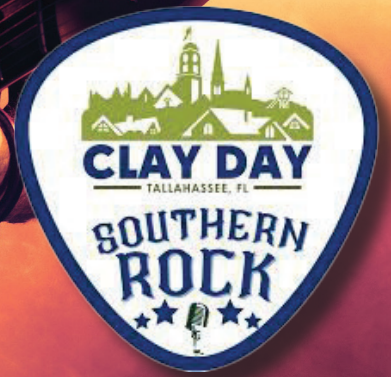


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## 'Just pay attention'

### Local businesses warn of pervasive online scams

By Lee Wardlaw  
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CLAY COUNTY – In a bustling world of small businesses in Clay County, four entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds converged to tell their stories of a common concern: online and social media scams.

Sept. 11 was a joyous day for Danielle Walton. After two months of preparation, she was finally ready to open her small business in Oakleaf, Marley's Markets, which creates baskets, trays, and bins with decor items and markets them to real estate companies.

She found out she had to pay to network on Facebook, a crucial aspect of her business, to register for pop-up local vendor events in Clay and surrounding counties.

It was a scam.

Walton learned scrupulous scammers duplicated social media pages to lull unsuspecting victims into making payments for bogus services.

Scammers posed as event agents or organizers. They contacted her and other vendors with event flyers through emails, text messages and comments and messages on social media. The fraudsters typi-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Danielle Walton, the creative mind behind Marley's Markets, speaks with a customer. But too often, the Oakleaf entrepreneur spends more time dealing with online scammers.

cally focus on Facebook, creating duplicate event pages and sometimes creating flyers that go out into the community.

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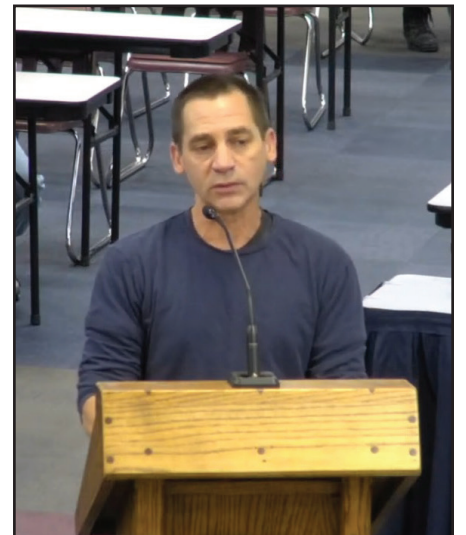
### Bruce Friedman:

## The man behind book bans

Advocate vows to keep pressing school board to remove books

By Jack Randall  
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FLEMING ISLAND – If one aspect of Clay County has captured the nation's attention, it is the monthly School Board meeting. Discussions surrounding book challenges, appeals and removals garnered national headlines last year. Florida leads the nation in challenges and books removed from school libraries, and Clay County's District leads the state.



STAFF PHOTO BY JACK RANDALL

Bruce Friedman is a vocal proponent of removing what he believes to be explicit pornographic material from public libraries. Last year, He received national attention when his microphone was cut off while reading a passage from "Heroine," a book still accessible to students in school libraries.

put the focus back on his quest to ban books he believed were offensive. He handed his newest installment of challenges to the board of what he said portrays explicit material in public school libraries.

"Through the course of this month, I

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### PUBLIC FORUM

**When:** Jan. 16  
**Where:** Orange Park High  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Subject:** Discussing the district's media policy, primarily the "book ban" debate.

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If the first school board meeting of the year is any indication, the debate will continue throughout 2024.

EdFIRST, a half-cent sales tax implemented to raise revenue for infrastructure improvements in public schools, was reported to have raised \$17.8 million to make needed infrastructure repairs at several schools.

Bruce Friedman, however, wanted to

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# School board celebrates accomplishments from last year

By Jack Randall  
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FLEMING ISLAND – Although the county is still grappling with a constant barrage of book challenges, the school district focused more on its accomplishments during its first meeting of the new year.



David Broskie

The district has reason to tout its accomplishments, like being identified as an “A” school district by the Florida Department of Education.

“Only 16 districts in the state of Florida are ‘A’ school districts. Clay County is one of them,” said Superintendent David Broskie.

Broskie shared the Clay County School District is ranked the No. 6 in Florida based on metrics such as academics, athletics, diversity, quality of teachers, and



STAFF PHOTO BY JACK RANDALL

From left, Florida School Board Association Consultant Paula Wright Coles, joins Superintendent David Broskie, Mary Bolla, Ashley Gilhousen, Beth Clark, Erin Skipper and Michele Hanson to celebrate Clay County District Schools earning the Certified Board Status.

reviews from students and parents. The civics educational program is No. 1 in the state, Broskie said.

The school board was also recognized for achieving Certified Board Status. “This

is a great way to start your 2024, by receiving this plaque,” said a Florida School Boards Association representative. “You have elevated the standards of the board in Clay County and are a shining light to all

school districts and beyond.”

EdFIRST, a half-cent sales tax implemented to raise revenue for infrastructure improvements in public schools, was reported to have raised \$17.8 million in revenue for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The projection for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is \$21.5 million. Since its inception in 2021, the total revenue raised from the half-cent sales tax is \$47.2 million. Total expenditure was \$31.9 million.

Expenditures for this year included air conditioning repair at McCrae Elementary, restroom renovations in Ridgeview High, roof renovations on both Middleburg High and Oakleaf Village Elementary and a new cafeteria for Keystone Heights Elementary. The Citizen Advisory Committee approved these projects and many more.

Board Member Erin Skipper invited the public to an open forum Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at Orange Park High to discuss the district’s media policy, primarily the “book ban” debate. “I know we’ve been talking about books quite some time,” said Skipper. “We want to hear from you.”

## Smart City Master Plan unveiled at Keystone Heights

City Council bids farewell to City Manager Lynn Rutkowski

By Jack Randall  
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Manzan Consulting unveiled its Smart City Master Plan last Monday, the last city council meeting for City Manager Lynn Rutkowski. Council said Rutkowski’s efforts to develop Keystone Heights as a “smart city” will be one of the many legacies of her almost 12-year career.

Manzan defines a smart city as one that “creates and sustains a thriving, livable and resilient community (that) uses innovative technology where appropriate to facilitate the mission.” A Manzan representative said that technology is a great tool, but it alone is not the solution. She said that sensors and automated feedback would still depend on capable city staff members to succeed.

Manzan’s plan rests on four core objectives: fostering sustainable growth by promoting mixed-use development, fostering connectivity between residential neighborhoods and other districts, connecting exist-

ing parks through an accessible trail and mitigating the threat of flooding in urban areas.

The city council was favorable to the plan, especially about stimulating connectivity and walkability throughout Keystone Heights, which could be accomplished by renovating and expanding sidewalks and planting trees for shade. The plan is not set in stone just yet. A final proposal still needs to be presented to the city council. The proposal will only be approved after ample opportunity for feedback from the community. Mayor Nina Rodenroth expressed concern about the cost of implementing some of the changes from implementing sensors and other forms of municipal technologies but was otherwise eager to see what this plan means for the growing city.

“I am interested as you consider your final proposal, which will be presented at a later date,” Rodenroth said.

Councilmember Dan Lewandowski thanked the Manzan representative for her hard work and dedication.

“We will see what works for us and our community,” Lewandowski said.

Next, the Manzan representative pre-



STAFF PHOTO BY JACK RANDALL

The Keystone Heights City Council recognized new employees in its staff and public works departments, awarding each new member a ceremonial coin.

sented a plan for the public parks of Keystone Heights. The plan would connect all public parks with an accessible trail, enhancing natural aspects and promoting environmental preservation. Some proposed projects included building a new government building, adding lights around the Moon Tree (an American Sycamore grown from a seed that traveled to the Moon on Apollo 14), growing native flowering plants in the butterfly garden, building a splash park at Keystone Beach and adding a kayak launch. Sunrise Park received special attention, as it is located in an area where 53 new residents will be moving. Soccer

fields, basketball courts, pickleball courts, tennis courts, batting cages and a playground are some items that are planned for construction or renovation. The basketball courts would be designed and accentuated with the blue and white school colors of Keystone Heights Junior/High.

“This is everything (the community) has asked for,” said Rutkowski.

At the end of the meeting, the council shared a heartfelt sendoff to Rutkowski.

“The community has been so fortunate to have her,” said Rodenroth.

“Eleven-and-a-half years, thank you very much,” said Rutkowski.

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## POINT

**Richardson: This is an attack on our books**

By Jack Randall  
News Editor

This is part of a three-part editorial series where I navigate the multiple sides of the Clay County “book ban” debate. I had the chance to meet with Tara Richardson, a former teacher and administrator who has served on the book review committee. She said this isn’t about pornography in public school libraries, she said. This is about silencing marginalized voices and their stories. This is an attack on our books.

It all started with “All Boys Aren’t Blue” by George M. Johnson, Tara Richardson said. The challenge to that book in the Clay County Public District Schools would be the first falling domino in an ever-elongating line. Clay County has had hundreds of book challenges and hundreds of open appeals – the most of any other county in the nation.

Admittedly, she said, “All Boys Aren’t Blue” is written graphically. It is a college-level text, she said. But, when you consider programs like AICE, AP and IB, many students read at a college level.

The young adult novel follows the speaker’s journey growing up as a gay Black man. The book was pulled from a Clay County school library in 2021. Since then, the ever-widening list of challenged books has disproportionately included authors from marginalized, minority communities.

“A parent can choose the books their own children read. But they cannot make that choice for all the children in Clay County or their parents,” said Richardson at a school board meeting last year.

The whole process has been undemocratic. Pulling a book from a public library requires only one submitted challenge. Before the school district’s modern media policy, challenged books were pulled from circulation indefinitely. In response, the readers of Clay County convened at a school board meeting last April to defend against the attack on free speech.

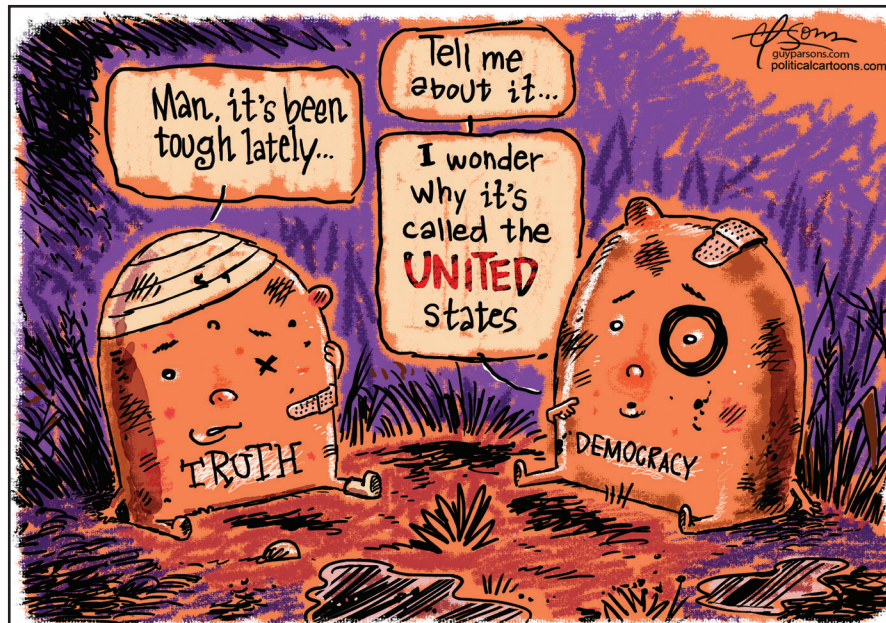
“Books are being pulled from the shelves (when they are) challenged. (Most) have disproportionately affected minority groups, directly or indirectly,” said one resident at a school board meeting in April. “We are a public service entity. We must be in a position to service all parts of the public.”

“You don’t have to read these books, but you should not make that decision for those who choose not to be ignorant of our differences,” said another resident.

“There are many children in this day and age that can’t read proficiently at their grade level. Challenging these books could

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## OPINIONS &amp; VIEWPOINTS

**Bruce Friedman’s Book Club**

‘Heroine’ by Mindy McGinnis

By Jack Randall  
News Editor

This is part of a three-part editorial series where I navigate the multiple sides of the Clay County “book ban” debate. Bruce Friedman leads the nation in submitting book challenges. At the last school board meeting, he brought forth a challenge of a new kind. “If you don’t address (the most egregious appeals of books still in circulation) promptly, I’m going to do them one book (at) a time by calling the press. And I’ll put all of your names in the story, and the title, and the author, and we’ll let the community decide,” Friedman said.



Jack Randall

**Pornography:** printed or visual material containing the explicit description or display of sexual organs or activity, intended to stimulate erotic rather than aesthetic or emotional feelings.

“Heroine” by Mindy McGinnis begins each chapter with a dictionary definition, so I thought it would be fitting to do so here. “Heroine” is a fictional young adult novel that chronicles the slow, tragic descent of Mickey Catalan toward opioid abuse, addiction and then physical dependence. It all began with a single prescribed pill.

The faux justifications, the cognitive

dissonance, the side effects, guilt, withdrawal, death. The book illustrates each step down the dark staircase of addiction. The book argues that dependence can happen without the user even realizing it. Dependence can befall anyone. Similar to “Go Ask Alice” by Anonymous, “Heroine” doesn’t pull any punches to make its point.

“Heroine” is at the precipice of a new wave of appeals submitted by Bruce Friedman, who has led the crusade to remove pornography from school libraries.

Friedman’s challenges are successful when he invokes FS 847. Books “depicting nudity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement” without “serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors” are in violation of FS 847 and, therefore, are yanked from the library shelves of public schools.

Last year, a book review committee decided that “Heroine” has not violated FS 847. Therefore, the book has been placed back on the shelf. Therefore, Friedman submitted an appeal.

When Friedman brought his “new challenge” to the press, I checked the book out from a Clay County public library (not a school library; I am not a student) to read over the weekend. With a tight deadline, I even listened to some chapters from the audiobook on Spotify while driving or jogging.

I read and listened and waited for all the pornography that I was anticipating, but never appeared.

What I found instead was a powerful, cautionary tale illustrating just how easy it is to try to justify addiction. How quickly it takes to lose control.

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## COUNTERPOINT

**Friedman: Pornography doesn’t belong in school libraries**

By Jack Randall  
News Editor

This is part of a three-part editorial series where I navigate the multiple sides of the Clay County “book ban” debate. I had the chance to meet with Bruce Friedman, the man who has overwhelming led the charge to challenge books in Clay County public schools. This isn’t an attack against free speech, he said. This is standing up against an attack on our youth. This is his story.



Bruce Friedman holds up a “one-page” excerpt from “Heroine” by Mindy McGinnis.

Bruce Friedman is a testament to the power a single citizen can possess in Clay County. Friedman was the concerned, tenacious parent who captured national attention when his microphone was cut off at a school board meeting in 2022. It happened again at last October’s school board meeting. He was cut off attempting to read a passage from “Heroine” by Mindy McGinnis.

“See if you can guess the word that all of these excerpts have in common...”

“Mr. Friedman... we do have children in the audience,” a board member said. “I’m just going to ask at this point that you refrain from any profanity or obscene language.”

“I am going to read from this book,” he said. “You have the right to turn off my microphone. In which case this book, as per HB 1069, is ejected from consideration further.”

His microphone was silenced. He smiled at the two Clay County District Schools police officers and calmly left.

The HB 1069 law he referenced states “parents shall have the right to read pas-

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## Friedman

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This is me, a member of the press, upholding that decision of the book review committee.

"Heroine" is anything but sunshine and rainbows, and explicit language is frequently used. It is admittedly a tough read, but that's the point. "Art is meant to comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable," as the saying goes.

The only way to stop the opioid epidemic is to show the next generation exactly the false pleasure they can expect and the true pain that will follow. If we are serious about ending the opioid epidemic, we need perspectives from books like "Heroine" in public school libraries.

One resident from a school board meeting in October put it better than I did.

"No teenager is going to read this book and at the end say, 'You know what? I think I

really want to use some heroin now.'"

I agree with Friedman that pornography should not be in school libraries. There's a famous quote by a Supreme Court Justice, "I know (pornography) when I see it." I read and listened to "Heroine," and I just didn't see it.

I reached out to Friedman expressing that view. Friedman admitted that he is "NOT calling 'Heroine' porn" but that "age appropriateness is the issue at hand."

According to a District Reconsideration List, "Heroine" is listed as "No violation of Florida Statute, Remain in Collection Keep: HS (High school) Only." I agree that this is a book high schoolers can resonate with.

I think it is OK to be perturbed by some of the content of "Heroine." You're supposed to be. But that alone is not a legal or moral justification for removing this story from the thousands of high school students in Clay County public schools.

At that same school board meeting in October, Friedman's microphone was silenced

when he attempted to read a passage from "Heroine." He was then calmly escorted out of the auditorium by two police officers. I'm no lawyer, but HB 1069 states "parents shall have the right to read passages from any material that is subject to an objection. If the school board denies a parent the right to read passages (from the material), the school district shall discontinue the use of the material."

I asked Friedman what this means to him since "Heroine" is still in circulation. I asked him if he is debating legal action.

"I only intend to sue if given no options. I have a few remaining. Your future weekly efforts included," Friedman said.

I asked him if he would still press forward even though the costs of litigation would fall upon the Clay County School District.

"As to legal costs (between my own expenditures and those by CCSD). Costs are irrelevant. Who pays is irrelevant. Protecting the innocence of America's children (is) priceless."

I'm not sure what direction the "book ban" debate will take, especially with the open forum scheduled on Jan. 16 at Orange Park High at 6 p.m. I'm not sure what the costs or outcome of any litigation would be either. Again, I'm not a lawyer. What I do know, if you are a concerned parent, you have the choice to withhold your signature from the media permission slip. You have the choice to homeschool. You have the choice not to read books in public school libraries.

But you shouldn't make that choice for other parents and their families.

In next week's Bruce Friedman's Book Club, we will be reading "At the End of Everything" by Marieke Nijkamp. Like "Heroine," this book was challenged, upheld and placed back on the shelf. We'll decide together as a community if that was the right call. Send me an email, and I'll try to include your thoughts. Students, feel free to read and follow along for next week's discussion – while you can.

## Point

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cause this statistic to increase. We should be pushing and urging students to read any books that they want instead of depriving them of many options," said a then-current student.

"I brought this book that my sister has recently read. It is about a little girl who feels bad about her skin tone and how she is so dark compared to everybody. When my little sister read this, she literally told me she finally felt comfortable. And I was so happy," said a then-current student.

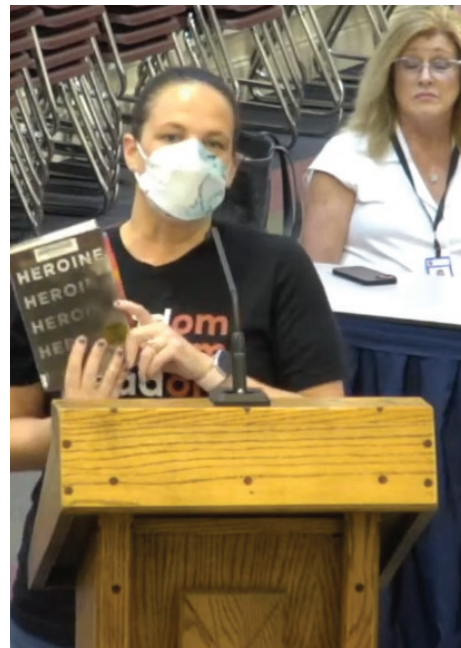
The book the student lifted was "Sulwe" by Lupita Nyong'o. It was challenged and removed from circulation last April but is now back on the shelves.

A former student cried as she spoke at the podium.

"We continue to hear regarding these challenges are 'pornography' or 'critical race theory' or 'inappropriate content.' Individuals and groups... began by using extreme examples of books in isolated libraries to get their foot in the door and prop it open for further removals. Ironically, none of the books in this list (383 at the time of April 6) contain pornography," she said.

"I am hard-pressed to consider it a coincidence that so many of these books feature LGBTQ+ characters or characters of different races and backgrounds. They are simply existing in these books, and they are being banned."

One student approached the podium with some books that were on the "reconsidered list": "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green, "Unravel Me" by Tahereh Mafi and "They Both Die at the End" by Adam Silvera. All three of these books were eventually cleared and placed back on shelves. The last book she brought, "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood, was taught in the AICE program at Oakleaf High. Her friends in AICE could read the book from



Students, parents, teachers and educators attended an April school board meeting to advocate for their favorite books to be returned to the shelves of school libraries. Their emotional appeals helped sway the school board to implement a new media policy that would let challenged books return to shelves if they did not violate the law or were in the appeal process.

the school library. She could not.

"The Handmaid's Tale" is still banned for all students, not in collegiate programs.

Richardson recounted the spectacle at the April school board meeting during an interview. At that April meeting, the school board approved a new media policy, which finally allowed challenged books that did not violate FS 847 to be placed back on the shelves. Many of the books brought by students during that meeting found their way back to school libraries, too.

"It was inspiring. There wasn't a dry eye in the house. The kids were brave to speak," Richardson said. Richardson shared her experience serving on the book review committee. She served on a committee of five that read passages from challenged books that were provided. The committee then casts individual votes to decide whether the book should be removed, removed to another grade level, or placed back on the shelf.

"We received many submissions (of book

challenges) that simply read 'Saving Souls' as the reason," Richardson said. "Sometimes, it would say 'Saving Souls' as the reason and also mention a librarian or media specialist by name. This book should be removed and the (media specialist), too."

She said that many media specialists took this as a threat.

The main issue, Richardson said, is that challenges have been submitted when it's evident that the book hadn't been read. It's a disingenuous debacle.

Richardson said the "book ban" debate is still ongoing and, consequently, has frozen the purchase of new library books since August of last year. This freeze has stopped the purchases of even SAT and ACT prep books.

"Yes, I know the school board denied so last meeting," she said. "But, I know that (what the school board said) is not true. They have only just found out about it. High school librarians have told me."

"We are still at a standstill both with purchasing new books for our school libraries... Why are we at a standstill?" asked one parent at a school board meeting.

"Because one man has made it his personal mission to keep books out of the hands of Clay County students. A man who continuously harasses and threatens Clay's leadership and our media specialists. Many, many people are against what he is doing. People are angry and upset. And yet no one at a higher level is speaking out."

Richardson said she's not a ringleader. She said she's just a person who has worked in Clay County District Schools with the time and interest needed to follow the ongoing issue. She said she is just one voice among many.

"When I was younger, I read banned books because they were banned," said Richardson at that school board meeting in April. "Now we call them 'reconsidered.' The purpose is the same."





# Drumming up business

Contingent to use Southern Rock to cajole legislators during Clay Day

By Don Coble  
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CLAY COUNTY – A group of residents, elected officials, and business leaders will head to Tallahassee to remind state legislators that Clay County is a “Sweet Home,” too.

The group will focus on the county’s deep Southern Rock and Roll roots to encourage lawmakers to keep Clay in their plans during the session, which started last Tuesday.

The contingent will play clips on video screens of Lynyrd Skynyrd, 38 Special and Molly Hatchet – legendary bands with residential ties to the county.

“We’re going to have these as a backdrop. There’ll be a stage set up. There’ll be a big tent with food, I’m guessing barbecue and stuff like that,” said Clay Chamber President Jon Cantrell. “That’s the hook we’re hanging Clay County on. We’re known for Southern Rock and proud of that.”

Clay Day will be Jan. 16 and 17. The Clay Economic Development Council is the



primary driving force behind the meet and greet. The organization’s president, Crawford Powell, said previous trips have significantly benefited the county.

In 2022, the legislature approved a \$250 million capital improvement grant for Project Gator to develop the county’s northwest corner near Clay Hill. That helped lead to IKO Industries’ decision to spend \$5.26 million for property at County Road 218 and U.S. Highway 301 for a \$270 million, 650,000-square-foot plant to make residential roofing projects. Once completed, IKO will hire more than 100 employees.

Clay officials want to host public and social forums to highlight their business-friendly environment, attract new visitors



The Fleming Island High band played in the past to garner support for Clay County causes at Clay Day in Tallahassee. The county’s contingent in 2019 spent two days winning support from state legislatures for local projects.

and communicate the county’s legislative needs. They plan to huddle with Clay’s legislative representatives, Sen. Jennifer Bradley and Reps. Sam Garrison and Bobby Payne. But Cantrell said they hope to walk the halls and meet as many other legislators as possible.

“It’s a great way to make new contacts and network,” Cantrell said.

And they hope to be “Rockin’ into the Night.”

“It’s really their opportunity to brag about their community and showcase how our community can help get things done for Florida’s best interest,” said Kimberly Morgan, the county’s Director of Tourism and Film Development.

“We are planning a Southern rock concert kind of vibe. It’s going to be a place where people can gather to do business.

Those kinds of conversations don’t normally happen in an office. It’s kind of like the golf course, except we’re in Tallahassee at the Capitol. We created that environment to have those conversations and build relationships with the people who can do things for the betterment of Clay County.”

Businesses hope to increase brand exposure during Clay Day, according to Sponsorship Development Coordinator George Biastre Jr.

“It’s a great opportunity to deepen our connections with the people who make a difference,” he said. “Clay Day is an opportunity for our elected officials, constitutions and other interested citizens to go over and interact with legislators. It’s an opportunity for us to showcase Clay County over in Tallahassee.”

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# The Way Free Medical Clinic to care for healthy smiles

By Don Coble  
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ORANGE PARK – As construction continued at The Way Free Medical Clinic on College Drive, officials with the organization that provides free healthcare to low-income residents have been working to add free dental care to its services.

Not only would care be available to a significant portion of the county, but it would also help alleviate hospital emergency rooms from being inundated by people who desperately need relief.

“The thing about Florida is the stats here are abysmal,” said Executive Director Don Fann. “There are tens of millions of dollars in emergency care (for toothaches) that they essentially can’t do anything about. They go to the emergency room because they have pain. They give them pain relievers, but they can’t do dental work.”

Fann also said that 1.7 million children in Florida who haven’t visited the dentist’s office in the last year are on Medicaid. Moreover, six million of the state’s population of nearly 22 million people don’t see a dentist.

The clinic was gifted the property at 302 College Dr., and the nonprofit immediately started raising nearly \$3 million

needed to move out of the 3,330-square-foot facility in Green Cove Springs.

The state gave \$1.45 million, followed by the Board of Clay County Commissioners providing \$170,000 toward a mobile medical unit and another \$250,000 in American Rescue Plan money. The ARPA money was contingent on adding dental care.

The Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics provided a \$145,000 grant toward dental equipment for three of the four examination rooms “so the dental client doesn’t have to lug a bunch of junky old equipment with them,” Fann said.

The service couldn’t come quickly enough, especially since most dentists don’t accept Medicaid patients.

“There are basically two reasons. There is a huge dental dentist shortage, down 1,300 dentists in Florida alone. And the Medicaid reimbursement rate for dental is extremely low when compared to Florida’s national average. So it’s not that dentists don’t want to take Medicaid.

They just can’t afford to do it because dental is expensive. If you have dental coverage through Medicaid, chances are you’ll be hard-pressed to find a dentist.”

Fann said most veterans don’t have dental care in their VA benefits, so there’s



The new Way Free Medical Clinic on College Drive will expand its services to include free dental care. The new facility should be completed by July.

a desperate need to serve them. And once The Way opens its new facility on College Drive, it will only be less than a mile from the county’s VA Clinic.

“The majority of veterans that are enrolled with medical VA benefits – less than 40% – have dental,” he said. “The only ones with dental benefits are those on 100% disability.

“I haven’t computed what that number would be in Clay County, but we got a lot, and the majority of them don’t have dental insurance. If they need a full restoration, it’s like \$20,000. They can’t afford it. So,

guess where we are? Right up the street within walking distance from the VA clinic. We’re going to start a vet track for medical and dental because even if you have insurance but can’t find a doctor, we can serve you. “We have to learn what the problem is and then create the solution, and this is solvable.”

Fann said workers are rebuilding the existing building and expanding the facility with plans to be operational by July. The current clinic in Green Cove Springs has 3,300 square feet; the new clinic will have 7,700 square feet.



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# Obituaries

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## Sharon Lee Jones

Mrs. Sharon Lee Jones, 81 of Middleburg, passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Mrs. Jones was born July 19, 1942, in Parkersburg, West Virginia to parents Dennis and Virginia (Martin) Williams. Sharon was very family-oriented and loved her children. In her free time, she enjoyed cooking, crafts, and antiques. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Emmett Jones, and sister, Denise Combs (Chuck). Survivors are her sons, Bryan Nickell (Jeanett) and Lloyd Glenn Nickell both of Middleburg, stepchildren, Wilbur Jones, Jr. (Lisa) of Ohio, Kimberli Ann Ross (Doug) of Tampa, Jinny Rebecca Williams (Boyd) of Utah, and her sisters, Beverly and Deborah. Also surviving her are eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2024, at Penney Farms Cemetery with Pastor Steve Conner officiating. Arrangements under the care of Helm-Gallagher Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 1811 Idlewild Avenue, SR 16, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 904-284-9696. www.helm-gallagherfh.com



## Douglas Parker

Douglas Parker, 76, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away January 4, 2024. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. (904) 284-4000



# Benefield assumes Vice Mayor roll on Orange Park council

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – Orange Park's leadership underwent changes as Doug Benefield was selected as the new vice mayor, filling the vacancy left by Susana Thompson. Thompson, who served for two and a half years, resigned for personal reasons.

Councilwoman Winnette Sandlin nominated Benefield, and he was confirmed with a 3-0 vote. Town Manager Sarah Campbell swore Benefield into his new position. The council then decided to combine a special election to replace Thompson and Councilman Daniel Co-breiro, who resigned in protest of Form 6, and the Municipal Super Tuesday Election on April 9. Another option the council had was having the special election on March 26, followed two weeks later by the Municipal Super Tuesday.

Added to the Presidential Preference Primary Election on March 19, a special election would have sent residents to the polls three times in four weeks. It



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW  
Town Manager Sarah Campbell swore in Councilman Doug Benefield as vice mayor after Susana Thompson resigned two weeks ago for personal reasons.

also would have cost the town as much as \$6,000 in additional expenses if it split the two local elections.

"The winners will not take their seats until the second Tuesday in May, causing a longer lag time for service in the town," Campbell said.

Benefield wondered how candidates would simultaneously manage two campaigns and elections. Mayor Randy Anderson questioned if separate local elections would affect voter turnout, while Sandlin said candidates would be required to pay two different qualifying fees.

"It's not a lot of money in the grand scheme of things, but it does add up, she said. Anderson and three residents advocated for simplicity and cost-effectiveness.

"Make it simple. It's difficult to find people that want to go through the hassle of running. Keep it simple and cheap," said resident Steve May.

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2019

- Orange Park Town Council established its first-ever Historic Preservation Board. A grassroots movement sprouted up defending the history of 60 midcentury modern homes, which were designed and made famous by Jacksonville architect Robert Broward, who studied twice under Frank Lloyd Wright.

- Josh Hobbs and Hannah Westberry received the first-ever Cove awards from Green Cove Springs Police Chief Derek Asdot. The two citizens were honored for reporting vandalism at Springs Park, which led to the arrests of the perpetrators.

### 10 years ago, 2014

- Robert M. "Bob" Wilson, who served the longest term as the manager of Clay County's Board of Commissioners, passed away. Wilson was once embroiled in one of the county govern-

ment's darkest controversial moments. He resigned in 2005 amidst an illegal dumping scandal that cost the county \$9 million in fines and cleanup costs. The scandal led to the firing of the county public works director and the removal of office of one county commissioner.

- After being open for more than six months, local transportation officials officially dedicated Black Creek Park-and-Ride along County Road 220. Park-and-Ride is still the main terminus for Clay Transit and JTA's bus service that can take residents to downtown Jacksonville.

### 20 years ago, 2004

- Joseph Lewis of Keystone Heights was charged under a new Florida law prohibiting dog fighting his arrest for allegedly

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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.

**Ominous:** (AH-muh-nus) an adjective giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen; threatening; inauspicious

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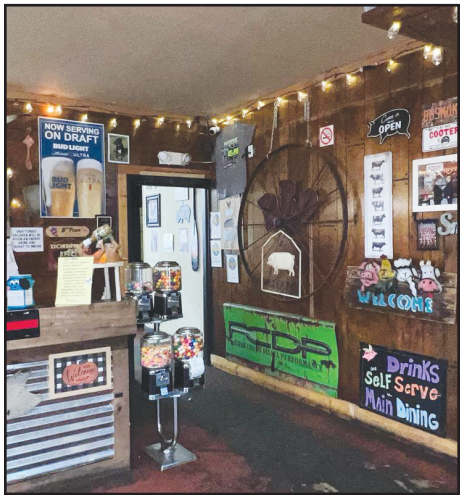
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# Iconic G's Slow Smoked BBQ destroyed Tuesday by fire



By Don Coble  
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Left, until Tuesday, the lobby at G's Slow Smoked BBQ had an eclectic entrance that featured homespun charm. Now, owner Gary Park wonders what will become of his barbecue restaurant after it was destroyed by a fire early Tuesday.

ORANGE PARK – Gary Park slogged through soot-stained puddles Tuesday morning. He was careful to step over chunks of insulation, charred pieces of wood, broken glass, smoked-stained chunks of walls and shards of metal as he tried to make sense of how his G's Slow Smoked BBQ burned so quickly.

When he stepped into the back dining room, he was greeted by streaks of sunshine peering through gaping holes in the ceiling. He knew Winter Storm Finn was quickly approaching, and the sun's rays would soon be replaced by strong wind

gusts, bands of driving rain and a threat of tornadic weather.

Mother Nature couldn't damage G's any more than a fire Park believed started in the kitchen area.

"We think it was over in the cooking area, what we call 'the pit,'" he said. "I'm glad nobody got hurt. Fire Rescue got here

as quick as anyone could."

Clay County FR got the call at 1:31 a.m. They sent 23 units, and completing the job took 3 hours and 59 minutes.

G's opened in 2012.

"I don't know what we're going to do," he said. "It's not savable. It's going to be declared a total loss."

Employees and friends huddled behind the restaurant on Blanding Boulevard to offer Park support. One man tried to wipe away soot and smoke from a stuffed deer head. Even portions with no flames – the lobby and adjacent dining room to the left of the lobby - still were heavily damaged by smoke and water.

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# Scams

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"When you sign up to be a vendor, the (event planner or agent) reaches out to you, or you can reach out to them. They email you a (event) link to (gauge your interest), and then they try to send you a flier," Walton said.

Fraudulent communications are often conducted online through doctored fliers and duplicate event pages, where scammers pose as a legitimate business. Scammers have already replicated events like Local Fest Duval. One red flag to watch: if two pages exist for the same event on social media. If the former has 1,000 followers and the other has 60, the smaller one is likely the scam.

An important overarching factor to consider is the person's name running the page, which the scammers typically do not use.

"It's crazy. You have to look out for yourself. Pay attention to the name," Walton said.

"Sometimes, you just have to 'go with what you know.'"

Organizers like Rebecca Fixel of First Coast Vendor Village is considered a trusted source. Her organization is a measuring stick between strong, reliable local businesses and fraudulent, fake and bogus claims generated on social media accounts and email accounts.

Time is money; the painstaking process has wasted much of Walton's time.

"Each time I get (a claim), I probably spend about 20-to-30 minutes investigating each one to make sure they are real," she said.

Walton recounted when a church event demanded an upfront \$60 fee. She spent so much time verifying the authenticity, which distracted her business.

It's not just a business world problem. It's a community problem. And that's where the majority of Walton's worries lie.

"It's really (just part of everyday life), nowadays. You just have to make sure it's not a scam anymore. That's how people are making their money. You have to check and make sure people are not taking advantage of you," she said.

Scams have become so pervasive she has adopted a constant, skeptical mindset.

"I (consider) everything as a scam first. That's the way I get through it. Don't click on anything without me looking at it," Walton said.

Nobody is safe, but seniors are particularly at risk. She worries about her father.

"I worry about my dad and the older generation. If it's easy for people my age to get scammed, imagine how much easier it is for them to fall for it," she said.

Fixel's First Coast Vendor Village operates a legitimate service in a growing and high-confusing industry.

Her company is a traveling local small business pop-up that appears in subdivisions and Home Owner's Association communities. Her events include a food truck, a sweet treat vendor and several small pop-up shops that offer artisan crafts and other



**Ceramic Armory has been prone to online fraudsters who ask for upfront payments for delivery drivers.**

items. Fixel utilizes flyers, targeted marketing, yard signs and social media to run her business. She also works with management in each community. First Coast Vendor Village charges \$50 for each vendor. She has some properties on one-to-four-month rotations and adds new communities "all the time." With 13 years of experience, she is the sole organizer of Local Fest Duval.

Fixel is concerned because scammers do many of the same things she does. The primary difference is that their actions are illegal. The fraudsters post duplicate event pages and ask residents to pay vendor fees. The scammers are often far away from the event, working from a computer room in a foreign country to target unsuspecting vendors.

Fixel spends several hours monitoring her event pages, a daily task impossible to complete.

Time is money, and the scammers take that away. She identifies scams on her own time, which distracts from her business.

"Even though I monitor it and have to approve posts on my Facebook event pages, comments can come from anywhere," she said.

Anonymous scammers have posed as First Coast Vendor Village. They claim vendor spots are still available for her events. Then, they ask for upfront payments via bogus links. The fraudsters then request vendors to send their email addresses on Facebook Messenger. Victims are directed to a fake link for the transaction.

"I just delete, block, report, and delete. I just deleted four different bot accounts, saying, 'We still have room at this event for you,'" she said.

She is frustrated Facebook has been unresponsive to the reported scams.

She takes proactive measures to avoid being duped. Fixel includes disclaimers in every post, clarifying she is the only admin for the event, telling clients: "Please block and report anybody claiming otherwise."

But the scammers still find a way to slip through the cracks. Vendors call her to ask questions after they've fallen victim to a scam. They all believed they were dealing directly with First Coast Vendor Village.

"That's not me. I'm not working with anyone else," she said. The scammers' tactics include photos of unsuspecting individuals, where they often write with broken English, potentially indicating a foreign origin. "It could be a picture of you, a grandmother



Use these five resolutions for fraud-free new year

## For Clay Today

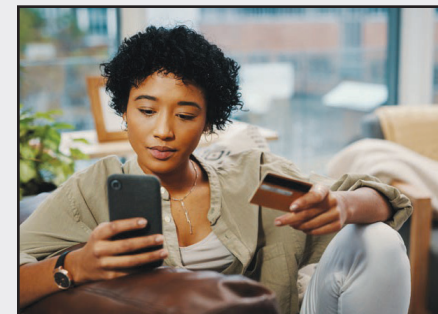
CLAY COUNTY – The loss of money, personal information and perseverance of scammers continue with online purchase scams as the riskiest of scams.

The Better Business Bureau recommends adding a few precautionary steps to the New Year's resolution list and the weight loss and financial goals to help make the upcoming days and months fraud-free.

> I resolve to be cautious with email. Be wary of unsolicited emails from a person or a company. Remember, scammers can make emails look like they are from a legitimate business, government agency, or reputable organization, including the BBB. Never click on links or open attachments in unsolicited emails.

> I resolve never to send money to strangers. If you haven't met a person face-to-face, don't send them money. This is especially true if the person asks you to transfer funds using a pre-paid debit card or CashApp. Money sent to strangers this way is untraceable; once it is sent, there's no getting it back. Scammers will try to trick you into panicking – so before making a move, think the situation through. The Clay County Sheriff's Office recently said people are ghosting its non-emergency number and calling people to warn them they've missed a court date. They tell the victim they can avoid arrest with an online payment. Please don't fall for it.

> I resolve to do research before making online payments and purchases. Research the retailer before entering payment information when shopping online, or if asked to pay online, research the retailer before entering payment information. Ask: Is this a person or business I know and trust? Do they have a working customer service number? Where is the company physically located? Would I be



making payments through a secure server (<https://...com>)? Have I checked to see if others have complained?

> I resolve to use my best judgment when sharing my personal information. Sharing sensitive personal information with scammers opens the door to identity theft. Never share financial information, birthdate, address, Social Security/Social Insurance number or Medicare number with an unsolicited caller.

> I resolve to be social media smart. Use privacy settings on social media and only connect with people you know. Be careful about including personal information in your profile, and never reveal your address and other sensitive information – even in a "fun" quiz. Scammers may use this information to make themselves pass as friends or relatives and earn your trust. Also, be careful when buying products you see on social media. BBB Scam Tracker has received thousands of complaints about misleading Facebook and Instagram ads.

To learn more about scams, go to [BBB.org/ScamTips](https://www.bbb.org/ScamTips). For more about avoiding scams, check out [BBB.org/AvoidScams](https://www.bbb.org/AvoidScams). If this scam has targeted you, help others avoid the same problem by reporting your experience at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](https://www.bbb.org/ScamTracker).

from Minnesota. This has wasted a ton of my time."

Scammers avoid using her name, which is the best way to know if you're being targeted for a rip-off, Walton and Fixel said.

Fixel said fraudsters had damaged her company's reputation.

Orange Park's Nailed It Residential Services is a small business that has specialized in renovations and remodels for more than eight years. It's owned by Danielle Walton's husband, Mike Langtry. While they don't share the same last name, they share problems with online fakers.

Social media is the scammers' breeding ground of choice, where Langtry does most of his marketing. Scams created false leads and false addresses.

"When I try to do over-the-phone quotes, you get a machine instead of a human being," he said. Fraudsters will also generate text messages. "Social media is where they really tap in," he said.

He recommends not clicking on any links that seem suspicious. JP Myers is the owner of Ceramic Armory, headquartered in Orange Park. His business does ceramic coatings, paint corrections, full detailing and more. His business also has been affected by online scams. Myers said he gets five to

10 emails daily asking to conduct business for SEO advertisement services.

"We'll get people sending scam emails, asking if they can meet to have 10 cars detailed. They will agree to any price and say that drivers are on the way to send the vehicles down," he said.

The con follows that. "They will ask you to pay the drivers. Basically, they're asking for money upfront," Myers said.

His customer base has been under attack, too.

"They will ask, 'Is this from you?'" he said. Scammers send faulty emails and text messages asking for updated warranties and other information.

Myers had to warn his customers, telling them to ignore imposters.

"We sent an email explaining to ignore those emails and messages. We do not have a manufacturer, and (Ceramic Armory Jax) only has one email address," Myers said.

Hackers also cloned his Facebook page when he offered a prize contest.

"They were contacting people who entered the contest. They would tell people they won and to click on the prize link," he said. His advice, especially to other business owners and customers, is simple: "Just pay attention."



# Clay honors MLK Day

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Don Coble  
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CLAY COUNTY – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to engaging the community to create positive and productive action. He championed nonviolent civil activism to heal societal wounds and build an equitable society that respected everyone, regardless of race, ability or religion.

His legacy of unity will be celebrated 56 years after his death with several MLK Day of Service programs encouraging residents to volunteer to serve others by cleaning up public areas, providing guidance to younger generations and helping those with food insecurity.

King’s birthday is Jan. 15, but MLK Day was established by Congress in 1986 for the third Monday of each January. However, local organizations will honor King’s work with a week of service, starting with two events on Saturday, Jan. 13, and a day-long ceremony on Jan. 15, starting at Advent Lutheran Church in Orange Park and concluding at Oakleaf High.

“It would be brotherly love. It would be a community that went beyond politics and church affiliation,” said Clay Impact President and CEO Connie Thomas. “We can all come together, so it’s a beautiful thing.”

United Way of Northeast Florida will partner with Impact Clay, AmeriCorps, Farm Share and Feeding Northeast Florida, the Clay County Ministerial Alliance, the Town of Orange Park and the City of Green Cove Springs to provide free food at two locations. United Way also will work with Nassau and Duval counties.

The group will provide food from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Celebration Church at 512 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park and at Francis Vera Hall Park, 1503 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, in Green Cove Springs.

Volunteers will be canvassing in nearby

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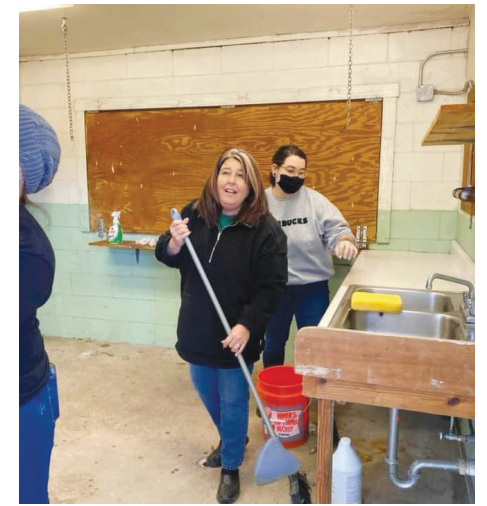
“The leader in this United Way of Northeast Florida. They have come to us and said they can bring the food there,” Thomas said. “They asked if we could bring the people together to distribute it.”

“We’ve done surveys at Clay Impact in the past on the problems with food scarcity, so they are coming in and bringing two semis – one to Green Cove Springs and then one to Orange Park. We will have volunteers who are signed up and are willing to distribute food simultaneously at both locations.”

To volunteer, visit [unitedwaynefl.org/mlk/](http://unitedwaynefl.org/mlk/) or [unitedwaynefl.org/galaxydigital.com/need/index](http://unitedwaynefl.org/galaxydigital.com/need/index).

The “It Starts With Me: Shifting the Culture Through the Student and Practice Kingian, Nonviolence” program will start with a prayer breakfast at Advent Lutheran Church, 2156 Loch Rane Blvd. in Orange Park, and wrap up with a Commemorative Observance at Oakleaf High, 4035 Plantation Oaks.

The program is a collaboration between the First Baptist Missionary Church of Oakleaf, The Center of Excellence and the



Volunteers like these, on left, will be distributing food in Orange Park and Green Cove Springs as Clay County joins the MLK Day of Service observation. Two years ago, residents gathered at Hunter Douglas Park in Middleburg to clean up the grounds and clubhouse to honor Martin Luther King’s commitment to serving the public’s needs.

Clay County Ministerial Alliance.

The guest speaker at the breakfast will be retired Purple Heart Recipient and U.S. Army Col. Dr. LeRoy “Zke” Zimmerman.

The observation program will start at 3 p.m. with Master of Ceremony Ken Amaro, the retired First Coast News anchor and member of the Jacksonville City Council. Benedict College Band Director H. Wade Johnson and saxophonist Bernard Rose will perform.

Retired U.S. Navy Vice Adm. Dr. David L. Brewer III will be the featured feature. Brewer is one of only 32 officers to earn the second-highest rank in the Navy.

Vice Adm. Brewer was part of the first graduating class of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at a historically Black university, Prairie View A&M.

He served as a minority recruiting officer and the Chief of Naval Operations representative at equal opportunity forums nationwide. He commanded the Military Sealift Command from 2001-2006 and led the command’s disaster relief after Hurricane Katrina.

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**Home Depot hosts creative workshop for children**

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FLEMING ISLAND – Children made a lot of noise with their hammers and got a lot of paint on their hands, face and clothes last Saturday. But nobody cared. The Home Depot hosted a Kids Projects and Activities where children built wooden delivery trucks. Some, particularly 3-year-old Maya, really enjoyed being creative with their paint schemes. Upcoming workshops at the Fleming Island, Orange Park and Middleburg stores include building Valentine’s Baskets on Feb. 3 and Butterfly Houses on March 2.

**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**Green Cove residents welcome to help develop form-based code draft regulations**

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Continuing the process of developing a Form-Based Code for the downtown core, a second workshop hosted by City Development Services, in

partnership with Inspire Placemaking Collective, will present the draft regulating plan and form-based code draft regulations at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18.

There will be stations set up where the participants can review different aspects of the code with the help of facilitators. The code includes Site Dimension Requirements, Building Design Standards, Sign Types and Requirements, Landscape Re-

quirements and Supplemental standards showing the appropriate development layout for certain types of uses.

A form-based code is an impactful alternative to conventional zoning regulation that uses the physical qualities of buildings and streets as the basis for regulation. The code addresses qualities such as the relationship between building facades and the public realm, the shape and size of buildings to one another, and the scale and type of streets and blocks. The regulations and standards in Form-Based Codes, presented in both diagrams and words, are keyed to a regulating plan that designates the ap-

propriate form and scale (and, therefore, character) of development rather than only distinctions in land use. This is to help bring a cohesive design in a part or all of a town or city that meets the needs of residents and businesses. The focus area for the city’s form-based code is the downtown core. The study area includes just north of Gum Street on the north, Cove Street on the south, Railroad Tracks to the west and St. Johns Avenue to the east.

For more information on the study timeline and to participate online, visit [inspireengagement.com/gcs-form-based-code](https://inspireengagement.com/gcs-form-based-code).

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**TO TRANSMIT AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE GREEN COVE SPRINGS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR REVIEW PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163.3184(3) AND (11), FLORIDA STATUTES NOTICE OF TEXT AND MAP SERIES AMENDMENTS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The City of Green Cove Springs, Florida proposes to transmit amendments made to the Green Cove Springs Comprehensive Plan to amend the Future Land Use Map for property consisting of approximately 58.12 acres in size and to provide a site-specific text amendment for the same property:

**ORDINANCE NO. O-01-2024**

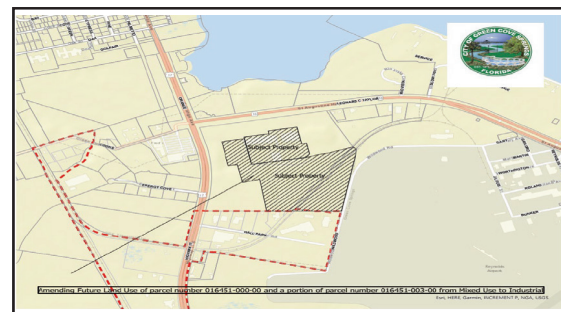
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR ±15 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON OFF OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LEONARD C TAYLOR PARKWAY AND US 17, IDENTIFIED AS TAX ID NUMBER 016451-000-00 AND ±43.12 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT LEONARD C TAYLOR PARKWAY, IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF TAX ID NUMBER 016451-003-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT “A”, FROM MIXED USE TO INDUSTRIAL AND; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-02-2024**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, BY ADDING FUTURE LAND USE OBJECTIVE 1.8 TO ADD SITE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AND ADDING FUTURE LAND USE POLICY 1.8.1 REGARDING SITE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS RELATED TO FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT (ORDINANCE NO. O-01-2024) CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE FROM MIXED USE TO INDUSTRIAL FOR ±15 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON OFF OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LEONARD C TAYLOR PARKWAY AND US 17, IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF TAX ID NUMBER 016451-000-00 AND ±43.12 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT LEONARD C TAYLOR PARKWAY, IDENTIFIED AS TAX ID NUMBER 016451-003-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT “A”, FROM MIXED USE TO INDUSTRIAL AND; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Hearings to consider the consistency of the proposed amendments with the City’s Comprehensive Plan will be held by the Planning and Zoning Board on January 23, 2024 at 5:00p.m. or shortly thereafter, and the City Council will hold public hearings to consider transmittal of the proposed amendments to the Florida Department of Commerce on February 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, in the Council Chambers, Green Cove Springs City Hall, 321 Walnut St, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

The proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are on file in the Development Services Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, Green Cove Springs, Florida, and may be examined by interested parties prior to said public hearings during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All parties having any interest in this change will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at the public hearings.



If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board and/or City Council with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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 Ordinances are 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 these public hearings.

City of Green Cove Springs  
Lyndie Knowles, Development Services Representative  
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Steve Kennedy, City Manager

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# Counterpoint

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an objection. If the school board denies a parent the right to read passages (from the material), the school district shall discontinue the use of the material.”

However, “Heroin” is still accessible in Clay County public schools.

Friedman has championed the removal of hundreds of sexually explicit books violating FS 847 and has been vigilant to submit an appeal for every single book that was placed back on shelves. He returned November to the next meeting. He said he dropped off 116 appeals to challenged books that have been placed back into circulation. This would put the total appealing appeals to approximately 400, he said.

“You’ve addressed zero of them (the appeals). In particular, the book (“Heroin”) that I tried to read from last month. Everyone is aware of the content of that book and its nature. I don’t think it was necessarily inappropriate for anyone to turn off my microphone. The content is vile. Protecting children from that seemed appropriate. Yet, the book remains on the shelves.”

By having his microphone cut off, Friedman proved his point.

“I find the whole thing somewhere between ironic and fascinating.”

By now, Friedman has single-handedly submitted more than 300 book challenges and over 400 appeals. With every school board meeting, he adds to the growing burden of paperwork that the school board must address. Additionally, he has amassed a following of supporters. He is a national figure in many ways, but he doesn’t see it that way.

“It’s not about me,” he said in an interview. “Many of these (books) are porn that slipped through the cracks of prior failed policies. Our children deserve better.”

This is not an attack on education, he said. This is standing up against an attack on young, impressionable minds. This is about standing up against the grooming of children in our public schools, he said.

Friedman says his zealotry comes from a love of books, not from hatred. He reads historical nonfiction and ancient linguistics, his favorite being Egyptian hi-

eroglyphics. Friedman is someone who understands that history and language hold immense power, especially in the development of young minds.

For Friedman, this isn’t about merely pulling inappropriate books off shelves. This is about holding an administration accountable and setting forth a concrete procedure in place, and in writing so that the responsibility does not fall on ordinary parents like him.

“Who are the gatekeepers for the books on the library shelves in the Clay system?” asked one parent at a school board meeting last September.

“We don’t typically respond to questions,” a school board member responded.

“Well, they’re on the shelf... How do you reconcile the book (‘Heroin’ by Mindy McGinnis) with the word ‘f---’ 46 times? Where is the academia in that?” the parent said.

Friedman believes that parents lack true informed consent when they sign a permission slip for their children to read books from Clay County public schools.

“When parents are asked to sign a permission slip, have they been told that 300 blatantly pornographic titles have already been removed from our school libraries and that the culling of such grotesque and inappropriate material is not nearly complete? Do they understand that, by the laws of probability, allowing them access to the library will almost ensure the kids discover inappropriate material?”

Friedman emphasized this is not “book banning” because books can still be freely purchased from private stores and acquired from public libraries. This is about removing access to egregious books with obscene language from schools.

“Many things need fixing. The libraries are going to be cleaned up. I otherwise simply won’t rest. (And to the point of parents’ rights) Those other parents don’t have the right to pollute our school libraries with their madness. If they want to give crap to their kids, find a public library, all the same crap is there, too.”

Friedman said there needs to be detailed approved community guidelines that prevent further contamination of our libraries and children, and that these guidelines must be enforceable and promptly incorporated into policy.



## Whitey’s Fish Camp presents check to Safe Animal Shelter

STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

FLEMING ISLAND – When the five owners of Whitey’s Fish Camp turned the responsibilities for the 21st Annual Lighted Boat Parade to their children, the third generation didn’t disappoint. Led by Danielle Lawley, Peyton Guidi and Alex Hamm, the iconic restaurant, founded in 1963 by Whitey and Ann Hamm, at Swimming Pen Creek collected \$25,532 for the Safe Animal Shelter. Guidi, Safe Executive Director Sandy Summerton, Lawley and Hamm celebrated the check presentation on Friday, Jan. 5. “We wanted to see if our parents could relinquish control of the parade,” Hamm said. “We set a goal of \$30,000. We were ambitious and naïve. We’ll make it next year.” The \$30,000 goal was ambitious, considering the most money collected for the benefit was \$20,000 in 2020. “Whitey’s has been a great supporter of ours for years,” Summerton said. “We will use this money for surgeries like spaying, neutering, and dental. We don’t have a veterinarian on staff, so we have to send them out.”

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- 1. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 4. Moved back and forth
- 9. One-time coach of the Cowboys
- 14. Last letter
- 15. Cause to become less intense
- 16. Genus of tree bugs
- 17. Body art
- 18. Romance novelist
- 20. Be filled with love for
- 22. City
- 23. Make vivid
- 24. Horses
- 28. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
- 29. Atomic #18
- 30. Shortly
- 31. A type of prejudice
- 33. Whirls
- 37. Six
- 38. Old world, new
- 39. \_\_ Hess, oil company
- 41. Talk
- 42. Not off
- 43. Begets
- 44. Cars need them
- 46. Computing architecture (abbr.)
- 49. Of I
- 50. Journalist, activist Wells
- 51. Takes apart

CLUES DOWN


- 1. Indigenous people of Mexico
- 2. Dietary supplement
- 3. Having a particular sheen or luster
- 4. Views
- 5. Academic Bill of Rights
- 6. Automobile
- 7. When you anticipate arriving
- 8. Beef or chicken intestine
- 9. Conspiracy
- 10. Blood disorder
- 11. Long-time NBAer Shawn
- 12. Time zone
- 13. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
- 19. Upton Sinclair novel

- 21. What a cow does
- 24. Cavalry-sword
- 25. Ancient Greek war galley
- 26. Stars
- 27. Rebukes
- 31. Billion year periods
- 32. Some are in a bottle
- 34. Tears down
- 35. Lethal dose
- 36. Humorists
- 40. Midwestern US state (abbr.)
- 41. Frameworks
- 45. Rocker Billy
- 47. More thin
- 48. Dog
- 52. Habitual repetitions
- 53. State of fuss
- 54. Uneasy
- 56. Chemical compounds
- 57. More cognizant of reality
- 59. A place to build
- 60. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 61. Supplement with difficulty
- 62. Very slick
- 63. Hill or rocky peak



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# Curbside recycling program kicked to the curb

## County abruptly suspends curbside recycling pickups

By Jack Randall  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The curbside recycling program was discontinued during the COVID-19 pandemic due to labor shortage.

Following a 3-2 decision from the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday, the curbside recycling program will be discontinued again – this time for costs.

The county restricted what it would accept on pickup days to clean cardboard, certain plastics, and cans. Less than two weeks later, the board scraped the entire program and asked residents to drop off recyclable materials at one of five convenience centers.

The dilemma of promoting recycling while mitigating costs has been swirling since December of last year. Last month, the BCC approved the new recycling program that would only target high-value recyclable material to keep the recycling program in Clay County financially solvent.

“The county used to be paid \$6 for every ton of recyclable material. It (didn’t) cost the county any money,” said Commissioner Betsy Condon.

Due to price fluctuations at processing centers, Condon said it would now cost the county \$85 a ton.

“If you care about recycling, we need your help. If you don’t care about recycling, keep doing what you’re doing. Because you were probably throwing everything in the trash anyway,” Condon said.

“We are victims of a world economy,” said Chairman Jim Renninger.

“We are focusing on purity and value of recycling material... Many counties have eliminated recycling entirely. We may be there as well if we don’t get the results we’re looking for. It depends on (the participation) of our public.”

However, Commissioner Kristen Burke was taken aback by the unexpected cost increase for this year’s curbside collection



STAFF PHOTO BY JACK RANDALL

The Board of County Commissioners gave proclamations in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for his struggle for equality for all Americans and for Rep. Bobby Payne for representing the interests of Clay County.

services.

Director of Environmental Services Milton Towns recommended a collection option that would provide better accountability for curbside trash pickup and curbside recycling pickup. The estimated assessment rate for the recommended curbside service was \$330 a household yearly. The current assessment rate Clay County has now is \$228. Towns acknowledged the price increase.

Burke wanted to consider a drop-off recycling program instead of curbside pickup to reduce costs.

“I like to recycle,” Burke said. “But only 34% of residents in the county recycle. Now, maybe less because of the (new high-value recycling initiative). We should look at (drop-offs as an option) when we think about cost.”

“There must be a balance between environmental and financial stewardship,” Towns said. “There will be less cost (to the county), but there will be less participation.”

Commissioner Alexandra Compere wanted to table the discussion to receive feedback from her district. However, the contractor urged the board to make an immediate decision.

“If you make it difficult for people to recycle, it might not be worth having,” Vice Chairman Mike Cella said. “My district likes to recycle, whether it’s a collection or curbside. “If curbside recycling is discontinued, so be it.”

“(I hope) people will drive to processors. It is unfortunate. But I don’t want to put so much burden on our residents,” said Condon.

Renninger, Burke, and Condon voted to end curbside recycling pickups and maintain trash pickups with an estimated assessment rate of \$262. Cella and Compere voted against it.

The high-value guidelines will still be in effect. Here are the drop-off centers for recycling in Clay County:

- Clay Hill Environmental Convenience Center, 5869 County Road 218, Middleburg, open Thursday – Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Doctor’s Inlet Environmental Convenience Center, 288 Sleepy Hollow Road, Middleburg, open Thursday – Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Keystone Heights Environmental Convenience Center, 5505 CR 214, Keystone Heights, open Thursday – Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Long Bay Environmental Convenience Center, 1589 Long Bay Road, Middleburg, open Thursday – Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Rosemary Hill Solid Waste Management Facility, 3545 Rosemary Hill Road, Green Cove Springs, open daily, except Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

## History

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running a dog fighting operation. Clay Co. Sheriff’s Office investigators and Animal Care and Control seized 30 dogs from the property off Jones Creek Road.

• Susan Helmey took over the reins as principal at Paterson Elementary School on Fleming Island. Helmey, who was one of the charter teachers at the school 12 years prior, was appointed by School Superintendent David Owens.

### 30 years ago, 1994

• Keystone Heights City Council members postponed until Jan. 18 a decision on whether to settle a potential lawsuit by former city clerk Lynda Roberts, who was seeking \$38,500 for lost wages, medical bills and other issues.

• Food Lion supermarkets announced the closure of six stores in the Jacksonville area, including one located at 1241 Blanding Blvd. in Clay County.

### 40 years ago, 1984

• Acting Clay Co. Recreation Director John Bowles unveiled a plan to convert a 40-acre site west of the Rosemary Hill Landfill to a county park that included soccer and football fields, softball and baseball diamonds, tennis courts and nature trails.

• Clay Co. Firefighters worked to contain a brush fire in the area of Pinto Road in Middleburg. A drought was blamed for the rash of fires the area had experienced in recent weeks.

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# Benefits of Florida Blue Healthy Walk gaining traction at OP Mall

By Lee Wardlaw  
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ORANGE PARK – In a heartwarming, heart-healthy display of community spirit, Clay County residents laced up their shoes last Saturday inside the Orange Park Mall for the weekly Florida Blue Healthy Walk.

Since its induction in August, the walk has become a staple for residents of all ages and fitness levels.

The program is the brainchild of Keena Lampkins and Robin Brown. Lampkins



STAFF PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW

Keena Lampkins, who has 30 years of experience in the physical therapy and fitness industry, is the owner and personal trainer at Four Friends Fitness in Orange Park and coaches the unique sessions, which include walking, stretching and exercise.

has 30 years of experience in the physical therapy and fitness industry and owns Four Friends Fitness in Orange Park. She first connected with Kathryn Wills, the Clay Chamber of Commerce Vice President. From there, Lampkins collaborated with Robin Brown, a licensed state health insurance agent at Sunsure Insurance Solutions, an agent for Florida Blue.

"Today was so much fun. There are so many hilarious and interesting people in this group. I absolutely loved it," Brown said last Saturday after the first walk of the new year.

The mall offers a safe, comfortable setting. It opens at 10 a.m. on Saturdays, the same time the walk begins at Sunsure near the AMC Theatre entrance. Mall officials unlock the doors for walkers two hours before opening during the week to allow walkers to complete their workouts before the crowds arrive.

"People walk at the mall all the time," Brown said.

In a county with unpredictable weather, rainy days in the 953,000-square-foot roofed mall aren't a concern.

"We never have to worry about the elements," Lampkins said.

The weekly walks started when Florida



This group met inside the Orange Park Mall last Saturday to continue their workouts in the Florida Blue Healthy Walk program.

Blue launched the Health Council in Clay.

"We started to (host) the walks all the time because people are always walking at the mall. It's an initiative we do to help the community," she said.

The walkers loop around the food court, children's play area and other landmarks like big-brand shops and stores. Afterward, they can watch movies, shop, eat and stimulate the local economy.

"We're breaking a lot of barriers with this walk. You can bring your husband, grandmother, or teenager, even a child in a stroller," Lampkins said.

"You're making new connections and new friends. You're networking and exercising, all at the same time."

The unique structure of the circuit eliminates the need for gyms.

"We're here to get active and stay moving, but we also want people to have a good time and be embraced. When people go to the gym, they can be worried that someone is looking at them or watching what they're doing. You won't have that problem here. We're just walking, exercising, having fun and enjoying our time together as a community," Brown said.

Lampkins and Brown said everyone is invited. All fitness levels are accommodated. Walking slowly is not an issue. The important thing is "taking steps" toward getting in shape.

"Robin is out front. She's the pacesetter. I float around to make sure those not

as fast still feel like they are part of the group," Lampkins said.

Disabled residents in wheelchairs can be pushed by their guardian or caretaker and still work up a sweat by participating in dynamic stretching and arm exercises.

Lampkins doesn't give anyone a break during the exercise program. The tough love coach played college basketball at Broward College before transferring to Jacksonville University to earn her Sports Medicine degree.

She said she works with anyone who needs help gaining pace.

"We always do a warm-up with a dynamic stretch and then walk one lap. Then we walk another lap and cool down. Over time, we've tightened up the training methods and processes. We have created a solid program with a (loyal and dedicated) base of participants. I just want to keep progressing with this group," she said.

Stretching and exercising during the walk target specific muscles and muscle groups.

"People are starting to notice us walking around the mall, and sometimes, they put down what they're doing and start exercising with us. We want this to catch on. We want the community to feel empowered to join us," Lampkins said.

To participate in the walks, please meet at the Sunsure office inside the mall at 10 a.m. or contact Brown at (904) 568-0728 or RobinBrown@Sunsure.me.



## Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register  
True Life Church  
Clay County

### Noah: Faith and Obedience

Noah, one of the most iconic figures in the Bible, stands as a symbol of unwavering faith and obedience. His story, told to us in the book of Genesis, teaches us of the power of obedience and trust in the face of overwhelming odds.

Noah lived in a time when the world had descended into wickedness, with corruption and violence rampant. Yet, he was described as a righteous and blameless man in the eyes of God. In a world spiraling out of control, God chose Noah to be the instrument of hope and deliverance for both humanity and creation.

God's message to Noah was clear: a great flood was coming, and he was to build an enormous ark to save his family and a remnant of all living creatures. Despite the ridicule and skepticism he must have faced, Noah displayed unwavering faith in God's plan. He diligently constructed the ark, following God's precise instructions, demonstrating remarkable trust and obedience.

Genesis 6:22 encapsulates Noah's faith and dedication: "Noah did everything just as God commanded him." This unwavering commitment to fulfilling God's will, even in the face of scorn and doubt, serves as a powerful example of obedience.

When the flood arrived, Noah and his family, along with the animals, were safely aboard the ark. For 40 days and 40 nights, the earth was inundated, but the ark floated on the waters, guided by God's providence. After the waters receded, a rainbow appeared in the sky, signifying God's covenant with Noah and all living creatures. This covenant promised that never again would the earth be destroyed by a flood.

Noah's story teaches us many valuable lessons. It reminds us that faith, obedience, and perseverance can lead to deliverance and God's promises fulfilled. In a world often fraught with challenges and chaos, Noah's story is a beacon of hope, assuring us that even in the darkest of times, God's plan can lead to restoration and renewal.

Noah's ark serves as a symbol of salvation, a testament to God's faithfulness, and a promise of hope in the face of adversity. His story continues to be a source of inspiration, teaching us the enduring value of unwavering faith in a world that sometimes seems overwhelmed by the storms of life.

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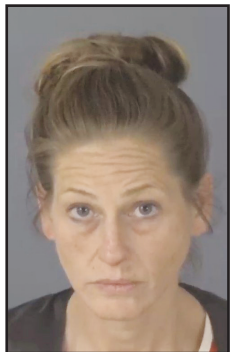


# Police Briefs claytodayonline.com

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## Speeding ticket morphs into drug trafficking charges for woman

MIDDLEBURG – A woman stopped for driving 78 mph on the First Coast Expressway wound up in jail on several drug charges.

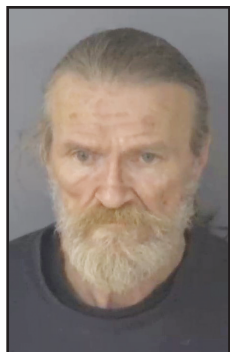


Tonya Yvonne Day

Tonya Yvonne Day, 41, of Orange Park, was charged with trafficking methamphetamine and fentanyl and possession of cocaine, molly or ecstasy and oxycodone on Jan. 4 after a Clay County Sheriff's deputy uncovered the drugs in her purse and in a sanitizer container in the passenger seat. Her bond is \$420,015. Her next court appearance is Feb. 5.

## Man, 57, accused of molesting 9-year-old girl staying at his house

MIDDLEBURG – A 57-year-old man was accused on Jan. 5 of molesting a 9-year-old girl who was living at his house.



Damon Eric Bynum

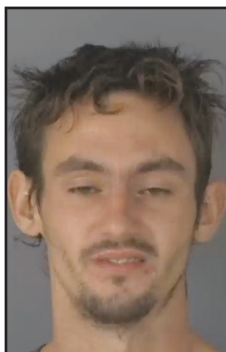
According to the heavily redacted arrest report, Damon Eric Bynum, of Middleburg, allowed a woman

and the child to live at his house for the last three months. During that time, the woman and Clay County Sheriff's Office believed Bynum molested and sexually abused the girl.

Judge Ray Forbess set Bynum's bond at \$200,006. Bynum will return to court on Feb. 6.

## Keystone man charged with break-in, throwing cinder block at library door

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A man was arrested on Jan. 4 after the Clay County Sheriff's Office responded to a pair of break-in calls shortly after 9 p.m.



Kyle Gibbs

Kyle Matthew Gibbs, 26, of Keystone Heights, was charged with burglary after deputies found the front door of the Right Path Behavioral Health Services kicked. Moments later, they were called to the Keystone Heights Library after someone threw a cinder block at the front door. CCSO deployed K-9 Koda and Gibbs was apprehended. When caught, Gibbs said he was "Dauphadile Harier," but other deputies recognized him from previous encounters. Gibbs's bond is \$50,003.

## Woman charged with selling methamphetamine to CCSO informant

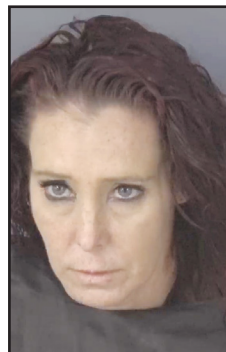
MIDDLEBURG – An informant working with the Clay County Sheriff's Office



helped deputies obtain an arrest warrant for a woman suspected of selling methamphetamine from her home on Hutchinson Road.

Tara Anne Williams, 36, was charged with possession of methamphetamine on Jan. 5 with intent to sell after deputies said the operative bought \$30 worth of methamphetamine at Williams' house for \$20 on April 19.

Her bond was set at \$50,003. Her next court appearance will be on Feb. 13.



Tara Anne Williams

## Smoke shop owner charged with selling nicotine products to underaged

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – After receiving multiple complaints from residents con-

cerning a local business selling vapes and other nicotine products to underaged customers, Clay County Sheriff's Office Dep. Jon Timpe organized and planned an operation that targeted the business.

Between September and November 2023, CCSO Patrol units, along with Agents from the State of Florida's Alcohol, Beverage and Tobacco Agency, conducted undercover operations at Keystone Smoke Shop at 7427 State Road 21.

Those operations were successful in uncovering illegal sales of nicotine products to underage persons. As a result, the owner of the business, Samir S. Musharbash, was charged by ABT with selling nicotine products to persons younger than 21. The business will face additional administrative sanctions through the State of Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

# Arrests & Bookings

: Compiled by Don Coble

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

## Tuesday, Jan. 9

Brandon M. Larson, 29, possession-drug paraphernalia  
 Jason A. Daniel, 33, Middleburg, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence  
 Christian I. Steedly, 42, Fleming Island, possession-drug paraphernalia  
 Damon M. Hardy, 28, Orange Park, shoplifting

Kayla M. Thompson, 32, Middleburg, burglary  
 Frederick W. Henry, 48, Green Cove Springs, FTA-driving without valid license  
 Harry E. Truesdell, 61, Green Cove Springs, VOP-attempted sexual battery of child 12 or younger  
 Samuel W. Brown, 53, Green Cove Springs, criminal mischief, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement  
 Brittany R. Wink, 23, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions against domestic violence  
 Stephen J. Loisel, 66, Orange Park, violation of sex offender registration  
 Christopher D. Wager, 51, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery  
 Jayden A. Butler, 18, Green Cove Springs, violation of jail rules  
 Erica L. Bain, 46, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

## Monday, Jan. 8

David S. Hunter, 56, Fleming Island, shoplifting, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement  
 Kristina S. Frazier, 40, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, trespassing  
 Samantha R. Proffitt, 33, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine  
 Maryanne V. Bakun, 73, Keystone Heights, assault/battery during burglary  
 Oscar M. Moreno, 20, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana

## Sunday, Jan. 7

Gary E. Boyd, 43, Keystone Heights, felony domestic battery by strangulation, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement  
 Martae'Vious A. Jackson, 21, Orange Park, grand theft auto, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement  
 Colton R. Hawkins, 24, Green Cove Springs, dating violence  
 Moises C. Ramos, 50, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license  
 Wilmer A. Segura-Angel, 35, Orange

Park, driving without valid license  
 Frank E. Rosenberger, 72, Middleburg, DUI with property damage/injury

## Saturday, Jan. 6

Carter C. Cicero, 21, Middleburg, DUI  
 Roberto R. Ramirez, 50, Orange Park, fugitive from justice  
 Kandhi J. Sanders, 37, Orange Park, shoplifting  
 Arianna K. Gooch, 25, Orange Park, VOP-possession-controlled substance, VOP-possession-cocaine, VOP-possession-drug paraphernalia  
 Edwin A.R. Lopez, 30, Orange Park, driving with expired license  
 Alyssa D. Hatcher, 31, Fleming Island, DUI  
 Ryan C. Humphrey, 31, Fleming Island, trespassing

## Friday, Jan. 5

Tara A. Williams, 36, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine with intent

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# Arrests

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to sell/manufacture/deliver

Damon E. Bynum, 57, Middleburg, two counts molestation of child younger than 12, sexual battery of child younger than 12

Dustin L. Alverson, 37, Green Cove Springs, FTA\_DWLSR

Matthew J. Haunty, 44, Orange Park, non-support

Kianna Z. Bishop, 26, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-child neglect

James R. Kratzer, 41, Middleburg, fugitive from justice

Enier E.P. Year, 24, Orange Park, driving without valid license

Kurt A. Musser, 33, Fleming Island, domestic battery

Jessica K. Barnes, 38, Orange Park, DWLSR

## Thursday, Jan. 4

Kyle M. Gibbs, 26, Keystone Heights, burglary

Justin L. Griffin, 36, Middleburg, DWLSR

Adam J. Threadgill, 19, Green Cove Springs, trespassing

James K. Ziegler, 52, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice-forgery, fugitive from justice-ID theft, fugitive from justice, bank fraud, fugitive from justice-computer fraud

Kathryn M. Lawrence, 35, Orange Park, DUI

Thomas A. Moody, 55, Jacksonville, battery

Daniel R. Cleaveland, 23, Green Cove Springs, VOP-reckless driving

James L. Meece, 48, Orange Park, two counts battery, two counts battery of person 65 or older

Calandra A. Phoenix, 42, Oakleaf, possession-crack cocaine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Tonya Y. Day, 41, Middleburg, trafficking-methamphetamine, trafficking-fentanyl, possession-cocaine with intent to sell/manufacture, deliver, possession-ecstasy/molly, possession-controlled substance

Keith C. Roberts, 53, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

Alejandro C. Gomez, 49, Green Cove Springs, writ of bodily attachment

Keith T. Certagioli, 34, Green Cove Springs, writ of bodily attachment

Damon X. Hill, 33, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Zachary T. Leanhart, 30, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-Tramadol, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Shawn C. Imboden, 33, Middleburg, DUI

## Wednesday, Jan. 3

Omar A. Giraldo, 39, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, alter/destroy/conceal/remove physical evidence

Justin R. Moody, 26, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, giving false name/ID

Amber Scates, 34, Orange Park, burglary

Amanda L. Bain, 47, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT  
Brandon J. Reed, 32, Orange Park, DUI with BAL of .15 or greater

Jennifer B. Huffman, 44, Middleburg, shoplifting

Tamari T. Cousey, 21, Green Cove Springs, FTA-criminal mischief

Amaziah E. Jackson, 18, Green Cove Springs, FTA-driving without valid license

Collie E. Stevens, 41, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery

## 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, TO ALLOW FOR AN ALTERNATIVE OF REQUIRING PARKING TO BE LOCATED BETWEEN THE STREET FRONT AND BUILDING LOCATION SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND THE INSTALLATION OF A STREET WALL; AMENDING SECTION 117-3, PERMITTED USE TABLE FOOTNOTES; AMENDING SEC. 117-541, REQUIRING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A STREET WALL SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 117-656(1); AMENDING SEC. 117-565, REQUIRING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A STREET WALL SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 117-656(1); AMENDING 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 WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; 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, January 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;

City Council: Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;

City Council: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 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  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
Steve Kennedy, City Manager

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## District Court, U.S. Attorney warns of jury duty scam

JACKSONVILLE – Chief U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Corrigan and U.S. Attorney Roger B. Handberg warn the public of a nationwide scam in which callers pose as U.S. Marshals or other government officials and claim that the victim is about to be arrested for not appearing for jury duty but can avoid arrest by paying a fine. The Middle District of Florida has recently received more phone calls from victims regarding these scams. Promoting awareness and preventing more people from falling prey to such scams is essential.

The scammers may provide convincing information about the victim, such as an address and date of birth, real names of federal judges or court employees, real court addresses, court phone numbers, and case and badge numbers. Scammers may even “spoo” the phone number on the caller ID so that the call falsely appears to originate from a court number or a number of another government agency. The Clay County Sheriff’s Office issued the same warning last week after learning the scammers spoofed its non-emergency telephone number to demand payment to avoid having an arrest warrant issued for missing court dates. The caller then tells the victim they can avoid arrest by paying an immediate fine and walks them through purchasing a prepaid debit or gift card or making an electronic payment to satisfy the “fine.” These phone calls are fraudulent, and citizens should not provide the caller with personal or financial information. In no instance will a court official, U.S. Marshals Service or other government employee contact someone and demand payment or personal information by phone or email.

“We’ve seen a resurgence of jury scams in recent months where a caller demands that someone pay a fee or face arrest for missing jury duty. Let me be clear: these calls are fraudulent,” Corrigan said. “If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be a judge or other court official, do not

give them your credit card or other financial information. The court appreciates those citizens called for jury service and always endeavors to treat them respectfully.”

“Jury service is one of the most important public services a citizen can perform, and it is a serious matter when scammers attempt to use a citizen’s sense of civic duty to defraud them,” Handberg. “If someone calls and threatens you to pay them to not be arrested for missing federal jury duty, you are being scammed. This scam works by trying to create a false sense of urgency that you must pay money immediately to avoid arrest. Do not fall for it. Hang up the phone and instead report the call to the appropriate federal authorities.”

Residents of the Middle District of Florida who believe they have been the victim of such a scam are encouraged to report the incident to the Federal Trade Commission at [reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/](http://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/) and your local FBI Field Office.

*Here are a few preventative facts to remember if contacted by a scammer:*

- The court will always send a jury summons by U.S. Mail. A court will never ask for a credit/debit card number, wire transfers, bank routing numbers or demand payment.

- The District Court Clerk’s Office will contact a prospective juror who disregards a summons by mail and may, in certain circumstances, be ordered to appear before a judge. Such an order will always be in writing and signed by the judge.

- A fine will never be imposed until after an individual has appeared in court and been allowed to explain their failure to appear. If a fine is levied, it will be in open court and reduced to writing – and will not be payable by gift card number.

- Report scams to the District Court Clerk’s Office, U.S. Marshals Service or Federal Trade Commission.

- You can authenticate a call by contacting the Clerk’s Office of the U.S. District Court. Each division’s phone number is on the court’s website at [flmd.uscourts.gov](http://flmd.uscourts.gov).



# Nominations for Golden Gala Service Awards being accepted

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – The Golden Years Gala will host its 17th annual event to recognize older adults for outstanding volunteer service in Clay County on May 8.

The organization is currently accepting nominations for extraordinary service.

This year's 2024 categories are Volunteer Senior Man of the Year, Volunteer Senior Woman of the Year and the Ernie Cohen Lifetime Achievement Award.

Senior adults are important to the community. They are a generation of high values, strong work ethic, commitment, integrity, generosity and loyalty.

Older adults are a wonderful example to all, showing that true fulfillment is to share their time and talents through serving. Nominees must be at least 60 and volunteer in Clay County.

The deadline to nominate someone is Jan. 31.

For nomination forms, visit [tscoop.org](http://tscoop.org), email [info@tscoop.org](mailto:info@tscoop.org) or call (904) 269-



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Last year's awards presentation included emcee Al Benson, Man of the Year Larry Hollingsworth, Woman of the Year Robin McKenzie and Mille Wilkes with the Ernie Cohen Lifetime Achievement Award, Shepherd's Center Outstanding Volunteer Hal Hill, emcee Andrea Crowder and Director of Shepherd's Center of Orange Park Christy Fitzgerald.

5315. This year's Golden Years Gala will at Sullivan Hall at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 7190 U.S. Highway 17 on Fleming Island. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. with live and silent auctions.

The awards program will follow the auction.

The event benefits The Shepherd's Center of Orange Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides services to improve the

quality of life and more prolonged independence of hundreds of senior adults in Clay County through award-winning educational programming and events focused on health and wellness.

## Books

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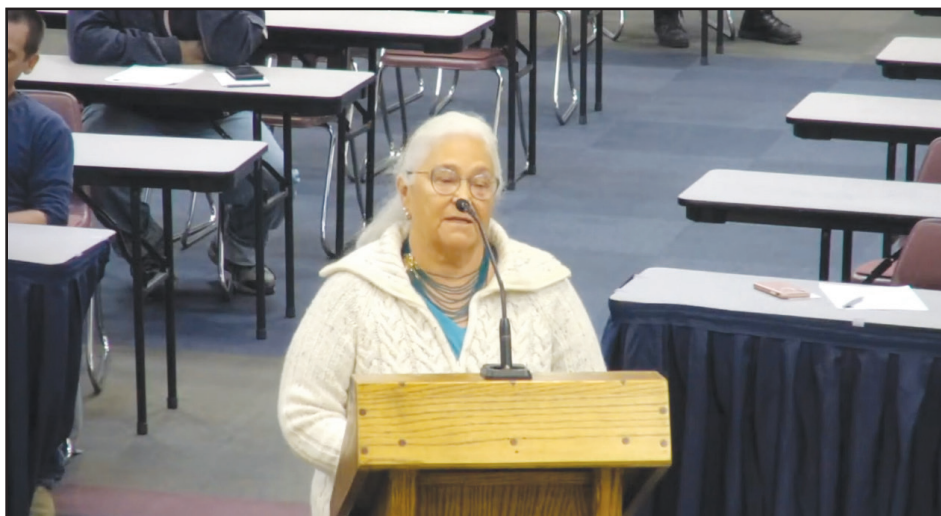
have submitted – with today's batch – 34 new book challenges (and) 17 appeals. There are now 418 pending appeals," Friedman said.

"You have had a year to address these appeals. Zero have been addressed," he said.

Friedman achieved national attention last year for submitting an unprecedented number of book challenges, more than 90% of which can be attributed to him.

"With regards to EdFIRST – I listened closely – tens of millions of taxpayer dollars are being (spent on renovations). That's all great. How much does it cost to clean up the pollution or pornography in our libraries? Do you even know? I'm going to let you develop that on your own," he said.

Friedman expressed frustration that many books he has submitted appeals for are still accessible on library shelves. He



STAFF PHOTOS BY JACK RANDALL

Tara Richardson is a vocal proponent of promoting diversity and empowering marginalized voices in public libraries. Last year, she spoke up alongside students and educators to affirm the importance of freedom of expression.

threatened to call the press and submit his reports on the egregious books, one by one.

"We'll let the community decide. That's my plan," he said.

Tara Richardson followed Friedman during the public comment portion of the meeting. She said her grandkids asked for books during the holidays and how she en-

joyed gifting them their requested titles.

"It occurred to me that my granddaughters are very blessed to have a household that appreciates the diversity of books and the different points of view that can be presented in them," Richardson said.

"They use the public library to (supplement) whatever they might need. But they are also blessed to have parents who recognize the importance of a diverse point of view in their educational process," she said.

She said many students are not so blessed to be able to afford a private collection.

"I hope I live long enough to convince you all this is not the best process," Richardson said. "And I won't threaten you with anything if you don't."

Board Member Erin Skipper invited the public to an open forum on Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at Orange Park High to discuss the district's media policy, primarily the "book ban" debate.

"I know we've been talking about books quite some time," said Skipper. "We want to hear from you."

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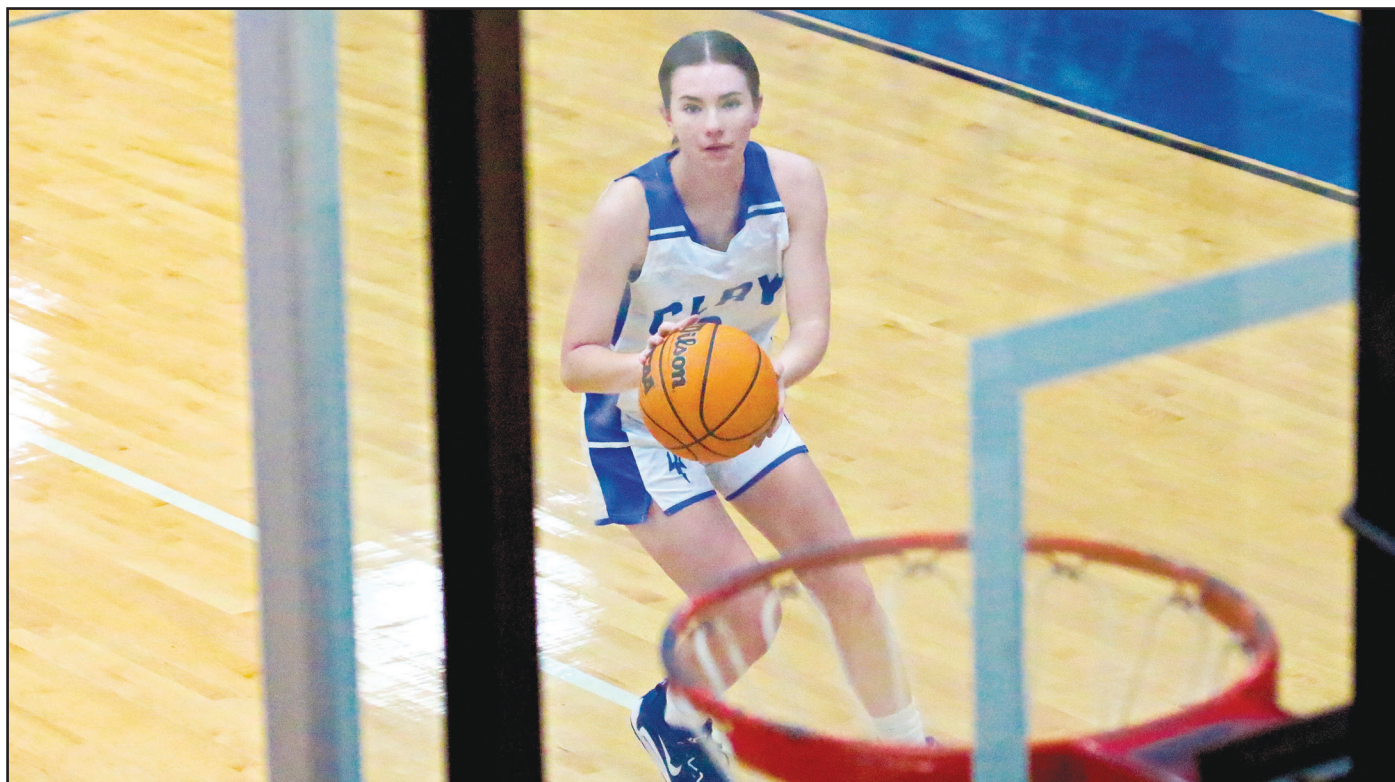
Fleming Island guard Kameron Baskin floats with a jumper between two Orange Park defenders in Golden Eagles win Friday night at Fleming Island.

## Eagles thwart Raiders' roll

By Ray Dimonda  
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND - After a single-point separation through each of the first three-quarters of play, a break-neck paced fourth quarter forced the visiting Orange Park Raiders into several mistakes that were just too costly. The Fleming Island Golden Eagles had late-game three-pointers from Trace Burney, George Hamm, and Luke Frisbee to finally seal the tug-of-war match

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Clay High guard Teaghan Moses sets up for three pointer in Blue Devils win over Global Outreach Academy as Clay coach Doug Deters has orchestrated a turnaround season from a 3-20 season record last year to now 10-4 into 2024. *See more photos from Clay vs. Global, page 22.*

## County wrestlers set for region showdown



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island wrestler Shane Duhaylungsod and Clay wrestler Rylan Herrera are tangled up like a human pretzel in the District Duals championship match won Thursday by Fleming Island. Four Clay County teams; Middleburg, Clay, Oakleaf and Fleming Island will battle in the region 1-2A championship tournament on Thurs., Jan. 11 in an unprecedented championship event to be staged at Oakleaf High School.

Eagles wrestlings go 2-for-2

By Randy Lefko  
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FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High's wrestling has long wrested the county powerhouse label from Clay High lately, but the two storied programs got a chance to flex a bit against each other in playoff mode; albeit without the fanfare of the previous decade of the Tussle of Muscle dual match series that filled both gymnasiums on mid-week Wednesdays.

"We know they will bring their best game to us and we know they are preparing for us to be at their best no matter where the

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Keystone Heights sports action

# Indians' soccer playing fast, furious

By Randy Lefko  
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - With a sophomore first time varsity starter in goal; Keystone Heights High boys soccer coach Trevor Waters was leaning on his speed on the field to keep the ball away from the front of the Indians net.

"When they got the first two goals on us, I just kept telling him to keep playing and the team would get it back," said Waters, who faced off in his first game of 2024 against rival Crescent City High and saw his goalie; Elijah Ortiz, getting tagged with a penalty kick en route to a 2-0 deficit early in the contest. "Elijah had the game of a lifetime for a first time varsity starter and made some great stops."

Ortiz' play enabled the Indians to preserve a 2-2 tie with Crescent City to put

their record at 10-1-2 with the first tie a 1-1 tie with Middleburg in December.

"That Middleburg game was played on an ankle-deep muddy field over there with the ball not able to roll or bounce," said Waters. "They are very good Middleburg and about as fast as this team. We are playing much better as a team than in past seasons."

Against 3A-Crescent City, now 4-7-2, with both teams peppering the goalies with shots all night, the Raiders got on the scoreboard first with a header off a corner kick at 32:21 in the first half then got a penalty kick (24:00) to go up 2-0, but Keystone Heights came back with a high-energy attack after the water break get goals from lead scorers Aaron Wiley on a breakaway at 11:21 to and Luke Brant (penalty kick at 4:01 to go) to knot the score.



Keystone Heights High's boys soccer team scored two goals late in the first half; one from forward Aaron Wiley, pictured, to overcome a 2-0 lead by rival Crescent City and finish with a tough 2-2 tie to put their won loss record at 10-1-2. Luke Brunt scored the Indians other goal off a penalty kick. Wiley leads the Keystone Heights scoring with 23 goals with Brunt adding 14. Bryce Huntley also gets into the net with 17 goals thus far. Keystone Heights is second in district 4-3A behind P.K. Yonge (12-2-0).

Wiley had numerous shots hit the goal frame and also got roughed up with Crescent City's goalie bashing Wiley out of the box to keep him from getting a close shot on goal. Brant had a second penalty shot that was blocked.

"Their goalie challenged our guys up front and we had plenty of shots on goal that just missed," said Waters. "A good goalie can cut that angle down and make shooters hit the ball earlier than they want."



**Clay 8-1-1**  
Clay High midfielder Erika Martinez scored two goals for the Lady Blue Devils in a 2-1 win over Bishop Kenny on Monday to put Clay at 8-1-1 for the season. Shelby McClain, with 13 saves, preserved the win. Clay ranked ninth in Class 5A.



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## Boys Basketball

Keystone Heights forward Garrett Teague battles two Old Plank defenders to get layup in Indians' 70-24 win Monday night at Keystone Heights High School. Indians improve to 7-7 for the season with the win which was the fourth win in a row. Gregory Pelham led the Indians with 14 points against Old Plank with Cartez Daniels adding 12. Teague scored five points.



## 200 wins, top steals

Oakleaf High basketball coach Jason Price achieved his 200th career win on Saturday against 15th ranked St. Petersburg Gibbs; a 62-60 win, with guard Aaron Rivers notching the win with two free throws at 0.7 on the clock. Rivers also broke the team steals record in just 40 varsity games.



# Middleburg returns with a strong 4-0 win

By Randy Lefko  
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MIDDLEBURG - With two tough 1-1 ties to end 2023; to Clay and to Keystone Heights, the Middleburg High boys soccer team was looking to put a marker down for 2024 to gain some momentum for a January run that includes county rivals Orange Park, Fleming Island, Ridgeview and Clay again to finish regular season play.

Against Clay, it was top scorer Xavier Abuhl (13 goals) with the lone goal and, against, once beaten Keystone Heights, it was senior outside midfielder Brandon Anderson who answered the Keystone Heights (10-1-1) attack to keep the game a tie as both teams were 0-0 at the half. Anderson and Hunter Hare both have six goals.

Against Trinity, Middleburg had numer-



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Above: Middleburg forward Hunter Hare squeezes between two Trinity defenders for shot on goal in 4-0 Broncos win. Hare has six goals for Broncos, now 6-3-2. Left: Middleburg lead scorer Xavier Abuhl takes shot on goal in Broncos 4-0 win over Trinity Christian on Friday. Abuhl has 13 goals for Broncos.

ous first-half opportunities before the first-half water break, but could not dial in the soccer frame to end the half just 1-0. Three second-half goals sealed the win. Hare and Abuhl both scored two goals.

# Broncos rebound for 11th win against Trinity

By Randy Lefko  
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MIDDLEBURG - Middleburg High boys basketball entered the Christmas break with one loss in 11 games record and a bit of confidence that the Bronco aura of non-descript basketball could be changing.

"We had a couple of keys guys out and some guys just not coming to the gym over the break and it happens," said Bronco coach Sean Sweeney, after a disastrous 51-37 loss to Yulee to open the 2024 end-of-the-season.

On the next day, Friday, with a Trinity Christian Academy team bringing an 8-2 season record to the Carrie Prewitt Gymnasium, Sweeney would be remiss if not a bit concerned about his team's reaction to

the Yulee blowout.

The reaction was a high-energy first half to a 34-19 lead that finished with an equally tumultuous finish that saw the Broncos hang on for a 62-51 win.

"Oh my God!, Those were the Broncos I knew and coached," chuckled Sweeney. "We were scrappy again and the ball fell for us."

After a hard-battled third quarter that saw Trinity close the gap to 10, Middleburg went to a drive and got free throws attack that amped up the Trinity anxiety.

Middleburg returns to their gym with Bradford on Wed., Jan. 9 with a road trip to Clay (6-4) for a strong county rivalry gut check. Clay lost a 55-48 game to Nease on Sat., Jan 7.



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Middleburg guard Jacob Lohse attempts to get away from Trinity defender for fourth quarter basket in the Broncos win Friday night.

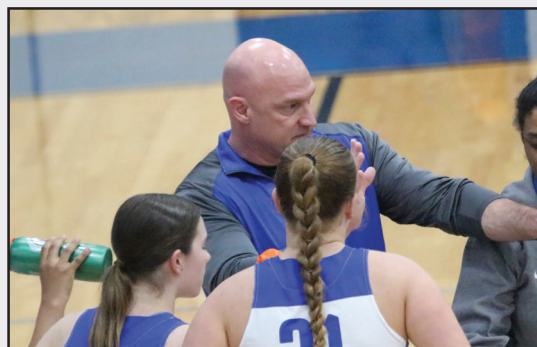


Aidan Farber flies in for a layup in the contest with Trinity Christian. Farber has been the scoring leader for the Broncos toward their 11-3 season record.



Middleburg forward Jessie Kelley has been a strong baseline player for the Broncos offense; here stuck between two Trinity defenders in a win Friday night.





**Clay Girls Basketball**

Clay High girls basketball has turned a dismal 3-20 season last year to a 10-4 slate into 2024 with players Aiyana Haynes, Madison Kilgore and Angel Pierce all heeding coach Doug Deters.



Orange Park guard Jacob Hensen is caught in the air under the basket in Raiders tight game at Fleming Island, won by Golden Eagles.

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with Fleming Island breaking a five-game December loss streak and Orange Park going home disappointed with a 69-62 road loss to stop their win streak at four games.

Note: Orange Park (8-6) regrouped to get a 53-51 win over 6A-Lake Gibson (5-7) on Saturday at the MLK Invitational at Andrew Jackson High School in Jacksonville. Oakleaf (10-4) also won a thriller, a 62-60 win over St. Petersburg Gibbs High (11-3) later in the afternoon at Andrew Jackson.

“Energy and effort were the difference,” said Fleming Island Head Coach Traavis Chandler. “I think our guys decided they wanted this game a little more, they kicked it up, and our effort on the back end was better than the front end, so we were able to kick into high gear at the right time.”

The Raiders opened it up early with speed and scoring, getting ahead 7-2 before the Golden Eagles could find the keys to picking up the pace. At the buzzer of the first quarter, they shaved the Orange Park lead to one basket, 14-12.

The defense was simple with both teams sticking with very tight, almost glued to each other man-to-man. With each minute burned off the clock, the speed and physicality cranked up a notch. At the half, it was Fleming Island with the razor-thin single-point lead, 27-26.

Out from the locker room, the intensity did not pause as both teams looked shot out of a cannon quickly. At the end of three quarters, the Golden Eagles stayed out front by only a single basket, 42-40.

Then the fourth quarter kicked in and the Golden Eagles went into overdrive, forcing Raider mistakes.

“You can’t turn the ball over that many times and win,” said Raider Head Coach Derek Kurnitsky. “That’s the bottom line, you just can’t do it. I wish we were better at that, but right now we’re not.”

What Kurnitsky referred to were the mistakes of passes out of bounds, missing rebounds, and just turning the ball over after three-quarters of hard-fought play.

Fleming Island started the fourth by banging a three-



Fleming Island guard Kameron Baskin, No. 5, leads center Carson Crawford downcourt in Golden Eagles breakaway.

pointer off the corner, then just kept pouring on the gas, getting ahead by 11 points, 55-44 with 4:24 remaining. With a time-out and some players swapping off the bench, Orange Park found their way and began chipping away at the lead. Fleming Island never slowed down, just missed a few shots that Orange Park came down with and cashed in. With 1:05 remaining, the Raiders shaved it down to 62-58. Then, another costly mistake with a double technical called on the Raiders which the Golden Eagles drained, 66-58. The Raiders again closed the lead, 66-60, but the clock was their enemy with 35.7 remaining.

On the rebound, Fleming Island played keep away, allowing Orange Park one more basket after hitting a last Fleming Island foul shot for the 69-62 final.

Less than 24 hours later, Orange Park righted the ship beating the Lake Gibson Braves 53-51.



# Showdown

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season is," said Fleming Island wrestling coach P.J. Cobbert, after his Golden Eagles, ranked third state-wide in Class 2A behind defending 2A duals champions Lake Gibson and Tampa Jesuit, beat Clay for the district. "In our county, where all the teams have improved more and more each year, the in-county matches can be pretty rugged, but we just do what we do."

Clay High wrestling coach Jim Reape, acknowledged that the annual Fleming Island vs. Clay dual meet, aptly called the Tussle of Muscle, will be scrapped due to both teams being in the same district.

## Region 1-2A duals wrestling championships

**At Oakleaf, Thursday, Jan. 11**  
(in bracket is Class 2A rank)

**At Gulf Breeze:** Fort Walton Beach vs. Tallahassee Lincoln (7th; Chiles (17th) vs. Gulf Breeze (19th)

**At Oakleaf:** Middleburg (11th, District 3-2A runnerup) vs. Fleming Island (3rd, District 4-2A champion); Clay (13th, District 4-2A runnerup) vs. Oakleaf (District 3-2A champion); winners wrestle after first round at OHS to advance to region final at Osceola HS on January 19. Final Four matches are on January 20 at Osceola HS.

"Even without the crowds and excitement we got with the dual match in past years, anytime these two teams get together, it's going to be the best team in north Florida and we know that's what we are going against," said Reape. "They were trained, in shape and physical just like a match with the gym packed. It's always a great match and that it is only eight miles away is even better."

At Fleming Island on Thurs., Jan. 4, Fleming Island took care of business to advance to the region 1-2A championship tournament on Thurs., Jan. 11 at Oakleaf High School with a 37-15 win over Clay. Oakleaf, with their district title in December will also be a top contender at the region 1-2A meet in their home gym while Clay and Middleburg, runner-ups in both districts, will join the fray to give Oakleaf High a chance to highlight wrestling prowess in Clay County.

Oakleaf coach Mark Detoro, a Clay High teammate of Cobbert during the Jim Reape years in 1A for decades, sees the Thursday match as a turning point for area programs.

"Having us, Middleburg, Oakleaf and Fleming Island all together next week will ratchet up the intensity, no question about it," said Reape. "We are close but lost a few matches by a few points here tonight. I think the difference is their overall team confidence. We had our chances."

In the Kabra Wrestling state rankings for Duals competition in Class 2A, Fleming Island is third, Middleburg is 11th, and Clay



Fleming Island vs. Clay wrestling has been a mainstay of tough wrestling in Clay County and Thursday's second clash; after Fleming Island's win over Clay in the District 4-2A Duals tournament on Thursday, will be for a ticket to the Class 2A Final Four championship tournament. Shown, left to right, are Clay's Drew Moreland chasing Fleming Island's Tylr Frein; Clay's Drew Holmquist wrapping up Fleming Island's Joe Forte, and heavyweights Jadon Bell and Kevin Reyes rocking the mat.



More Clay vs. Fleming Island action includes, left to right, Fleming Island's Kaden Schaefer taking care of Clay's Henry Taylor; Clay's Landon Martin stretching out Fleming Island's Xion Longmire and Clay's Jackson Hornbeck back pulls Fleming Island's Matthew Newman.



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Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert, left, and Clay coach Jim Reape have held a healthy respect for each other's programs and acknowledge the intensity of the past rivalry matches. Now, Tussle of Muscle II on Thursday at Oakleaf is for a state ticket.

is 13th. Oakleaf is not listed in the top 20, but that does not deter Detoro.

"Who would have thought just five years ago that a region championship would be held in Clay County with four Clay County schools in the mix," said Detoro, who bested a much-improved Middleburg team under another up-and-coming young coach in Coll Robertson in that district championship match in December. "Middleburg has one of their biggest squads in years with Coll bringing the wins in and Clay will always be competitive. Us and Oakleaf, are building up our program as well. I have a few hammers out here."

While district matchups highlight the Christmas break excitement, the Joe Bees Memorial Invitational at Yulee High School on Sat., Jan. 6, put an extra exclamation point on the anticipated Thursday gala with the top three teams in that tournament; Fleming Island, Oakleaf and Middleburg in first, second and third, getting a first look at each other. Amongst the field were a handful of state-ranked Class 1A schools including host Yulee (11th), Bishop Kenny (16th) and Episcopal (18th) as well as South Walton, Cocoa and The Villages

"You see the guys looking at each other

on the mats from the other schools and it's all good," said Detoro. "Everyone gets better with better competition and you can see it here. I think Thursday will be one of the best county meets in a long time."

At Yulee's Joe Bees Memorial, Fleming Island outscored Oakleaf with 295-194.5 team points while Middleburg chased Oakleaf for third with 187.5 points. Yulee was fourth at 134.5.

In head to head matches at Yulee, in the championship finals, at 106; Middleburg's Gavin Fisher (32-1) beat Oakleaf's Connor Barnes (12-6) with a 6-3 decision; at 120, Fleming Island's Jordan Mukaddam (19-1) beat Middleburg's Grady Woodard (32-3) 6-1; at 150, Fleming Island's Kaden Schaefer (5-0) beat Middleburg's Wyatt Leduc (30-1) with a 12-4 major decision; at 157, Oakleaf's Ghais Cooper (12-4) beat Middleburg's Daniel Raines (17-4) in overtime 9-7; and, at 126, Oakleaf's Sebastian Bonachea (16-1) beat Fleming Island's Shane Duhaylungsod (14-4) with a 6-1 decision.

Middleburg's Tucker Cody, at 215, won his division with a pin over Episcopal's Lawson Perry.

For Fleming Island, also winning titles were Matthew Newman, at 113, who won

a 7-5 decision over Cocoa's Cole Webb; Joseph Forte, at 132, beat Bolles Akshay Ketty 6-3; Laird Duhaylungsod beat Bryce Culp of Cocoa with a first period pin; Chris Chop at 175 beating Christopher Aud of Yulee 5-0.

For Oakleaf, Keon Barrientos, at 144, beat Nikita Chechkovsky of Toco Creek 6-3 for that title.

In the Fleming Island vs. Clay duals match, Fleming Island rolled to a quick 16-0 lead; pin by Laird Duhaylungsod, win to Tyler Frein, Kaden Schaefer, and Dylan Beck before Clay got a win from Landon Martin to get on the scoreboard. A pin to Chop preempted a 5-4 win from Clay's Will Kelly over Ladarius Jackson for a 22-6 tab. Clay's Jaden Bell rolled over Fleming Island's Kevin Reyes in 215, but eventually lost a 9-2 decision to 25-12.

Fleming Island freshman Calvin Wells went 7-0 with Mukaddam holding off an active attack from Clay's Vonte Burke for an 11-3 win to 34-12.

In the penultimate match, possibly the most anticipated, Shane Duhaylungsod held off a strong attack from Clay's Rylan Herrera for a tough 3-0 win with Clay's Drew Holmquist besting Joe Forte 6-0 for the final 37-15.



## Wrestling Results

**Joe Bees Memorial: Battle at the Border at Yulee High**

### Fleming Island

- 106:** Calvin Wells, 3rd, 4-1, lost to Connor Barnes OHS in semifinal, beat Brayden Martin, Baker County, for third.
- 113:** Matthew Newman, 1st, 5-0, Beat Cole Webb, Cocoa 7-5 in final.
- 120:** Jordan Mukaddam, 1st, 5-0, Beat Grady Woodard MHS, 6-1 in final.
- 126:** Shane Duhaylungsod, 2nd, 4-1, lost to Sebastian Bonachea OHS 6-2 in final.
- 132:** Joseph Forte, 1st, 5-0, Beat Akshay Ketty, Bolles, 6-3 in final.
- 138:** Laird Duhaylungsod, 1st, 5-0, beat Willie Sims, Tocoí Creek, 9-0
- 144:** Tylr Frein, 3rd, 4-1, beat Sean Blouin, MHS, OT 14-12 for third.
- 150:** Kaden Schaefer, 1st, 5-0, beat Wyatt Leduc, MHS 12-4, in final.
- 157:** Dylan Beck, 4th, 3-1, Lost to Keith Ratliff, Baker Co., OT 3-1 for fourth.
- 175:** Chris Chop, 1st, 5-0, Beat Chris Aud, Yulee, 5-0, in final
- 190:** Ladarius Jackson, 2-2
- 285:** Kevin Reyes, 2nd, 3-1, Lost to Braylen Ricks, Yulee, pin in final.

### Middleburg results

- 106:** Gavin Fisher, 1st, 5-0, beat Connor Barnes OHS, 6-3, in final.
- 113:** Nathan Harvey, 4th, 3-2, lost to Jason Choi, Nease, 6-4, for fourth.
- 120:** Grady Woodard, 2nd, 4-1, lost to Jordan Mukaddam, FIHS, 6-1, in final.
- 126:** Ayden McCarthy, 1-2.
- 138:** Caiden Thigpen, 2-2.
- 144:** Sean Blouin, 4th, 3-1, lost to Tylr Frein, FIHS, OT14-12, for fourth.
- 150:** Wyatt Leduc, 2nd, 4-1, lost to Kaden Schaefer, FIHS, 12-4, in final.
- 157:** Ghais Cooper, 1st, 5-0, beat Daniel Raines, MHS, OT 9-7, in final
- 165:** David Hall, 2-1.
- 175:** Seth Straub, 1-2.
- 190:** Conan Houldson, 0-2.

### Oakleaf results

- 106:** Connor Barnes, 2nd, 4-1, lost to Gavin Fisher, MHS, 6-3, in final.
- 120:** Micah Caetano, 2-3.
- 126:** Sebastian Bonachea, 1st, 5-0, beat Shane Duhaylungsod, FIHS, 6-1, in final.
- 132:** Micah Thomas, 1-1.
- 138:** Caleb Gill, 1-2.



At Yulee High's Joe Bees Memorial: Battle on the Border Invitational, Middleburg, Oakleaf and Fleming Island got to see each other up close as a preview for Thursday's region championship at Oakleaf High. Pictured, left to right, Joe Forte, Fleming Island 106, a Bees champion; Middleburg's Tucker Cody at 215, a Bees champion.



Oakleaf's Keon Barrientos beat Fleming Island's Dylan Beck in semifinals before taking Bees title at 144 while, right, Oakleaf coach Mark Detoro has added some Clay "Old School" to Knights program with district title in December.



Left: Oakleaf sophomore Sebastian Bonachea has answered last year's freshman sensation claim with a stellar season thus far and a Bees title at 126; Middleburg's Caiden Thigpen made one error and it cost him a title shot.



Middleburg's Sean Blouin will be key player in Broncos attempt to wrest region duals title from Fleming Island while, right, Oakleaf's Kellon Duncan must find a way to upend Fleming Island's Kaden Schaefer at 150.





**Spartans staying busy**

St. Johns Country Day School's girls and boys basketball teams kept their torrid pace going into 2024 with the girls team, Kendall Proffitt shown, coming home from Charleston, SC., with two wins and two losses on the road against teams from South Carolina and Kentucky. After the road trip, the Lady Spartans suffered at 50-35 loss to St. Joseph Academy on Saturday to finish at 11-4 overall. For the boys team, the Spartans got a 49-48 win over St. Joseph's Academy on Saturday to go to 12-3 overall with Spartans on a five game win streak; pictured is freshman guard Luke Holcomb.



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## CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding a proposed Special Exception to allow a warehouse located at 1609 South Orange Avenue and identified as parcel number 016564-002-00 in a C-2, General Commercial Zoning District: Planning and Zoning Board: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter

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

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

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

City of Green Cove Springs  
Lyndie Knowles, Development Services Representative  
321 Walnut Street  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
Steve Kennedy, City Manager  
**Legal 96649 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
**CASE NO.: 2023-CC-002096**  
**BARNETT MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, LLC, A NEW MEXICO COMPANY Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**GOLDEN POND BOULEVARD TRUSTEE FOR CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST #03-04-25-007865 -007-24**  
**Defendant.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to an Order of Final Judgement of foreclosure dated December 14, 2023, and entered in Case No. ; 2023-CC-002096, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein the property will sell to the highest bidder for cash at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), the Clerk's website for on-line auctions at **10:00 a.m. on the 25 day of January, 2024**, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgement, to wit:

**(LEGAL DESCRIPTION)**  
LOT 24, OF OLDE SUTTON OAKS, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 32, PAGE(S) 52-57, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 2937 GOLDEN POND BLVD., ORANGE PARK, FL 32073. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim 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 January 5, 2024  
**TARA S. GREEN**  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Nicole Barrie  
As Deputy Clerk  
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## 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.  
2004 CHEVROLET  
VIN # 1GCDT136448181447  
2011 NISSAN  
VIN # JN8ASMT6BW174479  
Auction will be held at 9:00 AM 01/29/2024.  
G & M Towing, Inc. located at 4995 Highway 17 S, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.  
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## SHADOWLAWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF MEETING

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Shadowlawn Community Development District ("District"), will hold a special meeting on January 31, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at Reinhold Corporation, 1845 Town Center Blvd., Suite 105, Fleming Island, FL 32003. At such time the Board is so authorized and may consider any business

that may properly come before it. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the offices of the District Manager, Wrathell Hunt & Associates, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (877) 276-0889 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

**District Manager**  
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## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO. 2023CA001065  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MATTHEW PIERCE; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, et al.  
Defendant(s)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2023, and entered in 2023CA001065 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and MATTHEW PIERCE; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), at 10:00 AM, on January 30, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**THE WEST 150 FEET OF THE EAST 870.02 FEET OF THE SOUTH 330 FEET, ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL "E" SITUATED IN LOT 81-A, WEST BIG BRANCH, UNIT 2, SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE UNRECORDED PLAT THEREOF, PREPARED BY LOUIS E. MICKEE, REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 1221, ON JULY 22, 1969.**

**TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE SOUTHERLY 30 FEET, EXCEPT THE WEATERLY 150 FEET THEREOF, OF LOT 91-A, WEST BIG BRANCH, UNIT 2, SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUCH EASEMENT TO BE USED FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF VARIOUS OWNERS OF PARCELS OF LAND SITUATED INN LOT 81-A, WEST BIG BRANCH, UNIT 2**  
**Property Address: 4010 RICHIE LN, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068**  
**Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.**

Dated this 30th day of November, 2023.  
Tara S. Green  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Jennifer Brosky  
As Deputy Clerk

**IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs 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 [crintrp@coj.net](mailto:crintrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on January 5, 2024: (Name and address of applicant) Waffle house Inc. PO Box 6450 Norcross, GA,

30091-6450, permit# 64115-6. The project is located in Clay County, Section 35, Township 4S South, Range 25E East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 0.94 acres for the construction and operation of a 0.94 acre project known as Waffle House CR220. The receiving water body is Doctors 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](mailto:clerk@sjrwm.com), within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice).

A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at [www.sjrwm.com](http://www.sjrwm.com).

These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing. The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. **Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.)**

If you wish to do so, please visit [www.sjrwm.com/nor\\_dec/](http://www.sjrwm.com/nor_dec/) to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Office of Records and Regulatory Support, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no 386-329-4570.  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2023-CP-000661  
DIVISION : CPAXXX  
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES HIGDON TIPPETTE, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of CHARLES HIGDON TIPPETTE, deceased. File Number: 2023-CP-000661, Division CPAXXX is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE

OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION

733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED

TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 11, 2024.

Attorney for Personal Representative  
David Horne, Esquire Fuller, dusinberre, Horne, PLLC

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SECTION 00 11 16  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
(Invitation to Bid)

Advertisement for bid will be made on: **January 11, 18, 25, 2024**

Sealed bids will be received by the Clay County District Schools until **2:00 PM on February 13, 2024**

In the Purchasing Conference Room, 800 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

At which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of

**Middleburg High School –Restroom Renovations**

**CCDS Project No. C-20-23/24**  
All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by:

**Bhide & Hall Architect, P.A.**  
**1329 Kingsley Ave., Suite C**  
**Orange Park, FL 32073**

Email all questions to [DShively@bhidehall.com](mailto:DShively@bhidehall.com) include project number in subject line

Plans are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Architect. CDs are available for purchase from the Architect at cost. Limited supply, please call in advance to order. Printed sets of the plans are also on file for purchase at cost in the following Plans Room:

**LDI Reproprinting Center**  
550 Wells Road, Suite 100  
Orange Park, FL 32073 Tel: 904/579-4027  
Fax: 904/579-4154  
[orangepark@ldireproprinting.com](http://orangepark@ldireproprinting.com)

Prime bidders, who will be submitting a bid to the owner, are required to register with the Architect their intention to bid and as a plan holder. Any addenda will be sent (electronically) to the known plan holders ONLY. Alternative delivery methods may be arranged with the Architect.

Partial sets of drawings and/or specifications are not advised and neither the Architect nor owner will be responsible for partial information given to subcontractors by general contractors.

**There will be a MANDATORY Pre-bid Meeting at the site on January 30, 2024 @ 10:00 AM per Section 002113, Part 9.2. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid.**

Only Contractors having been pre-qualified by the School District of Clay County are eligible to submit bids for this project. **Only pre-qualified Contractors should submit bids** for this project (Florida Statutes).

Florida Statutes require that all contractual personnel who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present must meet Level 2 screening requirements as described in S1012.32, Florida Statutes.

**DISCRIMINATION:** An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid price, payable to the Owner.

**The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted Bid amount.**

No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the Invitation To Bid, Contract Award, or Recommendation for Contract Award,

shall file a Notice of Protest with the Superintendent of Schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award, and must file a formal written protest within ten

(10) days following the filing of the Notice to Protest. Failure to observe such time-lines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The School Board requires a proffesor to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.

**Bond Requirement:**  
Should a contractor wish to protest the bid recommendation, the proffesor shall be required to post a bond as follows:

1. Five percent (5%) of the recommended award for all projects valued less than \$500,000.00; and

2. Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) for all projects in excess of \$500,000.00.

Conditioned upon payment of all costs and fees, which may be adjusted against the proffesor in the Administrative Hearing. If at the Hearing the School Board prevails, it may recover all costs and attorney's fees from the proffesor; if the proffesor prevails, the proffesor shall recover from the School Board all costs and attorney's fees.

Bid Tabulations shall be posted in the Operations Reception area at 925 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours.

David Broskie, Superintendent  
School District of Clay County  
END OF SECTION 00 11 16

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SECTION 001116  
INVITATION TO BID

1.01 PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Notice to Bidders: **Prequalified** bidders are invited to submit bids for Project as described in this Document according to the Instructions to Bidders.

B. **Project Identification:** 23018 Clay High School Parking Lot Renovation / Redesign

1. Project Location: 2025 State Road 16 W., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

C. **Owner:** School District of Clay County  
1. Owner's Representative: David Kramer, Project Manager

D. **Architect:** Altman + Barrett Architects, 10245 Centurion Parkway North, Suite 105, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

E. **Project Description:** The project consists of infilling and relocating the existing site retention pond, reconstructing the vehicular circulation patterns which include the entrance driveways, the front parking lot and pedestrian walkways, along with the construction of a new stadium visitor bleacher system.

F. **Construction Contract:** Bids will be received for the following Work:

1. General Contract (all trades).

1.02 BID SUBMITTAL AND OPENING

A. Owner will receive sealed bids until the bid time and date at the location indicated below. Owner will consider bids prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders issued by Owner, and delivered as follows:

1. Advertise Dates: **January 11, 18 and 25, 2024.**

2. Bid Date: **February 13, 2024.**

3. Bid Time: **2:30 p.m.**, local time.

4. Location: Purchasing Conference Room, 800 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of:

Clay High School Parking Lot Renovation / Redesign  
CCDS Project No. C-01-23/24.

1.03 BID SECURITY

A. Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of [5] percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of [60] days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

B. Bid Tabulations shall be posted in the Operations Reception area at 925 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours.

1.04 PREBID MEETING

A. A **MANDATORY** Pre-bid Meeting for all bidders will be held at Clay High School on **January 30, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.**, local time. The purpose of the meeting will be to familiarize the bidders with the existing conditions, scope of work and special conditions, if any. Questions will be accepted and answered at the meeting.

A sign-in sheet will be maintained by the architect/engineer for the purpose of certifying that a representative of the bidder was present at the meeting. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid.

1.05 DOCUMENTS

A. Printed Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain after January 11, 2024, by contacting Mandarin Blueprinting; 12627 San Jose Blvd Suite 702, Jacksonville, FL 32223 or by calling (904) 880-2900. Documents will be provided to prime bidders only; only complete sets of documents will be issued.

1. Payment: \$150.00 made payable to Mandarin Blueprinting.

2. Shipping: Additional shipping charges may apply.

B. Viewing Procurement and Contracting Documents: Examine on or after January 11, 2024 at [www.altmanbarretarchitects.com](http://www.altmanbarretarchitects.com).

com.

1.06 TIME OF COMPLETION  
A. Bidders shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Project approval is anticipated to occur on **March 07, 2024**, for purposes of submittal re-view and material acquisition. Construction is expected to begin on **May 31, 2024**. Project completion is expected prior to **August 05, 2024**.

1.07 BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

A. Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the Work. **A Performance Bond, a separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.**

B. Only Contractors having been pre-qualified by the School District of Clay County are eligible to submit bids for this project. Only pre-qualified Contractors should submit bids for this project (Florida Statutes).

C. Florida Statutes require that all contractual personnel who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present must meet Level 2 screening requirements as described in S1012.32, Florida Statutes.

**DISCRIMINATION:** An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid price, payable to the Owner.

The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted Bid amount.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the Invitation To Bid, Contract Award, or Recommendation for Contract Award, shall file a Notice of Protest with the Superintendent of Schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award, and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the Notice to Protest. Failure to observe such time-lines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The School Board requires a proffesor to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.

END OF SECTION 001116  
**Legal 96639 Published 1/11/2024, 1/18/2024 and 1/25/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRMS Request for Qualifications (RFQ) For Construction Management at Risk Services

The School Board of Clay County, Office of Facilities Planning and Construction announces that Construction Management At-Risk services are required for the following Projects:

**Classroom Additions**  
**Responses are due on or before February 1, 2024 and will be accepted until 3:30 p.m.**

The selected Construction Manager(s) will provide preconstruction services including value engineering, constructability analysis, and estimating, as well as, developing a (GMP) Guaranteed Maximum Price.

Scope of Work: Clay County District Schools is utilizing a "prototype reuse design" to construct new classroom wing additions across the district. The project scope shall consist of construction of a new classroom wing addition at the following locations:

1. Lake Asbury Junior High School - Classroom Addition (32 Classrooms, approximately 29,850sf) on time and ready for students Fall 2025.

2. Oakleaf Junior High School - Classroom Addition (32 Classrooms, approximately 29,850sf) on time and ready for students Fall 2025.

3. Lake Asbury Elementary School – Classroom Addition (24 Classrooms, approximately 22,387sf) on time and ready for students Fall 2026.

4. Ride-Out Elementary School – Classroom Addition (12 Classrooms, approximately 11,200sf) on time and ready for students Fall 2026.

Selection of finalists for interviews will be made on the basis of construction manager qualifications, including but not limited to experience and ability, financial capability, record keeping/administrative ability, critical path scheduling expertise, cost estimating, cost control ability, quality control ability, qualifications of firm's personnel, staff and consultants, distance from the construction site, and general knowledge of project type.



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Only firms having been pre-qualified by the School Board of Clay County are eligible to submit for this project. A firm that has not been pre-qualified is not eligible to submit for this project per Florida Statutes. Applications, in triplicate, are to be sent to: Dr. Michael Kemp, Director, Facility Planning & Construction, Clay County District Schools, 925 W. Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Applications must be documented as received no later than 3:30 p.m. on February 1, 2024. For additional information contact Jeff Marks, Clay County District Schools, at 904-336-6821. Legal 96638 Published 1/11/2024, 1/18/2024 and 1/25/2024 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 Clay Services, located at 78 Cinnamon Street, in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida, 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 5th day of January 2024. Roger Nelson or Leticia Nelson Legal 96447 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Clay County School Board Public Notice

The Clay County School Board will hold a School Board Workshop on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for the February 1, 2024 Regular Meeting. Additional items may be discussed. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at www.oneclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Legal 96446 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2023 CA 000099 FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2021-1, Plaintiff, vs. JACOB J. WILLIAMS; BIG TREE LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC F/K/A BIF TREE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; TRUIST BANK S/B/M/T SUNTRUST BANK; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVEUE, et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2023, and entered in 2023 CA 000099 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2021-1 is the Plaintiff

and JACOB J. WILLIAMS; BIG TREE LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC F/K/A BIF TREE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; TRUIST BANK S/B/M/T SUNTRUST BANK; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVEUE are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on January 30, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 46, BLOCK 2, OF REPLAT OF FLORIDA FRONTIER UNIT ONE, A SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF FILED AT PLAT BOOK 13, PAGES 54-67, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 5384 CUSTER STREET, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 5th day of December, 2023. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Jennifer Brosky As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs 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 crintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 96445 Published 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2023CA001113 PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MAYNELLE R. CROSBY, DECEASED; CLIFFORD P. CROSBY A/K/A CLIFFORD CROSBY ; ANNA CROSBY, et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2023, and entered in 2023CA001113 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MAYNELLE R. CROSBY, DECEASED; CLIFFORD P. CROSBY A/K/A CLIFFORD CROSBY ; ANNA CROSBY are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT(S) 23, OF FOXMEADOW, UNIT 3 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 11-13, ET SEQ., OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 4381 SADDLEHORN TRL, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 29 day of November, 2023. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Rebecca Crews As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability

who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 96444 Published 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2023CA001019 U. S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CRMSI REMIC SERIES 2006-02 - REMIC PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-02, Plaintiff, vs. CLIFFORD J. JOHNSON; REBECCA JOHNSON; ORANGE PARK COUNTRY CLUB OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2023, and entered in 2023CA001019 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U. S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CRMSI REMIC SERIES 2006-02 - REMIC PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-02 is the Plaintiff and CLIFFORD J. JOHNSON; REBECCA JOHNSON; ORANGE PARK COUNTRY CLUB OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 272, COUNTRY CLUB OF ORANGE PARK, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGES 29 THROUGH 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO CLIFFORD J. JOHNSON AND REBECCA JOHNSON, HIS WIFE BY DEED FROM CLIFFORD J. JOHNSON RECORDED 04/08/2002 IN DEED BOOK 2039 PAGE 179, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 571 LITTLE FOX DR, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 30 day of November, 2023. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Gracie Moore As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 96442 Published 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2022CA000534 LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES EARL FRAZIER A/K/A JAMES E. FRAZIER AND DOTTIE BROWN FRAZIER, et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 31, 2022, and entered in 2022CA000534 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and JAMES EARL FRAZIER A/K/A JAMES E. FRAZIER; DOTTIE BROWN FRAZIER A/K/A DOTTIE FRAZIER; SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 164, SPENCER PLANTATION UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 47, PAGE(S) 43 THROUGH 48, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 2784 WOOD STORK TRAIL, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 27th day of November, 2023. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Jennifer Brosky As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs 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 crintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 96441 Published 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

ZIER A/K/A DOTTIE FRAZIER, et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 31, 2022, and entered in 2022CA000534 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and JAMES EARL FRAZIER A/K/A JAMES E. FRAZIER; DOTTIE BROWN FRAZIER A/K/A DOTTIE FRAZIER; SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 164, SPENCER PLANTATION UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 47, PAGE(S) 43 THROUGH 48, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 2784 WOOD STORK TRAIL, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 27th day of November, 2023. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Jennifer Brosky As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs 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 crintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 96441 Published 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 10-2023-CA-001325 WESTSTAR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. HARRY R. FOURAKER; MV REALTY PBC, LLC, et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2023, and entered in 10-2023-CA-001325 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein WESTSTAR MORTGAGE CORPORATION is the Plaintiff and HARRY R. FOURAKER; MV REALTY PBC, LLC are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on January 30, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 6, BLOCK 94, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 1 THROUGH 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2001 SPRING HALL HOMES OF GEORGIA DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME ATTACHED THERETO, HAVING VIN GAFLY34A31728S121, TITLE #83234656 AND VIN GAFLY34B-31728S121, TITLE #83234740, WHICH NOW HAS BEEN RETIRED. Property Address: 4803 CATTAIL ST, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 30th day of November, 2023. Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Jennifer Brosky As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

If you are a person with a disability who needs 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 crintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 96440 Published 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 01/26/2024 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 4360 CR 218 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. 1D7HE48K76S703261 2006 DODG 1GCHSAEA9F1159784 2015 CHEV 1J4GK48K33W717221 2003 JEEP 5FNRL5H68CB095739 2012 HOND Legal 96439 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

We Stor of Middleburg, LLC will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder. The sale will take place online at selfstorageauction.com in enforcement of Florida Statutes section 83.806 ending Monday, January 29, 2024, at 4:30pm on the following units. The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted: Brian Blanton, Lyman Garner, Sabra J Magnuson, Amber Poole, Bruce & Joshua Pouliot, and Michael Schoeck. Legal 96434 Published 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 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 February 6, 2024 at 8:00 am. 2010 Cadillac Escalade, 1GYUCJEF1AR103690, \$5400 and 2019 Toyota Camry, 4T1B11HK4KU192550, \$12000. Legal 96433 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on January 25, 2024, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. 2005 Harley Davidson ID # 1HD1BXB105Y100040 1997 Toyota ID# 4T1BG22K6VU161687 2006 Nissan ID# JN8AZ08T46W411680 2015 Volkswagen ID# 1VWCV77A30FC073857 Legal 96431 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF FLORIDA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-2022-DP-000113 DIVISION: JV-E IN THE INTEREST OF: G.M. DOB: 11/09/2022 A MINOR CHILD / TO: Cody McCormick, FATHER Last known address: 4116 Sunnyside Dr Middleburg, FL 32068 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, G.M. born November 9, 2022. You are hereby commanded to appear before Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on February 13, 2024, 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 G.M. AND YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THIS CHILD. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crintrp@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 4th day of January 2024. Tara S. Green as Clerk of Said Court By: Tammy Rosenbaum Legal 96346 Published 1/11/2024, 1/18/2024, 1/25/2024 and 2/1/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Regular Meeting Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District

The Board of Supervisors of the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District will hold their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Splash Park, located at 1510 Calming Water Drive, Fleming Island, Florida. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for Community Development Districts. This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and location to be specified on the record at the meeting without further publication of notice. A copy of the agenda may be obtained seven (7) days in advance of the meeting by accessing the District's website or by contacting the District Manager at Janice.Davis@inframark.com. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 800-955-8771 (TTY)/800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting is advised that person will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. Janice Eggleton Davis District Manager Legal 96345 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Meeting Armstrong Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Armstrong Community Development District will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. Any person requiring special accom-

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modations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Marilee Giles  
District Manager  
**Legal 96296 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 23-CC-1778  
GOLDROCK INC.  
PLAINTIFF,

vs.  
HOA PROBLEM SOLUTIONS 5 INC.,  
DEFENDANT(S)  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **December 27, 2023**, and entered in 2023-CC-001778 of the County Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Goldrock, Inc. is the Plaintiff and HOA Problem, Solutions 5 Inc. is the Defendant. Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), at 10:00AM, on **January 31, 2024**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **Lot 489 of TWO CREEKS, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 52 Page 62 through 104, of the public records of Clay County Florida.**

More commonly known as: 4259 Sandhill Crane Terrace, Middleburg, FL, 32068 ("Property")  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.  
Dated this 28th day of December, 2023.  
Tara S. Green  
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT  
Robbin Tefft  
Deputy Clerk  
**IMPORTANT**

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT:** 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 the Administrative Office of the Court as far in advance as possible, but preferably at least (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or other court activity of the date the service is needed.  
**Legal 96293 Published 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE

### ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on December 28, 2023:  
D.R. Horton, Inc. – Jacksonville, 4220 Race Track Rd., St. Johns, FL 32259-2084 Permit# 142441-11. The project is located in Clay County, Section 38, Township 6 South, Range 26 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 138.0 acres for D.R. Horton, Inc. – Jacksonville known as Rookery Phase 2B & Phase 3 Clearing and Grading. The receiving water body is St. Johns River.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at [Clerk@sjrwm.com](mailto:Clerk@sjrwm.com), within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 20.54(5)(b)4. And 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance

of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at [www.sjrwm.com](http://www.sjrwm.com). These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. **Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing.** (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).

If you wish to do so, please visit [http://www.sjrwm.com/nor\\_dec/](http://www.sjrwm.com/nor_dec/) to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Business and Administrative Services, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4570.  
**Legal 96204 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2023-CP-000662  
Division A  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM RUSSELL CUMMINGS, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of WILLIAM RUSSELL CUMMINGS, deceased, whose date of death was April 20, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is January 11, 2024.  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR., LL.M.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Florida Bar Number: 887950  
Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.  
Attorneys at Law, P.A.  
1543 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 5  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
Telephone: (904) 264-8800  
Fax: (904) 264-0155  
Primary email address: [grady@floridadae-lder.com](mailto:grady@floridadae-lder.com)  
Secondary email address: [renee@floridadae-lder.com](mailto:renee@floridadae-lder.com)  
Personal Representative:  
WILLIAM T. CUMMINGS  
3627 Westover Road  
Fleming Island, Florida 32003  
**Legal 96200 Published 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### PUBLIC AUCTION

On January 22, 2024, at 9:00 AM, an auction will take place at 1046 Airpark Rd, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

The vehicles which will be auctioned include:  
1HGFA16846L091759 2006 HOND  
**Legal 96198 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2023CA001295  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR  
OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2001-C  
ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-C,

Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RAYMOND G. CAMPPIRE; AUDREY L. CAMPPIRE A/K/A AUDREY R. CAMPPIRE A/K/A  
AUDREY CAMPPIRE, ET AL.  
Defendants

To the following Defendant(s):  
GARY CHARLES LEWIS (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)  
Last Known Address: 5189 JENNINGS CREEK HWY, WHITLEYVILLE, TN 38588  
Additional Address: 111 MAPLE ST. BELL BUCKLE, TN 37020  
Additional Address: 536 MICAYNE CIR SE UNIT 3, SMYRNA, GA 30082  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:  
**LOT 97, BEDFORD OAKS SUBDIVISION UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGES 52 THROUGH 57, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
**TOGETHER WITH A 2000 FLEETWOOD MOBILE HOME, ID#GAFLY39A14841F221 AND GAFLY-39B14841F221**  
**A/K/A 6705 AUTUMWOOD CT, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS FL 32656**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to J. Anthony Van Ness, Esq., at VAN NESS LAW FIRM, P.L.C., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1239 E. NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE #110, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442 on or before February 16, 2024 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided to Administrative Order No. 2065.

**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 2nd day of January, 2024.  
Tara S. Green  
CLAY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT  
By Gracie Moore  
As Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 96096 Published 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### (Full Administration)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Case No.: 2023 CP 000164  
Division:  
IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALD GODBOLD, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of DONALD GODBOLD, deceased, whose date of death was December 26, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Court-house, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 4, 2024.  
PETITIONER  
TERESA GODBOLD  
Petitioner  
ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER  
THE DAVIE LAW FIRM, P.A.  
WILLIAM H. DAVIE, II  
Fla. Bar. No.: 634387  
733 N. Palmtoe Avenue  
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043  
(904) 276-5344-Phone  
(904) 284-8725-Fax  
BDavie@DavieLawFirm.com-Primary  
Service@DavieLawFirm.com-Secondary  
Attorney for Petitioner  
**Legal 96089 Published 1/4/2024 and 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN

AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No. 2023CA001229  
Division: B  
21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LESLEY CLARK WILFORD; UNKNOWN LESLEY CLARK  
WILFORD; SHANNON WILFORD; and UNKNOWN TENANT  
Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated November 30, 2023, entered in Case No.: 2023CA001229 of the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein **LESLEY CLARK WILFORD and SHANNON WILFORD**, are the Defendants, that Tara S. Green will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, on **February 07, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Clerk of the Circuit Court, online at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment: **SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**  
**TOGETHER WITH A 2020 LIVE OAK 28X56 MANUFACTURED HOME BEARING SERIAL NO.'S: LOHGA2203560A AND LOHGA2203560B.**

**NOTICE 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.**  
Dated this 28th day of December, 2023  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Jennifer Brosky  
As Deputy Clerk

**NOTICE**  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNCTION SHOULD CONTACT COUNTY CIVIL NOT LATER THAN ONE (1) DAY PRIOR TO THE FUNCTION 904-630-2028; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770.  
**Exhibit "A"**  
**Lot 25 Goldhead Estates**  
A parcel of land situated in the South-west 1/4 of Section 32, Township 7 South, Range 24 East, Clay County, Florida, and being Lot 25 of Goldhead Estates an unrecorded map of a survey by Joseph G. Knapp, Surveyor; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 32 and run North 00 degrees 13 minutes 31 seconds East, along the West line of said Section 32 a distance of 220.01 feet to the centerline of a 60 foot easement for utilities and general road purposes; thence run North 89 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds East, along centerline 2138.53 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue North 89 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds East, along said centerline 203.18 feet; thence run South 00 degrees 07 minutes 44 seconds East, 220.00 feet to the South line of said Section 32; thence run South 89 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds West, along said South line, 203.18 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 07 minutes 44 seconds West, 220.00 feet to the point of beginning.  
**Legal 96086 Published 1/4/2024 and 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO. 2023CA000032  
REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALBERT T. ROCHE, DECEASED, et al.  
Defendant(s).

**TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF NANCY J. DAVIS, DECEASED**, whose residence is unknown if he/she/they is living; and if he/she/they are dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein. **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:  
**LOT 57, RIDGECREST, UNIT NO. 8, A SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE(S) 65 THROUGH 68, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 28th day of December, 2023  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: Jennifer Brosky  
DEPUTY CLERK

**Legal 95688 Published 1/4/2024 and 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that on dates below these vehicles will be sold at public sale on the date listed below at 11:30AM for monies owed on vehicle repair and storage cost pursuant to Florida Statutes 713.585 or Florida Statutes 713.78.  
Please note, parties claiming interest have right to a hearing prior to the date of sale with the Clerk of Courts as reflected in the notice. The owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle without judicial proceedings as pursuant to Florida Statute 559.917. Any proceeds recovered from the sale of the vehicle over the amount of the lien will be deposited clerk of the court for disposition upon court order. "No Title Guaranteed, A Buyer Fee May Apply" at 11:30 AM  
01/31/24 Old Man Truck Repair 4437 CR 218  
Middleburg, FL 32068 2016 Freightliner 3AKJGLDV9GS4721 \$3,870.44  
**Legal 95685 Published 1/11/2024 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:  
1939 East West Parkway Fleming Island, FL 32003, January 23, 2024, 10:00am  
Ryan Kallina-household goods  
The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://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 95682 Published 1/4/2024 and 1/11/2024 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, 01/23/2024, @ 12:00 PM  
Desiree Canterbury: Household goods  
The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://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 95482 Published 1/4/2024 and 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 01/23/2024 at 10:00 AM the following vehicles(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.  
2FMDK3K94DBB16133 2013 FORD  
5NPE34AF8FH052429 2015 HYUN  
KNDJT2A5XD7805951 2013 KIA  
**Legal 95476 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2022-CC-001793  
RBC TRAILERS 2, LLC,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JIMMIE LEE MARTIN III,

Defendant.  
TO: JIMMIE LEE MARTIN III  
8876 A C SKINNER PARKWAY, UNIT 4503, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for damages for breach of contract relating to a new triple crown dump trailer, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Matthew G. Davis, Esq., counsel for Plaintiff, RBC Trailers 2, LLC, whose address is 100 North Tampa Street, Suite 3700, Tampa, FL 33602, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's counsel or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. Dated on this 21st day of December, 2023.

TARA S. GREEN  
Clerk & Comptroller  
By: Robbin Tefft  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 95157 Published 12/28/2023, 1/4/2024, 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 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: 4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003 January 23, 2024, at 10:00am.  
Kristina Kelly  
Clothing , toys  
The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://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 95131 Published 1/4/2024 and 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

### SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NUMBER: 10-2021-DP-000155  
DIVISION: E  
IN THE INTEREST OF:  
C.N.  
MINOR CHILD  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
TO:

Ernest Millard, FATHER  
**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, C.N., who was born on July 18, 2007. You are hereby commanded to appear before the **Honorable Angela M. Cox**, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on **January 23, 2024** A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.

**FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PETITION FILED IN YOUR DEPENDENCY CASE.**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 12th day of December, 2023.  
Tara S. Green  
as Clerk of Said Court  
By: Denise Haselwood  
As Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 94867 Published 12/28/2023, 1/4/2024, 1/11/2024 and 1/18/2024 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, 01/23/2024 10:00 AM  
Sonja Chapman Household goods  
Antionette Martinez Household goods,  
Holiday decor  
The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order



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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 94793 Published 1/4/2024 and 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2020-DR-000804 Division: IN RE: The Former Marriage of: DAMARIE NIX N/K/A DAMARIE GRUNAUER, Petitioner/Former Wife, and ROBERT NIX, Respondent/Former Husband. TO: Robert Nix A/K/A Robert Glenn Nix, Jr. Last known address: 1625 S. 17th Street, Apt. 274 Wilmington, NC 28401 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Supplemental Petition for Modification for Timesharing and Parenting Plan and a Motion for Civil Contempt/Enforcement and Request for Specific Performance has been filed against you. You are notified that these actions involve the property located at 1321 Elk Court South, Orange Park, FL 32073 and more particularly described as LOT 76 BELLAIR UNIT 7 According to the Plat Thereof as Recorded in Plat Book 9, pages 10 and 11 of the Official Records of Clay County, Florida and a 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to this action on Amber J. Hines, Esq., 1832 East-West Parkway, Suite 1, Fleming Island, FL 32003, e-mail: amber@ajhineslaw.com. Attorney for the former Wife on or before January 26, 2024, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at Judge William A. Wilkes Judicial Complex, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, either before service on the former Wife's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in this petition. A hearing will be held in this matter on February 21, 2024 at 9:45 a.m. with Judge Gary Wilkinson, William A. Wilkes Judicial Complex, 825 North Orange Avenue, 4th Floor, Courtroom to be determined, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 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 Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office. Dated: December 18, 2023 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Jennifer Brosky Deputy Clerk Legal 94790 Published 12/21/2023, 12/28/2023, 1/4/2024 and 1/11/2024 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.: 574/2021 Legal Description: LOTS 1 & 28 BLK 10 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 519 PG 679 Parcel ID No.: 200823-002500-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$1,275.72 Physical Address: 7221 PEMBROKE ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: LOWELL A STEWART (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 21st day of February, 2024 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com. Dated this 18th day of December, 2023 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Christina Spadea Deputy Clerk Legal 94780 Published 12/21/2023, 12/28/2023, 1/4/2024 and 1/11/2024 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: Extra Space Storage #6162 2406 Hutton Ct. Middleburg FL, 32068 January 23, 2024, 10:00 AM. Jessica Carson Household goods Samuel Morton Household goods Cynthia Lynn Johnson 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 94775 Published 1/4/2024 and 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO BIDDERS (Invitation to Bid)

Sealed bids will be received by the District School Board of Clay County until: 2:00 pm on Thursday, February 8, 2024 in the Purchasing Conference Room, 800 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of: Lakeside Junior High School Restroom/Locker Room Renovations (C-25-20/21) 2750 Moody Ave, Orange Park FL 32073 Work includes: Removal and addition of walls; addition of doors and frames; renovation of group restrooms and replacement of fixtures; new locker room showers and associated plumbing; new metal PE lockers; painting existing and new work; new flooring. Complete scope is included in the Drawings and Specifications. All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by: BRIAN BOATRIGHT ARCHITECT, INC. 914 Plainfield Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073 email all questions to brianboatright@brianboatright.com Plans are on file and available for purchase and on file with the following plan room: LDI Reproting Center 550 Wells Road, Suite 8, Orange Park, FL 32073 (904) 579-4027 orangepark@ldireproting.com Any addenda will be sent automatically (electronically) to the known plan holders. Other delivery methods may be arranged with the architect. Partial sets of drawings and/or specifications are not advised and neither the architect nor owner will be responsible for partial information given to subcontractors by the general contractors. Electronic drawings and specifications will not be distributed. There will be Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting at the site on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 9:00am per Section 00100, Part 9.2. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid. Only contractors having been pre-qualified by the Clay County School District are eligible to submit bids for this project. Only pre-qualified Contractors should submit bids for this project (Florida Statutes). DISCRIMINATION: An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity. The owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit, with his bid, a bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid price, payable to the owner. The successful bidder will be required to provide a performance, labor and material bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted bid amount. No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the invitation to bid, contract award, or recommendation for contract award, shall file a notice of protest with the superintendent of schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the notice to protest. Failure to observe such timelines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The school board requires a protest to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S. Protest Bond Requirement: Should a contractor wish to protest the bid recommendation, the protestor shall be required to post a bond as follows: I. Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00), or 2% of the lowest accepted bid, whichever is greater, for projects valued over \$500,000.00; and II. Five percent (5%) of the lowest accepted bid for all projects valued less than \$500,000.00. Conditioned upon payment of all cost and fees, which may be adjusted against the protestor, in the administrative hearing. If at the hearing, the school board prevails, it may recover all costs and attorney's fees from the protestor; if the protestor prevails, the protestor shall recover from the school board, all costs and attorney's fees. Bid Tabulations shall be posted in the Operations Reception area at 925 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida

32043, after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours. David Broskie, Superintendent Clay County District Schools Legal 96654 Published 1/11/2024, 1/18/2024 and 1/25/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications based competitive sealed proposals will be received by the City of Green Cove Springs, Attn: Kimberly Thomas, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, until 2:00 p.m. local time, February 5, 2024 for the following City of Green Cove Springs project: Bid No. 2024-01, Compensation Study. Proposals shall comply with the conditions, instructions, specifications, and terms as described in the proposal package. Proposals shall be mailed or delivered in person to City Hall, Attn: Kimberly Thomas, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Faxed, electronic, telephonic, website or oral transmittals will not be accepted. Any proposal received after the designated closing time will be immediately rejected. Proposals shall be sealed in an envelope and plainly marked: Bid No. 2024-01, Compensation Study. Bidders are expected to fully inform themselves of the requirements of the specifications. Failure to do so is at the Bidder's risk. Bidders will not secure relief on the plea of error or misunderstanding. Bidders agree by signing and delivering a bid proposal to the acceptance of all terms, conditions, and specifications of the bid package. Bids are valid for a period of 60 calendar days after date of opening. Bidders declare that the only persons or parties interested in their bid are those named on the Bid Proposal Form. They state that their bid is in all respects fair and without fraud and without collusion with any official, agent, or employee of the City or anyone submitting another bid. The City reserves the right to require the successful bidder to execute an agreement incorporating all bid documentation, and which contains standard provisions for default, bid security, attorney fees, termination, remedies, jurisdiction, and other conditions deemed legally appropriate by the City. It is the desire of the City to enter into an agreement to complete this singular project. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole, or any part thereof, waive any or all irregularities, and award the bid to the responsible bidder determined to represent the City's best interests. Bid packages may be obtained from the City's website www.greencovesprings.com, under the bidding opportunities section. By: Kimberly Thomas Executive Assistant of City Manager City of Green Cove Springs 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 L. Steve Kennedy, City Manager Legal 96652 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE

The St. Johns River State College District Board of Trustees will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 1 p.m. in the Black Box at the Florida School of the Arts on the Palatka Campus, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida. The agenda may include, but is not limited to business affairs, personnel matters, facilities items, academic and student affairs. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the noticed meeting should contact the College at the following address at least five days before the date of the scheduled meeting: Charles Romer, Director of Human Resources, 386-312-4074 or charlesromer@sjrstate.edu. Persons with speech or hearing impairments should contact the College using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice). Legal 96729 Published 1/11/2024 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 Yard Cards by Jenni, located at 2008 Pond Ridge Court, Unit 1304, in the County of Clay, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida, 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 9th day of January 2024. Jennifer S. Nolan Legal 96728 Published 1/11/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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