than 130 countries around the world.

Since its founding in 1994, Convoy of Hope has served 200 million people and counting. Each year since 2002, Charity Navigator has awarded its highest rating to the organization – recognizing Convoy as a Four-Star Charity. For more, visit convoyofhope.org to learn more.

Six Clay County school earn Purple Star School of Distinction awards

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The Purple Star School of Distinction Designation established by the Florida Legislature and signed into law in June 2021, recognizes schools that support the unique needs of military families. This school year, six Clay County schools have now been designated by the Florida Department of Education as a Purple Star School of Distinction. To earn the Florida Purple Star School of Distinction Designation, schools are required to maintain the following:

- A school military point of contact to serve as the central liaison for military families.
- A school webpage for military students and families that includes resources like academic planning, transition planning and educational opportunities.
- A student-led transition program to assist military students coming into the school.
- Staff professional development to identify and respond to the needs of military families.

- Five percent percent open enrollment seats for military students and families.

- Three additional activities to support military families such as participating in a service project to connect the school with the military community, hosting an annual military recognition event or offering a JROTC program, among others.

Last year, Fleming Island Elementary received the honor, and the district announced the distinction for the following six schools for this year:

- Discovery Oaks Elementary
- Doctors Inlet Elementary
- Oakleaf High
- Plantation Oaks Elementary
- Robert M. Paterson Elementary
- Tynes Elementary

"Clay County District Schools is committed to being a military-friendly school system and providing military students and families support and I am proud of how our schools serve our military communities," Superintendent David Broskie said.



PHOTO BY ORANGE PARK HOSPITAL

Officials with HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital broke ground for a 15,000-square-foot simulation lab for 150 graduate students a year to enhance their educational experiences.

Orange Park Hospital breaks ground on \$3 million graduate medical simulation lab

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital broke ground on a simulation center for the graduate medical education program.

The new simulation lab will serve as an integral part of the educational experience. The \$3 million, 15,000 square foot facility will include offices, conference spaces, classrooms, lounge areas and an auditorium, as well as multiple clinical settings to simulate the latest techniques in the practice of medicine.

In the Orange Park Hospital GME program, residents and fellows are mentored by a dynamic network of physicians who are focused on teaching them to provide the exceptional, compassionate care patients deserve. "We train more than 150

residents each year in our GME program and our goal is to continue to grow," said Hope Greig, Administrative Director of Graduate Medical Education. "Our program is led by an accomplished faculty and set under rigorous standards. We provide extensive training for the next generation of physician leaders right here at HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital."

Over the past 49 years, Orange Park Hospital has grown from a small-town community hospital to a large teaching hospital, offering high-acuity specialized services. The \$3 million GME simulation lab is the most recent project in Orange Park Hospital's commitment to add services and facilities to meet community growth and improve patient care.

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A two-mile trail was carved through the Smith Lake Preserve, and it will be opened on Dec. 1. Volunteers, like those who cleared brush at Little Rain Lake Preserve in Keystone Heights, helped create a path through the protected natural area.

Two-mile trail through Smith Lake Preserve to open Dec. 1

For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – North Florida Land Trust (NFLT), the Florida Trail Association and the U.S. Forest Service will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new two-mile segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail that runs through NFLT’s Smith Lake Preserve in Clay County. The ceremony will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., followed by a guided hike along the new trail. Guests are asked to arrive at the NFLT Stewardship Facility at 5525 Christian Camp Road in Keystone Heights at 1 p.m. and will be shuttled to the ribbon-cutting site. Space is limited and guests must RSVP to bit.ly/SmithLakeRSVP.

The new trail will be part of the 1,500-mile Florida National Scenic Trail, celebrating its 40th anniversary. The new portion of the trail will eliminate the need for hikers to walk on the road in this location. This regional highlight of the Florida Trail will be open to the public on Saturday, Dec. 2. There will not be a trailhead at this lo-

cation. Hikers must park further down the trail at Goldhead Branch State Park.

“The Florida Trail Association greatly appreciates our partnership with the North Florida Land Trust,” said Royce Gibson, executive director of the Florida Trail Association. “Their dedication to conserving the Smith Lake Preserve is instrumental to our mission to close the gaps along the Florida National Scenic Trail. Our partnership with NFLT and other land managers across the state ensures that future generations can enjoy the natural beauty of our treasured trail.”

NFLT acquired the 463-acre Smith Lake Preserve in 2019. The nonprofit land conservation organization has been working to restore the natural areas and habitats which consist of significant areas of long-leaf pine sandhills, flatwoods and scrub habitats. These habitats are critical for many wildlife species, including the Gopher tortoise, wild turkey, southern fox squirrel and Eastern indigo snake. Smith

Lake Preserve is located within the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor, a 1.6 million-acre network of public and private lands that connect the Ocala and Osceola National Forests, a critical link within the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

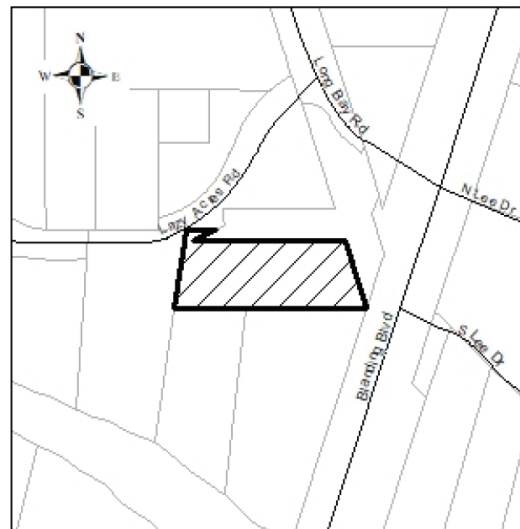
North Florida Land Trust is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of life by protecting North Florida’s irreplaceable

natural environment. Founded in 1999, NFLT has preserved tens of thousands of acres of land through the donation or purchase of land as well as conservation easements. Private and corporate contributions primarily fund NFLT and work closely with willing landowners and public agencies at all levels of government, not-for-profit partners and foundations. For more information, visit nflt.org.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Clay County 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance to be transmitted is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR ONE PARCEL, COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 1.07 ACRES (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 03-05-24-006797-000-00) FROM RR (RURAL RESIDENTIAL), TO BF CC (BRANAN FIELD COMMUNITY CENTER); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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

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

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners

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FAITH WALK

by Pastor Billy Register
True Life Church
Clay County

Remember your Blessings

Happy Thanksgiving! Make sure to enjoy the time with friends and family. During this season of thanks, remember to be thankful for your blessings.

There are many who have heard the phrase “count your blessings”. On this Thanksgiving Day, let’s think about how much we actually count those blessings. Even in times of difficulty, God is blessing you. Give God thanks for what seems like the least little things. One of mine is the smell of fresh coffee in the morning. Another is the sound and rhythm of ocean waves. Those may seem insignificant. But these things are a blessing to me.

Psalm 103:2 says, “Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.” Sometimes, we have an unfortunate tendency to focus on the negative or uncomfortable things in life. When we live consumed in this way of living, we walk past blessing after blessing the Lord has put in our path.

C.S. Lewis once said, “When we lose one blessing, another is often most unexpectedly given in its place.”

No matter the circumstances of our life today, God has placed blessings all around. To recognize them, all we need do is open our eyes to His presence. God can replace our pain with His peace. God’s peace. A peace that exceeds our ability to understand. (Philippians 4:7) God can give us joy in the midst of our struggle.

God will help us walk in a renewed perspective that will transform how we see our lives. Instead of being weighed down by the challenges of life, we will be able to count our blessings!

Psalm 136:1 says, “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.”

Many may not realize this is not a suggestion, but rather a commandment from the Word of God. God has showered us all with His faithful love, and there is no other proper response than sincere gratitude. God brings us salvation, freedom, peace, love, joy, hope, and so much more. This Thanksgiving season, let your heart be filled with gratitude to for all God has done. And remember to count your blessings!

Thousands receive Thanksgiving meal packages from First Baptist Middleburg



Church celebrates its seventh year of Feeding the 5,000

STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

MIDDLEBURG – Cars arrived at the Parsonage Street lot at First Baptist Middleburg hours before the first of 1,000 boxes filled with enough food for a Thanksgiving feast was given away as part of the church’s Feeding the 5,000 program last Saturday. Each box was filled with a can of cranberry sauce, two cans of green beans, instant mashed potatoes, a box to make stuffing, a whole pie and a frozen turkey, and they were happily distributed to anyone in need. Each box had enough food to feed five people, and anyone with a larger family got a second or third box. One woman said she probably wouldn’t have put a Thanksgiving dinner on the table without the church. “I just lost my job and have four children,” she said. “This makes a difference.” Boxes were loaded into trunks and back seats, and everyone was greeted with a smile and wave. The church has been giving away food boxes for seven years to meet the nutritional and spiritual needs of the community.



Mercy Support thankfully provides food, counseling services during Fall Outreach Community Blessings

PHOTOS BY NANCY COLTRIN

MIDDLEBURG – Residents with questions and needs were embraced at Mercy Support Services last Saturday at the Fall Outreach Community Blessings on College Drive. The organization has partnerships with churches, private businesses, supporters and philanthropic groups to provide support to promote independence, opened its doors to give away bags of food, hot dogs and hamburgers and, most importantly, a host of counseling services. The event included Least of Saints, a motorcycle club dedicated to spreading the word of God beyond the walls of a church.



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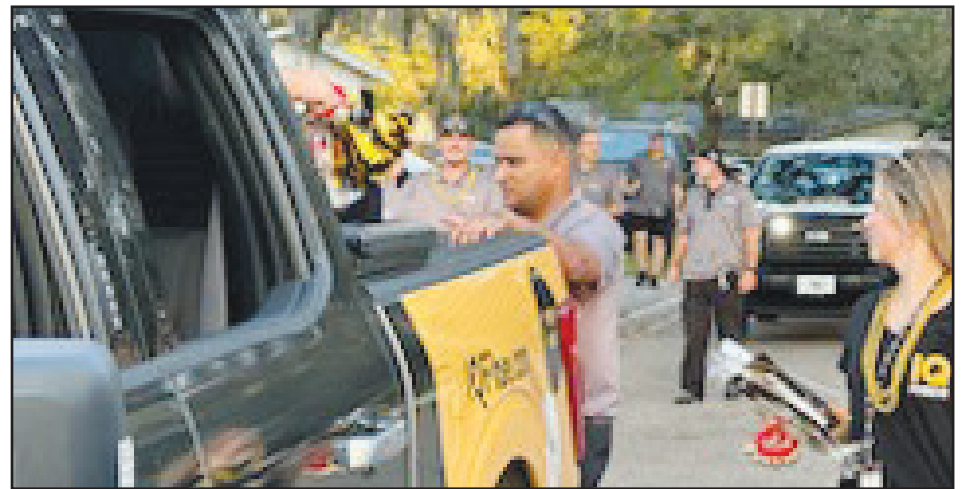
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-36-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 117, SEC 117-656 GATEWAY CORRIDOR DESIGN GUIDELINES OF THE CITY CODE TO ALLOW FOR PARKING TO BE LOCATED BETWEEN THE STREET FRONT AND BUILDING LOCATION SUBJECT TO THE INSTALLATION OF A STREET WALL; 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:

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

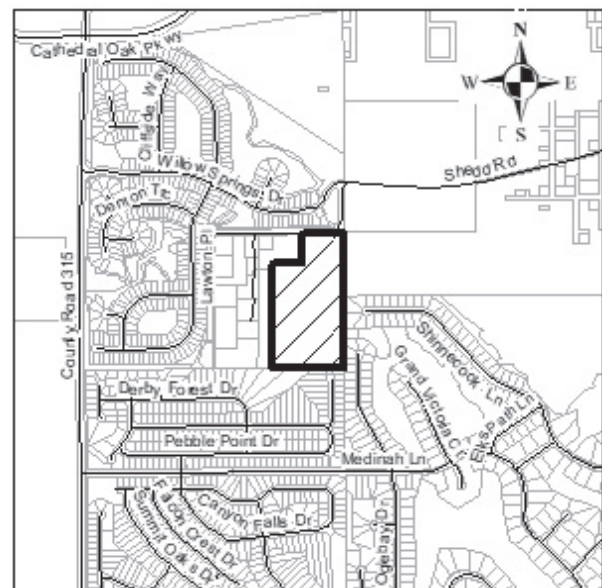
City of Green Cove Springs
 Lyndie Knowles, Development Service Representative
 321 Walnut Street
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 Steve Kennedy, City Manager

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of considering the adoption of a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Clay County 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance adopting the proposed amendment is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIALLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 05-06-26-015238-00-00), TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 20.69 ACRES, FROM RR (RURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO RF (RURAL FRINGE); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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

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

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

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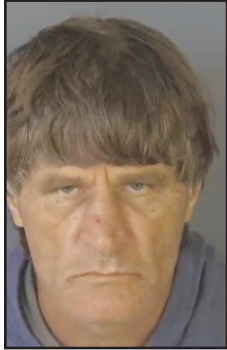
Compiled by Don Coble

Driver seen swerving, crossing white line now in jail for trafficking fentanyl

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A man who admitted to swerving and crossing over the white line while driving on State Road 100 wound up being arrested on Nov. 14 for several drug charges.

Kevin Warren Webb, 55, of Lawley, was eventually charged with trafficking 5.1 grams of fentanyl, 21 alprazolam pills, two clonazepam pills, and possessing methamphetamine, crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia, as well as driving with a suspended license after the Clay County Sheriff's Office had the car towed because Webb didn't have a license. Before the car was taken away, CCSO completed an inventory, and they found the narcotics in a coffee cup in the back seat.

Webb's bond was set at \$310,020. He is due back in court on Dec. 18.

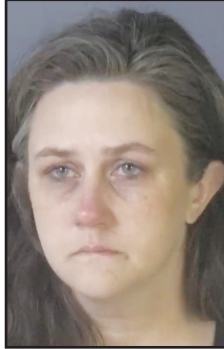


Kevin Webb

Employee charged with rash of shoplifting incidents during break at Walmart

ORANGE PARK – A Jacksonville woman was arrested after a security officer at Walmart spotted a woman employee suspected of a series of shoplifting incidents at the store.

Ashley Nicole Robinson, 35, was charged with shoplifting and possession of methamphetamine after the officer saw the woman shopping during her break. Security said they had surveillance of at least 11 different times she put items in a blue Walmart bag and left the store without paying. According to the arrest report, the total items taken were \$558.76. Deputies also found a glass pipe and a total of 11.33 grams of methamphetamine in a backpack. Robinson posted a \$6,506 bond and was released from the Clay County Jail. Her next court appearance is Dec. 11.



Ashley Robinson

School police chief assists CCSO in DUI arrest

MIDDLEBURG – Clay County Schools District Police Chief Kenneth Wagner

stopped a man who was suspected of being involved in a crash until a Clay County Sheriff's Officer arrived.

Larry Owen Brown, 4, of Middleburg, was charged with DUI, two counts of DUI with property damage, failure to stop after an accident involving property damage and failure to leave information at an unintended vehicle after Wagner, who was off duty, stopped a car at the intersection of County Road 218 and Mockingbird Drive on Nov. 14. Wagner told deputies he stopped the car because it had extensive front end damage. When CCSO arrived, they found Brown leaning against his pick-up truck. At the same time, deputies were investigating a crash at CR 218 and Thunder Road. A man said a car rear-ended him and sped away. The man provided CCSO with a description of the car and the license tag number.

According to the arrest report, Brown hit another car on Green Road and that car caromed into a parked car. Once detained, CCSO said Brown refused to submit to a field sobriety test and a breath test.

Sheriff's Office investigating discovery of body on Bentwood Lane in Orange Park

ORANGE PARK – The Clay County Sheriff's Office responded to a call on Sunday, Nov. 19, at approximately 12:10 p.m., reporting the discovery of a body near a dumpster in the 460 block of Bentwood Lane. One victim was confirmed dead.

According to an agency release, CCSO is trying to determine the identity of the victim and the circumstances of the death.

While the investigation is ongoing, preliminary findings indicate that this appears to be an isolated event, and there is no im-

mediate threat to the public's safety. More information will be released as it becomes available.

CCSO is asking for anyone with any information to call (904) 264-6512 or submit a tip on the SaferWatch App. alerts.safer-watchapp.com/43651895.

CCSO: Woman caught using fake \$100 bills during shopping spree

ORANGE PARK – Security and the Clay County Sheriff's Office said a North Carolina woman passed counterfeit \$100 bills at the Orange Park Mall.

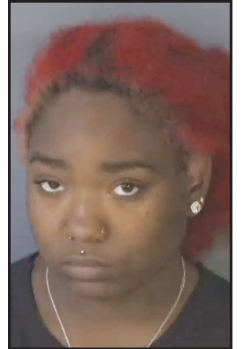
AiAsia Devine Gregory, 21, of Charlotte, was charged with uttering counterfeit money and illegally obtaining property after an employee of one store told a security officer the woman bought two items at one store totaling \$21.50. She paid with a fake \$100 bill

and pocketed the 78.50 change, according to CCSO.

She also bought \$34.29 worth of items at another store, also paying with a counterfeit bill. Once detained, deputies found three more counterfeit bills with the same serial number.

According to the arrest report, the purchases were captured by surveillance video.

Gregory was released from the Clay County Jail after posting a \$50,006 bond. Her next court appearance is Dec. 18



AiAsia Devine Gregory

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.

Monday, Nov. 19

Damon I. Mills, 51, Orange Park, disorderly intoxication, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Kristine N. Madej, 32, Middleburg, battery

Grayson B. Batten, 18, Fleming Island, DUI with passenger younger than 18
Joel M. King, 23, Orange Park, DUI, refused obedience to law enforcement/firefighters

Alyssa M. Foster, 24, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove contraband into jail, possession-controlled substance

Sean F. Anest, 26, Orange Park, vandalism

Jeffrey A. Prewitt, 58, Middleburg, domestic violence

Saturday, Nov. 18

Sean F. Anest, 29, Orange Park, domestic battery, follow/harass/cyberstalking, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Larry T. Burke, 24, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia, possession-ammo/firearm by convicted felon

Alyssa M. Foster, 24, Green Cove Springs, possession-drug paraphernalia, DUI, DWLSR

Hannah L. Altstatt, 30, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Kimayetta L. Jones, 49, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, trespassing

Brettany M.M. Montague, 32, Green Cove Springs, DUI with property damage/injuries

Ty G. Mader, 28, Orange Park, aggravated battery on pregnant woman

Geovana A. Nunes, 21, Orange Park, child neglect

Elizabeth H.E. Carter, 71, Jacksonville, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Cherry M. Padgett, 43, Middleburg, trespassing

Brett A. Cornwell, 51, Oakleaf, possession-controlled substance, possession-

drug paraphernalia

Mary A. Welker, 36, Orange Park, trespassing

Michael J. Brooks, 51, Middleburg, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Joshua M. Johns, 37, Orange Park, DUI
Chloe L. Watson, 30, Fleming Island, DUI with BAL .15 or higher

Friday, Nov. 17

Christopher C. Blankenship, 34, Green Cove Springs, assault/battery during burglary

Elbert L. Adkins, 52, Middleburg, two counts domestic battery

John T. Wells, 64, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Amy L. Dill, 48, Fleming Island, petit theft

Jason J. Clemons, 35, Orange Park, trafficking-fentanyl

William H. Smith, 28, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions for protection against domestic violence

Lois A. Vaughn, 58, Fleming Island, illegally obtaining property

Shawn A. O'Brien, 31, Middleburg, VOP-domestic battery

Talia M. Rendina, 29, Orange Park, domestic battery

Thursday, Nov. 16

Tyler L. Combs, 19, Middleburg, criminal mischief

Timothy L. Brown, 27, Green Cove Springs, distribution-cocaine

Brooke D. Maynard, 35, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery

Terrance T. Anthony, 20, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-marijuana

Charles A. Cook, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP-concealed weapon violation

Devin S.J. King, 27, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

David J. Chapkin, 47, Green Cove Springs, VOP-disorderly conduct

Charles L. Griffith, 24, Green Cove Springs, violation of jail rules, two counts battery in jail

Larry W. Johnson, 51, Middleburg, grand theft

Jacob A. Nelson, 29, Orange Park, possession-drug paraphernalia, solicitation on road right-of-way

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Dennis J. Smith, 60, Orange Park, domestic battery

William H. Smith, 28, Orange Park, domestic battery

Michael C. Bardin, 51, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail

Charles L. Griffith, 24, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail

Purtisha R. Wood, 36, Orange Park, breach of peace/disorderly conduct/fighting/brawling

Community to gather on Dec. 2 to support Anthony Reynolds

By Don Coble
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Lake Region community will unite on Dec. 2 to raise money and, more importantly, rally to embrace Anthony Reynolds' difficult recovery from injuries sustained in an ATV crash on Aug. 20.

The event will be at Melrose Heritage Park, featuring four bands, food, a raffle and a 50/50 drawing.

Reynolds suffered a fractured sixth thoracic vertebrae in his spine after he was thrown from his four-wheeler while riding on a dirt road near County Road 315C. He approached a turn at a high rate of speed – and with no brakes.

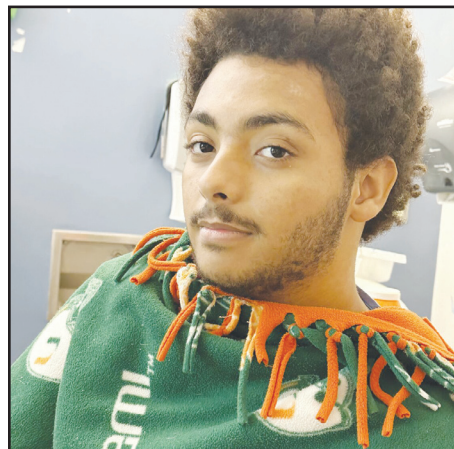
"I hit the lime rock in the road, launching me in the air," he said. "I saw fence posts, so I closed my eyes. While my eyes were closed, I hit a post and heard some cracks. When I opened my eyes, my friends were freaking out. They helped me sit up and I heard cracks and pops down my back."

The accident left him paralyzed.

His father, Eric Reynolds, hopes his son will be strong enough to attend the benefit. He knows Anthony remains optimistic about his future but is unsure if his body is ready.

"You know, he's paralyzed, but people treat him like he's normal," Eric said. "He's getting around pretty good. He's going to therapy. He's doing everything he needs to do. Spiritually, he's good."

The fundraiser will start at 10 a.m. It



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Anthony Reynolds, a senior at Keystone Heights High, has been paralyzed since he crashed his ATV in the McRae area on Aug. 20. Anthony, along with his parents, Heather and Eric Reynolds, will be the focus of a benefit on Dec. 2 at Melrose Heritage Park as the community rallies to show him support.

will include sets by Mismanagement, Low Key, Outlaw Country and Second Chance, said organizer Terry Huffman. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available. And hopefully, Anthony can attend to see the community's love and support.

Eric believes seeing friends and support will be important to his son's outlook.

"I'm going to do everything I can to get him there," Eric said. "I think it would be important to him to get out. When we see people, they always smile. That makes him feel better."

Melrose Heritage Park is at 300 State Road 26.

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Heritage Singers hosting holiday benefit concert for Challenge Enterprises

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Prepare to be enchanted as The Heritage Singers of Jacksonville, a distinguished nonprofit choral group, cordially invites you to their eagerly awaited holiday concert, "Oh, by Gosh, by Golly." Under the masterful direction of Artistic Director Michael Dell, this musical extravaganza promises an unforgettable experience of enchanting melodies and soul-stirring harmony.

The group will perform its holiday benefit concert for Challenge Enterprises on Friday, Dec. 3, at the First Presbyterian Church at 300 Gume St. The show starts at 7 p.m.

While admission is free for all attendees, the Heritage Singers encourage generous donations from the audience. Every contribution will directly support Challenge Enterprises, an organization dedicated to positively impacting our community for people of all abilities.

In its 14th year, The Heritage Singers of Jacksonville continues to captivate audiences with their high-quality choral performances. The nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, comprised of gifted singers, fosters a sense of community by celebrating our diverse heritage through innovative and thematic choral music.

"We're thrilled to invite the community to our holiday concert, where the magic of music meets the spirit of giving," said Artistic Director Michael Dell. "Join us for an evening of enchantment

and contribute to a truly worthy cause. Together, we can celebrate the joy of music while making a positive impact in the lives of others."

Residents encouraged to support Wreaths Across America program

CLAY COUNTY – The National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16. Join the more than two million volunteers and supporters who will gather to Remember, Honor and Teach at more than 4,000 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

The event will include four locations in Clay County – Magnolia Cemetery, 1040 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park at 9:30 a.m.; Keystone Heights Memorial Gardens, 7304 State Road 100 at noon; Moosehaven, 1701 Park Ave. in Orange Park; and Hardage-Giddens Holly Hill Memorial Park, 3601 Old Jennings Road in Middleburg at noon.

Sponsor a veteran's wreath in honor of or in memory of a loved one who served in the armed forces. Or, sponsor and allow the group to designate a recipient among the millions of heroes who rest in honored glory. To sponsor a wreath, visit wreathsacrossamerica.com.

Volunteer with the organization as they honor our veterans throughout the year. There are many ways to get involved, from laying wreaths locally to leading a sponsorship group or coordinating a ceremony location.

Nelson helps lead Clay Hurricanes to Special Olympics gold medal in softball

By Lee Wardlaw
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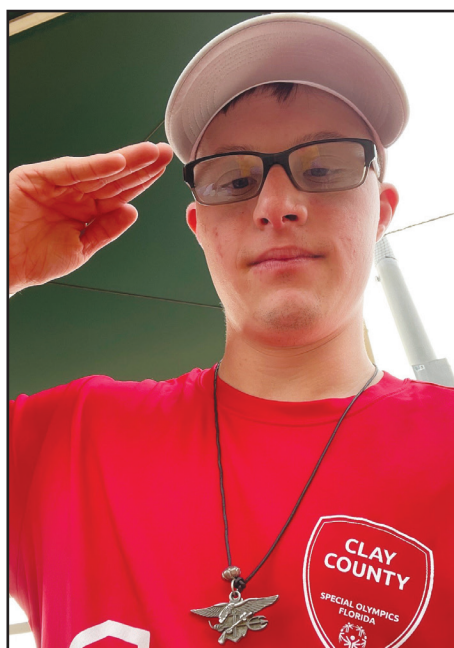
FLEMING ISLAND – Clay County's Special Olympics 25-and-under softball team, the Hurricanes, won the state championship at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

The Hurricanes finished 2-0, competed in the highest division of competition, level four, fighting to the last out to win the gold medal.

"The competition was difficult all season. Both games went back and forth, up and down, and many of the teams played are from South Florida, which (typically fields) higher-caliber programs than our area," said head coach Marsha Fuller.

An in-the-park grand slam in Game 1 sent the Hurricanes' bench into a frenzy and provided the extra power the team needed.

"(The players) were definitely excited. We got excited about a lot of things, especially for a run, much less a grand slam. They all were cheering, jumping up and



STAFF PHOTO BY LEE WARDLAW

A 25-year-old catcher, Adam Nelson was a star performer in the Hurricanes' 2-0 state championship run last week at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

down. I told them, 'We can't get too excited, because the next game will start in 15 minutes,'" she said.

One star standout performer was Adam Nelson, a 25-year-old catcher. His five-month journey started in July when the team began preparing for the season in the Florida heat.

"He did great. (Adam) really shined more than I expected, especially since he's a new player on our team. When it came to the tension and the 'drama of competition,' Sometimes (opponents) will give you stress, but you have to just block it out. And that's what he did," said skills coach Tana Fuller.

His brother, Anthony, 8, shined in the individual skills competition, winning another gold medal for the county.

"He is definitely the youngest player in the delegation, and he did very well. Traveling can be stressful for an 8-year-old, but he showed no signs of it. He played extremely well," she said. "He put a fast base running performance on display and didn't miss any of his fielding assignments."

Bristol Burris and Addy Carrey won silver, and Erika Siler won a bronze.

"It was fun, and the team had fun. We hit the cover off the baseball and fielded well, and most importantly, we had fun as a team. There's nothing more you can ask for," Adam said.

One medal is not enough.

"I'm (planning) on going back and winning another championship next year, too," Nelson said.

Alongside the Havoc, which finished 0-2 and won the bronze medal, the Hurricanes were part of a group of 37 who participated in the Healthy Athletes event.

"It's always wonderful at the (Wide World of Sports). It's a perfect facility for all of our activities, and they do such an excellent job of hosting the Special Olympics and our athlete partners," Fuller said.

Nelson aptly described the experience: "It was super fun. We had food, lunches and parties. I saw fireworks, met Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse and Donald Duck, dancing, DJs, dinners and chicken," he said.



WAKE UP Santa

Santa wakes up at Orange Park Mall to kickstart Christmas season

STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

ORANGE PARK – With nearly 200 children screaming, nobody could stay asleep for long. Not even Santa Claus. The annual event at the Orange Park Mall on Saturday was a festive way to start the Christmas season. Santa sat slumped in a chair, still sleeping from his year-long nap after delivering toys last year. Children, most in their pajamas, started screaming for him to wake up. The sound echoed throughout the 953,000-square-foot mall. Once he awakened, he and Mrs. Claus strolled to Center Court, where they posed for photos. Children were also able to leave a holiday message, ride on ponies, drink free hot cocoa and have their faces painted.



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National chase on for three teams

11-Under Dreadnaughts take out National Champs

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - One was a spine-tingler and two were dominant performances as two Fleming Island Dreadnaught teams (10-Under, 11-Under) and one Oakleaf Renegades (10-Under) Pop Warner football team all advanced Saturday to their respective North vs. South Division titles games in Lake Mary next week with a shot at playing in Orlando's Citrus Bowl for the Pop Warner National Championship. The Fleming Island Dreadnaught 11-Unders won 38-6 over the defending national champion Title Town USA Titans from Valdosta, GA.

For the Fleming Island 10-Unders, it

was tight end Austin "Gronk" Anschuetz again who was the late-game hero with three spectacular pass catches; one a 25-yarder with six minutes to go to the Soul Runners of South Georgia 26-yard line that looked like a scoring drive, but failed on downs and allowed South Georgia to blow up an 80-yard scoring pass play that tied the game at 26-26 with 2:50 to go.

On the ensuing series, Fleming Island answered with Anschuetz again making a 20-yard grab to put Fleming Island at the South Georgia 32 with 1:10 to go. A pass interference on a pass attempt to Ezekiel Esther put the Dreadnaughts at the South Georgia 19-yard line with 42 seconds to go before an overtime period.

A scramble out of bounds by quarterback Michael Crowe III got a third and nine to go in the South Georgia red zone before running back Ty Stephenson ran left 12 yards and dove over the left pylon to win the game with 18 seconds on the clock; 32-26, 33-26 with a third Anschuetz catch; this one in the end zone with 18 seconds still on the clock.

For Oakleaf, the National Champions in 10-Under last year, a second shot with a new team is possible with their 21-0 win over Grand Park (FL) on Saturday. Oakleaf scored two touchdowns in the first half then battled on defense to keep the shut-out. For the Dreadnaughts 11-Unders, a 14-0 first-half lead stayed the course with



Oakleaf Renegades 10-Under wide receiver Nasir Mensah scored first touchdown in Renegades 21-0 win over Grand Park to put Renegades in North vs. South championship game at Lake Mary on Sat., 26 for a shot to return to the Pop Warner National Championship game in Orlando.

a 38-6 win against the defending national champion Title Town Titans team out of Valdosta, Ga., to put that team into the North vs. South Division title next week.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO
Fleming Island Dreadnaughts 10-Under running back Ty Stephenson gallops into end zone with 20 seconds on the clock to secure 33-26 win over Soul Runners of South Georgia playoff game on Saturday in Jacksonville. Dreadnaughts advanced to North vs. South Division championship next week at Lake Mary High School with shot at Pop Warner National Championship game in two weeks in Orlando's Citrus Bowl.



Fleming Island Dreadnaught 11-Under defensive tackle Jamarian Lane holds up ball after fumble recovery off a quarterback sack in Dreadnaughts 38-6 playoff win over defending national champion Title Town (GA) out of Valdosta. Dreadnaughts advanced to North vs. South Division championship next week at Lake Mary High School with shot at Pop Warner National Championship game in two weeks in Orlando's Citrus Bowl.



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Super sophomores: Broncos girls wrestlers primed for season

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - With a strong cadre of sophomore returners for the girl's wrestling team, the Middleburg High girl's wrestling team, led by junior defending heavyweight state champion Cheyenne Cruce, is primed to make some noise on the state circuit in 2023. Middleburg was fifth in Florida last year behind state wrestling strongholds like Matanzas, Freedom, Apopka and Osceola.

"We all came together after wrestling together at Wilkinson Junior High and we want to make a statement here at Middleburg," said Sarah Walsh, who with sophomore teammates Skyla Fisher, Memphis Moses and Lilly Bradshaw have formed a coalition of feisty grapplers that intend to make a dent in Florida's rankings in 2023. "Skyla lost to the state champion in her second match at state and Memphis is a little bigger and stronger after her first state meet last year. She's learned a lot about the sport at the highest level and is hungry."

Walsh was a regional qualifier but lost in her second match before missing her shot at state.

"I qualified for Fargo but had to have some surgery on my shoulder, but I'm strong now," said Walsh. "With more girls coming out for the team, we're building a bigger team all around which will help our team scores."

With senior third place medalist Gracie Bradshaw the lone non-returner, Cruce, the team leader as a sophomore undefeated state champion (35-0), has the rest of her squad coming in with a year's of state wrestling experiences that bode well to coach Coll Robertson's knack of stringing consecutive titles on his resume; for example six or seven straight middle school titles while at Lake Asbury.

"We think we have a chance of being at



Sophomore Memphis Moses is an explosive battler for coach Coll Robertson and the energy spark for the Lady Broncos team.

least top three in the state if not a state champion team," said Cruce, second in region 1-1A to eventual state champion Matanzas last year. "We have more girls in the room, can practice one-on-one every day and with an attitude that we came a long way last year."

Bradshaw comes to the team with enough matches against her older sister that she will be expected to score the same points as big sis.

"She's really good and a fast learner," said Walsh. "We learn from her because she learned from her sister."

Middleburg hosted their first in a long-time Red and Black Team Duals on Friday with Robertson able to field numerous matches.

"We have a lot more guys in the room than we have ever had," said senior Tucker Cody, noting key returners will be Wyatt Leduc and Grady Woodard, both state qualifiers last year. "It's great to see the guys from other teams coming out and being a part of wrestling."



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Middleburg High wrestler Sarah Walsh will lead an energetic group of sophomores onto the mat as the Lady Broncos will field one of the strongest girls' teams in Florida.



Middleburg wrestling coach Coll Robertson has sought and found more athletes to put on the mat for 2023 to not give away points at meets.



Middleburg wrestler Lilly Bradshaw follows the state-meet footsteps of big sister Gracie into the 2023 season with a list of new moves on the mat.



Senior Tucker Cody is expecting a strong contingency of new faces on the Middleburg wrestling lineup.

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Ridgeview's Huff earns 2023 Armed Forces Merit Award

Courtesy of Furman Athletics

FORT WORTH, Tex. - Senior quarterback Tyler Huff of Furman University has been selected as the 12th recipient of the Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA).

Huff is a Ridgeview High graduate in Orange Park.

Coordinated by the staff at the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl, the Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the FWAA was created in June 2012 to honor an individual and/or a group with a military background, or involvement with the military, that has made an impact on college football.

Huff was selected from a list of 46 nominations (41 individuals and five programs) as the 2023 recipient by a nine-person committee made up of FWAA members and Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl officials.

Huff was commissioned from Presbyterian College into the U. S. Army Reserves on May 13, 2022. He will depart on January 8 to Fort Huachuca in Arizona for active duty training through May 7, 2024.

"Having a commissioned Army officer quarterbacking a nationally-ranked school makes today's presentation special," said Brant Ringler, executive director of the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl. "Tyler is a DUAL threat on-and-off the field. On the gridiron, he is a runner and passer. As an individual, he has made a commitment to serve his family and country."

In leading Furman to an 8-1 record this season and consensus No. 2 ranking in the two major FCS Top 25 polls, Huff has compiled 1,977 total yards for the Paladins with 488 yards rushing (5 TDs) and 1,489 yards passing (9 TDs). He began his Furman career by leading the Paladins to the 2022 FCS playoffs and a 10-3 mark with

694 yards rushing (8 TDs) and 2,199 yards passing (15 TDs).

Huff played his first three seasons at Presbyterian (2019-21), where he amassed 3,085 total yards (525 rushing and 2,560 passing) and 27 touchdowns. He played just four games at Presbyterian in 2021, qualifying for a medical redshirt. He earned his undergraduate degree from PC, majoring in business administration with a concentration in business analytics.

Furman head football coach Clay Hendrix, who coached at the United States Air Force Academy for 10 seasons before returning to his alma mater in 2017, said Huff "joined our program in the summer of 2022, and over a span of 16 months has been a positive difference maker in every regard. Through his role as our starting quarterback, which he secured in the fall of 2022 without the benefit of going through spring practice, he quickly established himself as a top performer and leader in our program who commands tremendous respect, which he returns with consistently strong, unselfish support of his teammates."

Hendrix added: "The stature Tyler holds is reflected in the fact he was elected a team co-captain for the 2023 season by vote of his teammates -- something I have rarely witnessed for a second-year player in my 38 years of coaching. Tyler's maturity and confidence as a person and player, constructed through his playing experience and shaped by the challenges of coaching changes and injury he experienced prior to coming to Furman have also been greatly influenced by his military background. No football team wins without strong, effective leadership and ability at the quarterback position. Tyler quickly deflects and shares praise among his teammates, which to me underscores even more his effectiveness as person, player, and leader on the field and beyond."

MSU soccer women head to Sweet 16

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

With former Oakleaf High School soccer scoring machine Hannah Johnson leading her cannon leg to the Mississippi State University women's soccer team, the Lady Bulldogs have earned a ticket to the NCAA Div I Sweet 16 round of the national championship tournament with a 1-0 win over Providence in round one and a recent 2-1 win over No. 3 Brown University on Fri., Nov. 17.

Against Providence on November 11, a defensive slugfest ensued for the regular 110 minutes of play before MSU scored early in the first overtime to win the contest. MSU had never won a round of 32 games.

Against No. 3 seed Brown, played in Palo Alto, California, the Lady Bulldogs were down 1-0 with a second-half score by Brown but answered with a scored in the 69th minute and a second goal just seven minutes later for the win.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MSU ATHLETICS

Mississippi State junior forward Hannah Johnson, a top scorer for Oakleaf High School in her earlier days, has added her strong scoring instinct to the Lady Bulldogs lineup about to take on undefeated Stanford in the Elite 16 round of the NCAA championship tournament.

SJCDS Lauryn Mateo named SSC Tournament MVP

From Embry Riddle Athletics

MELBOURNE, Fla. - The 11th-ranked Embry-Riddle women's soccer team made Sunshine State Conference history on Sunday becoming the first women's soccer team to win four consecutive SSC Tournament titles. The second-seeded Eagles (14-1-3) defeated top-seeded Florida Tech 1-0 on the Panthers' home field to bring home their fourth conference tournament crown in as many seasons.

Former St. Johns Country Day School soccer star Lauryn Mateo is a freshman starter for the Eagles. Mateo followed up her SSC Freshman of the Year award with SSC Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors.

Sunday also marked the third time in three seasons that the Eagles and the Panthers were meeting in the title game. The 2023 edition of the tournament rivalry ended the same way as the previous two with a single goal by the Eagles being the difference.

Led by second-year head coach Liam McIlhatton, Embry-Riddle women's soc-

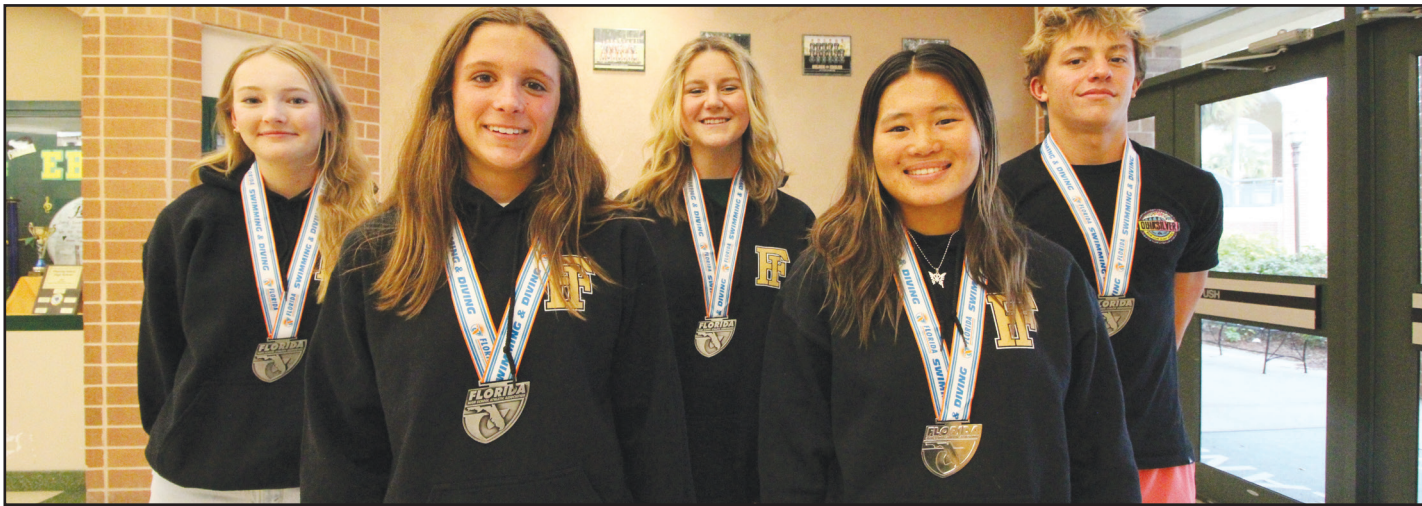


Former St. Johns Country Day School soccer star Lauryn Mateo was named Sunshine State Conference championship tournament Most Outstanding Player.

cer has earned an automatic bid to the 2023 NCAA II Women's Soccer National Championship.

Florida Tech had most of the

SEE MATEO, 33



Stateswim medalists

Fleming Island swim team members; from left, Skye Jones, Elizabeth Loehr, Katelyn Moore, Ava Brinkman and Williams Shoesmith display their medals from the Class 3A swimming and diving championships in Ocala. Jones, Loehr and Moore were part of eighth place 200 free relay with 50 free and 100 free gold medalist Maryn McDade (not in photo), Brinkman was silver medalist in 1-Meter diving and Shoesmith was seventh in 500 free.



Middleburg High's Haley Fugate does the gold medal in teeth thing in photo shoot for volleyball state champions.



State golf champions

Fleming Island boys golf coach Bruce Cloud holds his Class 3A championship trophy with team after Golden Eagles brought home double gold from the FHSAA championship tournament; a team title and the individual Class 3A champion in sophomore Tyler Mawhinney.

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Forkum final thought: Surreal

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Middleburg High girls volleyball shows off their Class 5A championship trophy and gold medals after beating Barron Collier 3-0 in Winter Haven last week. For first year coach Meredith Forkum, who took over for coach Carrie Prewitt, the win and the state championship run was "Surreal" for her as she says she knew the team would be competitive, but they far exceeded expectations. "It hit me at dinner after the game when we were eating at the Texas Roadhouse down there and I saw these gigantic smiles on all the girls faces," said Forkum.



Lady Spartans lose 3-1 against 6A powerhouse Tallahassee Chiles



St. Johns Country Day School soccer suffered a 3-1 loss to 6A powerhouse Tallahassee Chiles on Friday in a clash of state powers. Sophomore forward Sydney Schmidt had a lone goal for the Lady Spartans. Chiles, 6-0-1, lost in the region semifinal last year to eventual Class 6A champion Gulf Breeze. St. Johns was the Class 2A runner-up.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

St. Johns Country Day School soccer midfielder Reygan Ropero battles for control on the sideline.



St. Johns Country Day School soccer forward Sydney Schmidt tries to sprint to loose ball against Chiles. Schmidt scored a lone goal in a 3-1 loss.



St. Johns Country Day School soccer forward Mia Johnson moves the ball downfield against Chiles.

Frost, Schlotthauer battle for Hog Jog title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

LAKE ASBURY - Former Bishop Snyder swim standout and trackster Kaitlyn Frost, now a Florida Gulf Coast University freshman cross country and swim athlete who just finished her first collegiate cross country season, had to fend off a challenge from Fleming Island High's Emma Schlotthauer, who just finished her high school cross country season with a Friday run at the Class 3A championship race in Tallahassee, as Frost won the annual Florida Striders' Hog Jog 5K cross country run in Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury on Saturday.

"Kaitlyn went down to Gulf Coast and loved it and they asked her to run cross country and she loved that," said Jack Frost, her dad, not the Christmas legend. "She will start her swim season after the holiday break."

Frost won with a 21-minute, 33-second time to fend off Schlotthauer, a 22:39.8 at state, who finished with a 22:34 in Van Zant Park. Carly Vestri, 23, was third female with a 23:36.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Former Bishop Snyder standout swimmer and track runner Kaitlyn Frost, now a freshman at Florida Gulf Coast University, came home to win a tough battle at the Hog Jog 5K -country race in Van Zant Park on Saturday.

Frost and Schlotthauer finished fifth and sixth overall with Vestri 10th.

For the male race, 15-year-old Con-



Runners take off for the Hog Jog one-mile fun run held Saturday at Ronnie Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury.



Hog Jog 5K male champion Connor Peek takes a break after winning his first ever 5K cross country race Peek's response "I'm never doing that again."



nor Peek took off from the start and never wavered with a winning 19:27 split in his first-ever 5K race.

"I'm never doing that again," said Peek as he lay on the ground between two trees after his win.

Fleming Island High cross country runner Emma Schlotthauer gets a high five at the finish line of Hog Jog 5k after second place female finisher. Schlotthauer took a quick drive to Tallahassee on Friday for the Class 3A cross country championship race before Saturday's race at Van Zant Park.

Justin Vestri, 26, was second for the men in 20:53 with Jacob Salazar, 17, third in 21:04.

There were 143 finishers for the event produced by 1st Place Sports of Jacksonville.

On November 23, the 40th running of the Community First Thanksgiving Distance Classic will start again at Flynn Park and finish at Pickwick Park Shopping Center with over 3,000 runners last year.



Pistol Pete! in Raiderdome?

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Orange Park High basketball coach Derek Kurnitsky lauds the defensive effort of his Raider basketball team at halftime of the Raiders preseason win over Episcopal in Clay High Preseason Classic. Left: Raider forward Sean Martin dons his favorite Pistol Pete Maravich headband during warmups.



Oakleaf Renegades 10-under win 21-0



Oakleaf Renegades power back Otis Goodman, Jr. rumbles through Grand Park tackler for a big gain in the second half of a 21-0 playoff win.



Oakleaf Renegades wide receiver Ayden Amerson breaks in front of Grand Park sideline for second-half gain.

Oakleaf Renegades quarterback Camren McCray launches a touchdown strike in the first half of a 21-0 playoff win over Grand Park.

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Oakleaf Renegades cheerleaders get their smiles on in the post-game huddle with the team after 21-0 playoff win over Grand Park propelled the team to the Division championship next week at Lake Mary High with a shot at Pop Warner National Championship two weeks later.

Dreadnaughts defeat National Champion Title Town Titans 38-6



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island Dreadnaughts 11-under running back Patric Chaney high-steps into the line of scrimmage en route to a touchdown in a 38-6 playoff win over Title Town Titans as Dreadnaughts advance to division championship at Lake Mary High on Saturday with a shot at Pop Warner National Title in two weeks.



Fleming Island Dreadnaughts 11-under defender Brandon McIntosh blasted through for this second-half sack in Dreadnaughts dominating 38-6 win over Titledown Titans, the defending Pop Warner national champs.



Fleming Island Dreadnaughts kicker Jackson Blackburn nails point after kick.



Fleming Island Dreadnaughts 11-under defensive end Tristan Burton swallows Titans quarterback for drive-stalling sack.



Left: Fleming Island Dreadnaughts 11-under quarterback R.J. Baggett, Jr., cuts to gain more open space against Title Town Titans.

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Bygone Jax tells some of the lesser known stories from our past.

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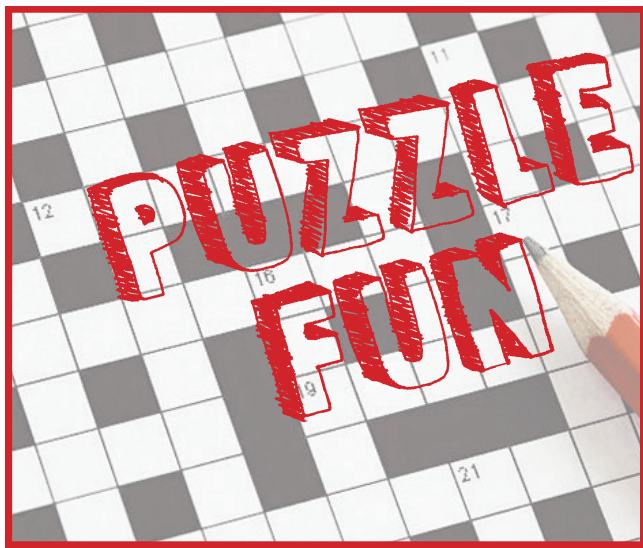
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STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO
Dreadnaught 10-Under team advances in playoffs

Top left: Dreadnaught tight end Austin "Gronk" Anschuetz rumbles with first of three big pass catches in second half of 34-26 win. Top right: Dreadnaught wide receiver Ezekiel Esther turns and heads to end zone with TD catch. Below: Andrew Blockinger and Ty Stephenson get belly bump after Stephenson TD. Bottom: Defenders Devan Davis and Ty Stephenson snag a tackle for loss.





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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to winter.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 13 = I)

A. 7 12 13 22 22 11 5 9

Clue: Big snow storm

B. 21 16 13 12 12 18

Clue: A bit cold

C. 9 5 13 24 6

Clue: Pile of snow

D. 25 3 10 14

Clue: Frozen precipitation

Answers: A. blizzard B. chilly C. drift D. snow

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to winter.

ACTSO

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Answer: Coats

Guess Who?

I am a musician born in Denmark on December 26, 1963. I played tennis as a young man, but gained an interest in music after receiving a ticket to see Deep Purple, which inspired me to become a drummer. I've been part of a metal rock band for many years.

Answer: Lars Ulrich

WINTER WONDERS WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- BLANKET
- BLIZZARD
- BRISK
- BUNDLE
- DOWNHILL
- FROZEN
- HAZARD
- HEAVY
- ICECAP
- ICE SKATING
- LAKE
- MITTENS
- MOUNTAIN
- NOR'EASTER
- PARKA
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- SKIING
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- SNOWMAN
- TEMPERATURE
- WINTRY
- WOODBURNING
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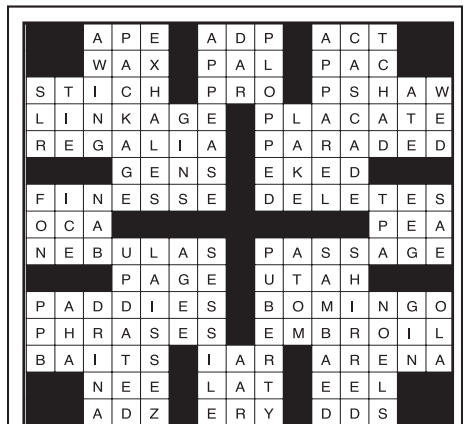
Mateo

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possession to start Sunday's game. The 17th-ranked Panthers registered five of the first six shots of the game and outshot the Eagles 6-5 in the first half. But ERAU netminder Oona Jokinen was solid in the pipes for Blue and Gold, keeping the Panthers at Bay with a couple of big saves.

In the 33rd minute, the Eagles launched a counterattack and got the ball out to Isabelle Navren who won the second corner kick of the game for ERAU. Navren took the set piece and sent the ball to the back post when Lauryn Mateo rose above the Florida Tech defense to head home her sixth goal of the year and give the Eagles a 1-0 advantage.

Three of the four remaining chances in the half belonged to the Eagles, but they were unable to add to their tally, taking the one-goal lead into the halftime break. The second half provided several anxious moments for both sides. The Panthers held a 4-3 edge in shots, but Embry-Riddle proved the more dangerous side as all three shots tested goalkeeper Ayana Aoyagi, while only one Panther shot was on frame. The final 45 minutes produced no changes to the score line, however, and the Eagles came away from Rick Stotler Field with the victory and the title.



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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 12/8/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 4360 CR 218 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 1FMFU15517LA50936 2007 FORD JTDAT123150346008 2005 TOYT
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, December 18, 2023, for the following: **RFP NO. 23/24-21, Traffic Counts, Capacity Table and Mobility Fee Studies** 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 Jessika Buzzelli in the Purchasing Department by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

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

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>.

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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:
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December 12, 2023, 10:00am
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 The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 631/2020
Legal Description: LOTS 1,5 & 6 BLK 17 HIGHLIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2535 PG 961

Parcel ID No.: 210823-002658-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,855.67
Physical Address: 7191 SKIDMORE ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: SONUEL LOUISSAINT & GLADYS MESIDOR

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

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 17th day of November, 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: GRACE SALAS, 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.: 910/2017
Legal Description: LOT 19 BLK 96 HIGHLIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 3150 PG 963

Parcel ID No.: 210823-004239-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,032.90
Physical Address: 7184 RUTGERS ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: DENTON II LLC

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

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 17th day of November, 2023
 TARA S . GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
 Clay County, Florida

By: Christina Spadea
 Deputy Clerk

Legal 92542 Published 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 1996/2021
Legal Description: LOT 15 BLK 1 LAKESIDE TERRACE AS REC O R 3595 PG 1334

Parcel ID No.: 140824-007055-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,220.82
Physical Address: 7212 CARDINAL ST , FLORAHOME

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: TERRELL GLEN SWEAT

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

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 17th day of November, 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

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Certificate No.: 1657/2017
Legal Description: PT LOT 9 SW OF RD BLACK CREEK ESTATES AS REC O R 919 PG 568

Parcel ID No.: 110524-006143-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,542.31
Physical Address: SCENIC DR , MIDDLEBURG

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: CECILE K ABRAM

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

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **13th day of December, 2023 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

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 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: RAM TAX LIEN FUND LP, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No.: 1268/2021
Legal Description: PT OF SW1/4 S5T5R24 A/K/A LOT 4 MIMOSA WOODS UNREC AS REC O R 1848 PG 1421

Parcel ID No.: 050524-005931-003-04
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,928.57
Physical Address: 101 PLANKTON AVE , MIDDLEBURG

Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: JOHN L & PATRICIA L HILLS, PATRICIA L HILLS

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

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **10th day of January, 2024 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 17th day of November, 2023
 TARA S . GREEN
 Clay County Clerk & Comptroller

Clay County, Florida
 By: Christina Spadea
 Deputy Clerk
Legal 92539 Published 11/23/2023, 11/30/2023, 12/7/2023 and 12/14/2023 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:
 3445 Plymouth Street Jacksonville FL 32205, on December 12th, 2023 at 2pm.

Mary Beaufort household goods
 Clarence Borden Household items
 Jason Krehbiel furniture and household items

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Legal 92538 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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 28, 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. 46-05-26-010324-002-06, consisting of approximately 2,278 square feet.

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

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

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

Board of County Commissioners
 Clay County, Florida
Legal 92475 Published 11/23/2023 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 28, 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. 46-05-26-010324-002-04, consisting of approximately 904 square feet.

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

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

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

Board of County Commissioners
 Clay County, Florida
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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 28, 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. 46-05-26-010321-002-00, consisting of approximately 0.29 acres.

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

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

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

Board of County Commissioners
 Clay County, Florida
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE ZON-1023-00025

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold public hearings on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 and Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION #s 47-06-27-016480-000-00, 47-06-27-016484-001-00, 47-06-27-016482-000-00 AND 47-06-27-016484-000-00, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 2.95 ACRES, FROM THEIR PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF IB (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO AR (AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of four parcels of land from IB (Heavy Industrial) to AR (Agricultural/Residential District), on the following land, the owners of the land being LeeAnne S. Turbeville (47-06-27-016480-000-00), Douglas D. and Sandra L. Parker (47-06-27-016484-001-00), Donald W. and Pamela S. Moore (47-06-27-016482-000-00) and William E. Nelson and Keely A. Nelson-Sanders (47-06-27-016484-000-00):

Location Address for ZON-1023-00025
 Tax Parcel Identification Numbers: 47-06-27-016480-000-00, 47-06-27-016484-001-00, 47-06-27-016482-000-00 AND 47-06-27-016484-000-00

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearing

ings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners
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PUBLIC AUCTION

2004 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32204 December 12, 2023 at 1:30pm
 Nancy Yeoman - Household goods
 Jasmine Bennett - Household goods
 Jennifer Simpson - Books and shelves
 Lola Williams - Boxes, furniture
 Jennifer Cody - Appliances furniture boxes tvs

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Legal 92471 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The City of Green Cove Springs, Florida (the "City") here by provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the incorporated area of the City, for the cost of providing utility, roadways, stormwater, and other public infrastructure services, facilities, and programs for the Reynolds Park/Clay County Port within the incorporated area of the City commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2024 and continuing until discontinued by the City. The City will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 19, 2023 in City Hall, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the City Manager's office in City Hall, located at 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the City with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at (904) 297-7500, ext. 3307, at least two days prior to the date of the hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact the City at (904) 297-7500, Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m..

City of Green Cove Springs
 Erin West, City Clerk
 321 Walnut Street
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
 L. Steve Kennedy, City Manager
Legal 92470 Published 11/23/2023, 11/30/2023, 12/7/2023 and 12/14/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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

Your medical records are confidential and will not be relocated. If you have any questions, please call (904) 269-7007.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE ZON-0923-00022

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 35-04-25-008223-010-00), TOTALING 1.44 ACRES, FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF BA-2 (COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICE DISTRICT) TO BB-3 (SPECIALTY BUSINESS DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of a single parcel of land from BA-2 (Commercial And Professional Office District) to BB-3 (Specialty Business District), on the following land, the owner of the land being Winter Investments, LLC:
Location Address for ZON 0923-00022
Tax Parcel Identification Number 35-04-25-008223-010-00.

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE ZON-1023-00024

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 28-05-26-014421-000-00), TOTALING 2.45 ACRES, FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF BA (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO BB-5 (COMMERCIAL RECREATION DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of a single parcel of land from BA (Neighborhood Business District) to BB-5 (Commercial Recreational District), on the following land, the owner of the land being Guru Dayal LLC:
Location Address for ZON 1023-00024
Tax Parcel Identification Number 28-05-26-014421-000-00.

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hear-

ings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners
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Meeting Dates of the Clay County Utility Authority

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida.

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

If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend.
For further information, call (904) 213-2464.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE PUD-1023-00014

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 34-04-25-008154-009-00), TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 22 ACRES, FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF AR (AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) AND RE (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of a single parcel of land from AR (Agricultural/Residential District) and RE (Single-Family Residential District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), the owner of the land being Edith E. Murray:
Location Address for PUD-1023-00014
Tax Parcel Identification Number: 34-04-25-008154-009-00

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

or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners
Legal 92464 Published 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE PUD-1023-00015

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 05-06-26-015238-000-00), TOTALING 20.69 ACRES, FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF AG (AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT) AND AR (AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of a single parcel of land from AG (Agricultural District) and AR (Agricultural/Residential District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), the owner of the land being 1679 Shedd Road Development, LLC:
Location Address for PUD-1023-00015
Tax Parcel Identification Number: 05-06-26-015238-000-00

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

Clay County Board of County Commissioners
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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on 11/15/2023:
Heath McCall, permit# 117972-28. The project is located in Clay County, Section 15, Township 6S South, Range 23E East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 0.05 acres for Private dock known as Heath McCall. The receiving water body is Kingsley Lake. 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, 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.

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/notice_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 Records and Regulatory Support, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4570.
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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:
100 Girvin Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32225 on December 12th, 2023 at 12:00pm.
Patricia Agans- household goods
Kimberly Murphy- Household items
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92454 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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: Life Storage, 10523 Deerwood Park Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32256, 904-561-4843, on December 12th, 2023 at 1:00pm.
Devon Quattlebaum- Household Goods/Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment
Heidy Vidal De Leon- Household Goods/Furniture
Tarsha Ware- Household Goods/Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment
James Sullivan- Household Goods/Furniture
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92453 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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:
918 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park FL, 32065
December 12th, 2023 at 10:00 am
Berneth Jayco- Household Goods/Furniture
Jerry Gray- Household Goods/Furniture,

TV/Stereo Equipment, Tools/Appliances 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 92451 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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:
340 S Myrtle ave Jacksonville, Fl. 32204, 12/12/2023 at 10:00 am
Robert Scott Household Goods
Lisa Reynolds Miscellaneous Items
Dedrick Mims Household Goods
Daisha Bullard Household Goods
Donterious George Household Goods
Pamela Goodner Household Goods
Alysa Booth Household Goods
Daina Gibbs Household Goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com
Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92450 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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: 3858 Old Sunbeam Rd Jacksonville, Fl 32257, December 12, 2023 at 11:00am
Jack James -Household Goods/Furniture
Phillip DeLisser -Household Goods/Furniture
Carolyn Stewart -Household Goods/Furniture
Dylan Moore -Household Goods/Furniture
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 92338 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
Extra Space Storage, 9914 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32257, on December 12th 2023 at 11:30 AM.
Radiance Evans: Household goods, tools, toys
Vanessa Robinson: Household goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92337 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ARMSTRONG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RFQ for Engineering Services

The Armstrong Community Development District ("District"), located in Clay County, Florida, announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District's infrastructure improvements authorized by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The engineering firm selected will act in the general capacity of District Engineer and will provide District engineering services, as required.

Any firm or individual ("Applicant") desiring to provide professional services to the District must: 1) hold applicable federal, state and local licenses; 2) be authorized to do business in Florida in accordance with Florida law; and 3) furnish a statement ("Qualification Statement") of its qualifications and past experience on U.S. General Service Administration's "Architect-Engineer Qualifications, Standard Form No. 330," with pertinent supporting data. Among other things, Applicants must submit information relating to: a) the ability and adequacy of the Applicant's professional personnel; b) whether the Applicant is a certified minority business enterprise; c) the Applicant's willingness to meet time and budget requirements; d) the Applicant's past experience and performance, including but not limited to past experience as a District Engineer for any community development districts and past experience with the [Jurisdiction]; e) the geographic location of the Applicant's

headquarters and offices; f) the current and projected workloads of the Applicant; and g) the volume of work previously awarded to the Applicant by the District. Further, each Applicant must identify the specific individual affiliated with the Applicant who would be handling District meetings, construction services, and other engineering tasks.

The District will review all Applicants and will comply with Florida law, including the Consultant's Competitive Negotiations Act, Chapter 287, Florida Statutes ("CCNA"). All Applicants interested must submit electronic copies of Standard Form No. 330 and the Qualification Statement by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023 to the attention of Marilee Giles (by email to: mgiles@gmsnf.com) ("District Manager's Office").

The Board shall select and rank the Applicants using the requirements set forth in the CCNA and the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, and the highest ranked Applicant will be requested to enter into contract negotiations. If an agreement cannot be reached between the District and the highest ranked Applicant, negotiations will cease and begin with the next highest ranked Applicant, and if these negotiations are unsuccessful, will continue to the third highest ranked Applicant.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all Qualification Statements. Additionally, there is no express or implied obligation for the District to reimburse Applicants for any expenses associated with the preparation and submittal of the Qualification Statements in response to this request.

Any protest regarding the terms of this Notice, or the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, must be filed in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours (excluding weekends) after the publication of this Notice. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to aforesaid Notice or evaluation criteria provisions. Any person who files a notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneous with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).

Legal 92324 Published 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2023-CP-000358
Division 10
IN RE: ESTATE OF
JOHN LEWIS DOUGLAS
Deceased.**

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is November 23, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
STEVEN L. ZAKROCKI, P.L.
/s/ Steven L. Zakrocki
Steven L. Zakrocki
Florida Bar No. 55056
1510 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite B
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
Telephone: (904) 201-4149
Email: steve@zakrockilaw.com
Personal Representative:
Elaine B. Douglas
804 Lightwood Ct.
Orange Park, FL 32065
Legal 92323 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 10-2023-CA-001284
Division
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSF,
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS
OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2019-RPL11 TRUST

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Plaintiff, vs. DON F. HART, III, et al. Defendants. TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DON F. HART, III CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 1837 WINTER PINES COURT ORANGE PARK, FL 32003 DON F. HART, III CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 1837 WINTER PINES COURT ORANGE PARK, FL 32003 You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida: LOT 4A, PINE LAKE UNIT ONE AT EAGLE HARBOR, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGES 78 THROUGH 90, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. commonly known as 1837 WINTER PINES COURT, ORANGE PARK, FL 32003 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ryan Sutton of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiffs attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813) 229-0900, 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 the Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated: November 15, 2023. CLERK OF THE COURT Honorable TARA S. GREEN PO BOX 698 GREEN COVE SPRINGS, Florida 32043 By: Gracie Moore Deputy Clerk **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtrintp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 92322 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

A-1 TOWING AND RECOVERY gives notice that on 12/18/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 3052 JOE JOHNS RD MID-LEBURG, 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. 1B7HC13Y6XJ518720 1999 DODG 5TBBT4412YS001680 2000 TOYT 1FDSE35L41HA50574 2001 FORD 3GYFNGEY6A5607060 2010 CAD I 2C4RDCG0FR527645 2015 DODG 2GNFLFEK3F6228550 2015 CHEV **Legal 92321 Published 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 12/16/2023 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at FIRST COAST TOWING INC- 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 3VJ3B7AX8JM212091 2018 VOLK JMB1BL1SF5A110092 2010 MAZD **Legal 92253 Published 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 Wednesday the 20th day of December, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Howard, Jaylen 670 Couches , Bins, Boxes, Ashbourne, Ashley 703 Household Goods, bins, bags, drum set . Stine, Jasmine 411 Boxes, bins , Household Goods Misc Items . Antoine, Wilky 357 Household Goods, Furniture, bins bags. Navedo, Alexa 359 Household Goods, Furniture, bins bags. 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 92252 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10-2021-DP-000065
DIVISION: JV – E
IN THE INTEREST OF:
J.M.
DOB: 03/30/2015
A MINOR CHILD
THE STATE OF FLORIDA
TO:
Johnathan McConnell, FATHER
Address Unknown
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child, J.M. born March 30, 2015. You are hereby commanded to appear before **Honorable Angela M. Cox**, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock **December 19, 2023**, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.
FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crtrintp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 14th day of November 2023.
Tara S. Green
as Clerk of Said Court
By: Tammy Rosenbaum
Legal 92251 Published 11/23/2023, 11/30/2023, 12/7/2023 and 12/14/2023 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, December 12, 2023 @ 12:00 PM.
James Kitchens: Household goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92250 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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:
5550 Timuquana Road, Jacksonville, FL 32210 on 12/12/23 at 9:30 a.m.
Nykeriya Joseph - 2 bedroom couch and 2 beds couch full size
Kennard Jenkins - Furniture
Makayla Weaver - Household Goods
Christopher Bacon - clothes, tvs
LaShaunta Moore - household goods
Ryan Schofield - clothes and household goods
Legal 92249 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022CA000940
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
RUFINO J. DE LEON; ET AL.,
DEFENDANTS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 8th day of November, 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022CA000940, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY N/K/A DIENNA MANN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUFINO J. DE LEON; RUFINO J. DE LEON; DOCTORS INLET RESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are defendants. Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electroni-

cally at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 A.M. on the **13th day of December, 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 27, OF BARRINGTON ESTATES UNIT THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 43, PAGE(S) 53 THROUGH 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** **IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.** **If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crtrintp@coj.net.**
Dated this 14th day of November, 2023.
Tara S. Green
Clerk of The Circuit Court
By: Gracie Moore
Deputy Clerk
Legal 92244 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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:
1515 Manotak Ave Jacksonville FL 32210, 12/12/2023 @ 11:00 AM.
Liaschonda Hogan -iHousehold Goods/ Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment, Tools/ Appliances
Dominic Harris- Household Goods/Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment s
Gail Lovelace- Household Goods/Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment
Tameka Brown- Household Goods/Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment
Angela Davis -Household Goods/Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment, Tools/Appliances o
Rebecca Delarosa- Camper , motorcycle n
Penny Smith- Household Goods/Furniture, Boxes
Latasshia Griffin -1 bed home a Hogan Liaschonda Hogan schonda Hogan
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92152 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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: 7657 103rd Street on 12/12/23 @ 11:00 AM.
Greater Church of God By Faith, INC Household Goods/Furniture, Tools/Appliances, Office Furn/Machines/Equip, Acct. Records/Sales Samples
Shaakira Akbar Household Goods/Furniture, Office Furn/Machines/Equip
Gripping Graphics Collections Products, Inventory
Lametrizia Eason Household Goods/Furniture
Joshua Stephens Boxes, Furniture
Terry Mckeever Household Goods/Furniture, Vintage Clothing and Accessories
Jovan Jones Household Goods/Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment, Tools/Appliances
Malaika Katwala Furniture
Catherine Brailsford Household Goods/Furniture, Tools/Appliances
Kimberly White Household Goods/Furniture
Caleif Bush Household Goods/Furniture
Tyisha Ricks Household Goods/Furniture
Chelsea Jackson Household Goods/Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment, Tools/Appliances, Office Furn/Machines/Equip
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92151 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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, 12/12/2023 at 10:00 AM
Karelis Elliott Household Goods

Courtney Wallace Household Goods
Jason Wilson Household Goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92150 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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: 2406 Hutton Ct Middleburg, FL 32068 on December 12, 2023 at 10AM
Jessica Carson
Household Items
Kevin Golubovic
Hand Trucks, Furniture Covers and Straps
Samuel Morton
Household Items, Dining Table and Chairs
Cynthia Lynn Johnson
Boxes, Totes, Chairs, Bird Cage, Beanie Babies, Suitcases, Filing Cabinet, Ironing Board
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92149 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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:
6611 Southpoint Parkway, Jacksonville, FL 32216 on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 12:30 PM
Sandra Makowski - household stuff
Vadesha Sadler - apartment
Angie Smith - household goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92148 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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:
5017 Bowden Rd Jacksonville Fl 32216 on 12/12/23 at 11A.M.
Mareas Vickers - Tools
Jeannette Myers - Household Items, clothes, tables, chairs
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92147 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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-001262-
TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2022-SJ1, U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY N. A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,
vs.
EILENE E. ROACH A/K/A EILENE ROACH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EILENE E. ROACH A/K/A EILENE ROACH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT R. ROACH A/K/A ROBERT ROACH; 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 29, BLOCK 58, OF JACKSONVILLE SOUTH, UNIT TWO, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 10 TO 11, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** **PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4542 MAYFLOWER ST, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068** **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 crtrintp@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 13th day of November, 2023.
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: Jennifer Brosky
Deputy Clerk
Legal 92144 Published 11/16/2023 and 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023-CP-530
IN RE:
ESTATE OF JERRY L. CULP, Deceased.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the administration of the estate of JERRY L. CULP, deceased, Case Number: 2023-CP-553, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Orange Park, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice was November 16, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative: David S. Fursteller, Esq. 9310 Old Kings Road S., Suite 702 Jacksonville, Florida 32257
Personal Representative
Jerrl Wiesenkof
9579 Broken Oak Boulevard Jacksonville, Florida 32257
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the Unincorporated Areas of Clay County, Florida, and Case No. 23-04-0807P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).
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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: **4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003 December 12, 2023, at 10:00am.**
Rachel Clem
Household Goods

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2023-CA-001222-
TIAA, FSB, Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVEISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY M. HAAS; MATTHEW M. HAAS A/K/A MATTHEW MICHEL HAAS; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE JEFFREY AND SYBIL HAAS REVOCABLE TRUST U/A DATED APRIL 25, 2013; SYBIL C. ISON A/K/A SYBIL CECELIA ISON; UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES OF THE JEFFREY AND SYBIL HAAS REVOCABLE TRUST U/A DATED APRIL 25, 2013; 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 07 day of February, 2024**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 3, BLOCK "E", LAKESIDE ESTATES UNIT 9, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGES 57, 58, 59 & 60, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** **PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5409 WEAVER ROAD, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065** **IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.**
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 crtrintp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 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 9th day of November, 2023.
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: Chelsey Mason
Deputy Clerk
Legal 91825 Published 11/16/2023 and 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2022-CC-000844
DIVISION: CC-
SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES E. FRAZIER AND DOTTIE B. FRAZIER, UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2
Defendants.
Notice is given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 6, 2022, in the above styled civil action of the County Court, in and for Clay County, Florida, in which JAMES E. FRAZIER, DOTTIE B. FRAZIER, UNKNOWN TENANT NO.1, TIFFANY FRAZIER AND UNKNOWN TENANT NO.2, WILLIAM FRAZIER are the Defendants, and SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff. The property will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. on December 6, 2023, on Clay County's Public Auction website: www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. The property to be sold as set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure is more particularly described as:
Lot 164, SPENCER PLANTATION UNIT TWO, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 47, Pages 43 through 48, inclusive, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT
By: Nicole Barrie
Deputy Clerk

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Legal 91495 Published 11/16/2023 and 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on December 13, 2023. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on December 06, 2023 and end at 10AM on December 13, 2023. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com.
KO Storage of Keystone Heights - 1029 State Rte 100, 1029 FL-100, Keystone Heights FL 32656, (952) 314-7121
Time: 10:00AM CST
 K143, Lemaire, Robert
KO Storage of Keystone Heights - 7350 State Rte 100, 7350 FL-100, Keystone Heights FL 32656, (952) 314-7121
Time: 10:00AM CST
 KM006, Pons, Steven, KM012, Recard,

Amy, KM017, Cardona, Christie, S020, Varnes, Holly
 Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121.
Legal 91222 Published 11/16/2023 and 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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
 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 docu-

ments 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 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 CORIANDEY 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 MARICQ, the holder of the following cer-

tificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 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
 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

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2023-CC-001106
DIVISION: D
CREDIT HOLDINGS 22, LLC
 Plaintiff,
vs.
LEE COUNTY VERANDAH ASSOCIATION 1, LLC, TRUSTEE FOR CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST, #05-04-25-007868-010-52, DATED DECEMBER 26, 2012,
 Defendant.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to an Order of Final Judgement of foreclosure dated September 14, 2023, and entered in Case No.: 2023-CC-001106, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein the property will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com, the Clerk's website for on-line auctions at **10:00 a.m. on the 4 day of December, 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgement, to wit:
(LEGAL DESCRIPTION)
 LOT 219, PEBBLE CREEK AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION - PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 43, PAGE 4, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3886 PEBBLE BROOKE CIRCLE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065.
 The above is to be published in Clay Today. 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 sixty (60) days after the sale. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodations in order to participate in this proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provisions of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator at least 7 days before your scheduled 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 on November 17, 2023.
 TARA S GREEN
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: Robbin Tefft
 As Deputy Clerk
Legal 92712 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2023-CC-001722
DIVISION: D
NORTHERN TRUST HOLDINGS 1, LLC, A NEW MEXICO COMPANY, TRUSTEE FOR 1428 CANOPY OAKS DRIVE LAND TRUST,
 Plaintiff,
vs.
ORANGE PARK 2022, LLC, A NEW MEXICO COMPANY, TRUSTEE FOR CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST #09-04-25-007868
 Defendant.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to an Order of Final Judgement of foreclosure dated October 23, 2023, and entered in Case No.: 2023-CC-001722, of the County Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein the property will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com, the Clerk's website for on-line auctions at **10:00 a.m. on the 6 day of December, 2023**, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgement, to wit:
(LEGAL DESCRIPTION)
 LOT 90, NATURES HAMMOCK AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 43, PAGES 67 THROUGH 79, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1428 CANOPY

OAKS DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065.
 The above is to be published in Clay Today. 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 sixty (60) days after the sale. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodations in order to participate in these proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provisions of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator at least 7 days before your scheduled 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 on November 17, 2023
 TARA S GREEN
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: Robbin Tefft
 As Deputy Clerk
Legal 92711 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs. G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
 2019 KIA VIN # KNDJN2A22K7919512
 Auction will be held at 9:00 AM 12/18/2023 at G & M Towing, Inc, located at 4995 Highway 17 S, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.
Legal 92710 Published 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Murph's Boutique**, located at 4849 County Rd 218, in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 14th day of November, 2023.
 Mary Greenhaigh
Legal 92709 Published 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 19th day of December, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL, 32003 Clay County Brown, Sandra E215 boxes, bicycle, fishing gear, heaters, mirror and misc. Beltz, Kevin F351 carpet, boxes, bags, plastic drawers. 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 92708 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE# 2023DR1516
 Division
 Allison N. Shurn
 Petitioner
 and
 Mariah N. Shurn
 Respondent.
 TO: Mariah N. Shurn
 1964 Traceland Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Allison N. Shurn whose address is 1964 Traceland Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, on or before January 1, 2024, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the



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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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: November 17, 2023
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: Jennifer Brosky
 Deputy Clerk
Legal 92553 Published 11/23/2023, 11/30/2023, 12/7/2023 and 12/14/2023 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:
 45 Jefferson Rd, Jacksonville FL, 32225, December, 12, 2023 at 1:00pm.
 Chonesty Lewis-sofa set, 3 beds, bar stools, dining table/chairs, boxes, 2 deep freezers, bicycles, power wheels
 Yvette Pettiford-Household Goods
 The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 92552 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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 28, 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:
Tax Parcel No. 32-05-26-021023-001-00.
 This notice is given pursuant to Section 125.355, Florida Statutes, and Clay County Ordinance 99-65. A copy of the Agreement is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal holidays, in the Office of the County Attorney located on the 2nd Floor of the Clay County Administration Building at the foregoing address.
 All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, any person who desires to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations will need a record of the proceedings, and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to participate in this

matter should contact Clay County Risk Management by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 278-4718, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Deaf and hard of hearing persons can access the telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).
 Board of County Commissioners
 Clay County, Florida
Legal 92551 Published 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

L&K Transmission 970 Blanding Blvd Orange Park FL will auction off the following vehicles for towing, repair and storage charges, starting prices listed, pursuant to Florida statutes, section 713585, on December 20, 2023 at 8:00 am. 2007 Lexus GS350, JTHBE96S770024554, \$3950 and 2014 Buick Encore, KL4CJBS-B9EB569682, \$5420.
Legal 92550 Published 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ATLAS CHANGE ZON-0923-00023

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public

hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND LAND USE LDRs ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 93-16, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION # 09-05-24-005953-102-00), TOTALING 1.069 ACRES, FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF BA-1 (LIGHT NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO BB-3 (SPECIALTY BUSINESS DISTRICT); PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 The proposed ordinance would change the current zoning classification of a single parcel of land from BA-1 (Light Neighborhood Business District) to BB-3 (Specialty Business District), on the following land, the owner of the land being Anthony Celletti:
Location Address for ZON-0923-00023
Tax Parcel Identification Number 09-05-24-005953-102-00
 Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. After the public hearings the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection

by the public at the Clay County Planning and Zoning Division, Third Floor of the Administration Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearings or at any subsequent hearing to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to participate in this matter should contact Clay County Risk Management by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 278-4718, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Deaf and hard of hearing persons can access the telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).
 Clay County Board of County Commissioners
Legal 92549 Published 11/23/2023 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

3780 Kori Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257, on December 12th 2023 at 9:30am.
 Santos Rodriguez - Household Goods
 The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 91833 Published 11/23/2023 and 11/30/2023 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:
 Address: 790 Monument Rd Jacksonville, FL 32225
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